



Report

BG REIN is the first high school in Europe certified as INTERNATIONAL SAFE SCHOOL



June 2017 – As first high school in Europe the Austrian “Bundesgymnasium Rein” was awarded with the International Safe School certificate for its efforts in health and safety promotion.

In the school year 2011/12 BG Rein set the goal to become an internationally accepted “Safe School Community“. On its way to the certification they were supported by school safety experts of the Austrian Workers Compensation Board “AUVA“ and by Sabine Distl from the non-profit organization GROSSE SCHÜTZEN KLEINE/Safe Kids Austria, the Austrian Safe School Support and Certifying Centre. In June 2017 Max Vosskuhler, CEO of the International Safe Schools Certification Centre, certified BG Rein as “International Safe School“.



„Xundis“ (= “Health & Safety Representatives“) introduce health and safety topics to their classmates

In 1993 BG Rein founded the non-profit organization “REVOST“ to promote better health for students and teachers. The concept of a “Safe School Community“ supplemented the general school program for health promotion which has been well established for more than two decades. Each class of the lower high school and the upper high school has two elected health and safety representatives, the so called “Xundis“. They are trained in special workshops and act as contact persons for health and safety topics for their classmates. Students of the upper high school additionally act as peers who annually introduce all school starters into various topics of health and safety.

Great variety of activities

Under the guidance of Gudula Brandmayr, teacher at BG Rein and former child safety officer, BG Rein planned and carried out a big variety of health and injury prevention activities within the last five years. These included safety walkabouts of the school grounds with students under the instruction of AUVA experts, risk competence workshops for teenagers or the development of a special Safety-App in cooperation with the University of Applied Sciences Joanneum (e-health institute) in order to directly sensitize all people involved in the school's everyday life for safety issues.

Previously to the official certification ceremony the fifth BG Rein Safety Day took place. This event was supported by the local community Gratwein-Strassengel and the province of Styria. A large number of partners in the fields of first aid, civil defense, rescue services, building security, traffic safety, water safety, school psychology, healthy nutrition and nutrition ecology, internet safety, drug prevention, sports, forest pedagogics, noise prevention as well as child and teenager safety shared their knowledge and Know-How with 650 interested students.

