

School Mission Statement

The mission of VARVAKEIO MODEL LYCEUM (upper-secondary school) is to foster the comprehensive, harmonious, and balanced development of our students' intellectual and psychosomatic skills so that, regardless of gender and national origin, they all have the opportunity to evolve into well-rounded personalities and live a creative and meaningful life.

Specifically, it helps students:

- a) To become free, responsible, democratic citizens, to defend the national independence, and territorial integrity of the country, as well as democracy. To be inspired by love for humanity, life, and nature, guided by faith in our country, and the principles of Christian Orthodox tradition. Their religious freedom is inviolable.
- b) To cultivate and develop their mind and body, inclinations, interests, and skills. To acquire, through their school education, a social identity and consciousness, understanding and recognising the social value and equality of both intellectual and manual labour. To be informed and trained in the proper, beneficial and sustainable use of the modern world's resources, as well as the values of our folk tradition.
- c) To develop creative and critical thinking as well as a sense of collective effort and cooperation, so that they take initiatives and, with their responsible participation and integrity, contribute decisively to the progress of our country and society as a whole.
- d) To understand the importance of art, science, and technology, to respect human values, and to preserve and promote our country's cultural identity.
- e) To nurture a spirit of friendship and collaboration with all peoples worldwide, aspiring towards a just, peaceful, and better world.

International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) Mission Statement

"The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment. These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right."

Philosophy

In accordance with the regulations regarding the Greek educational system (Law 4692/2020), Model Schools (P.S.) are established and operate with the purpose of contributing to optimal educational planning and the pilot implementation of the educational policy, to cultivate and diffuse the best educational methods, practices, and tools throughout the entire educational system.

Aims of Model Schools

Model Schools are public secondary education institutions in Greece that promote and implement educational excellence. Their main goals include:

- Encouraging innovation and student self-improvement
- Supporting talented and high-potential students
- Testing new curricula, teaching methods, and materials
- Participating in educational and psychological research with universities
- Creating excellence, creativity, and innovation clubs open to students from other public schools
- Providing university student and teacher internships in demanding academic environments
- Collaborating on doctoral research related to education
- Training teachers and sharing best practices with neighboring schools
- Organizing seminars and promoting school partnerships
- Working with local and international universities and research bodies
- Piloting quality evaluation programs for teaching and infrastructure

Από την ίδρυσή της πριν από 165 χρόνια μέχρι και σήμερα, η Βαρβάκειος Σχολή θέτει ως προτεραιότητα την παροχή ποιοτικής εκπαίδευσης που καλλιεργεί τις γνωστικές δεξιότητες των μαθητών/μαθητριών, αλλά και τη φιλομάθεια, τη συνεργασία, την κριτική τους σκέψη και το σεβασμό προς τους άλλους. Η μαθησιακή διαδικασία καθεαυτή αλλά και οι πλούσιες δράσεις που υλοποιούν οι μαθητές/τριες κατά τη φοίτησή τους, αναδεικνύουν τα χαρακτηριστικά τους ως ενεργών και υπεύθυνων πολιτών, με ανοιχτό πνεύμα, φιλομάθεια και ενσυναίσθηση. Η εισαγωγή του IB DP εκτιμούμε ότι ενισχύει αυτή την αποστολή, μέσω της προσφοράς στους μαθητές/τριες ενός διεθνώς αναγνωρισμένου προγράμματος, που εστιάζει στην κριτική σκέψη, ενθαρρύνει τη διαπολιτισμική κατανόηση και καλλιεργεί γνήσιο πάθος για μάθηση σε έναν δυναμικά εξελισσόμενο και ταχέως μεταβαλλόμενο κόσμο.