

"Thank for the helping hand and for support throughout the years. For support this interesting and exciting journey we have traveled together - shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand. Do not stop dreaming and to turn dreams into reality."

- Feedback from teachers, working in the "Amalipe" program.

"With the help from Center "Amalipe" and the organized meetings of active parents, we realized the importance of having parental club in the school. In this way, we the parents will have the possibility of being closer to our children and useful in school and we will communicate more effectively with the teachers and the director. It will be pleasure for us if the parental club transform into school board, because we've learned that this is the way of having more possibilities to boost the school life, therefore the development of our children."

- Feedback from meeting of parents from clubs in Southern Bulgaria.

"Center "Amalipe" helped us to plan and organize better Student parliament's activities in school. This is how we are active in school and we've shortened the distance between the student and the teacher. We've become more responsible and we're already mediators in solving conflicts and problems at all school levels"

- an expressed opinion by student from 9th grade, Chairman of the Student parliament.



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*"EVERY STUDENT WILL BE A WINNER"*  
is a long-term program, supported by  
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*The main activities are aimed at preventing dropout and retention of Roma children in school, increasing the number of reintegrated (enrolled again at school) children, increasing the number of Roma adults involved in forms of lifelong learning, significantly increasing the percentage of Roma youth who continue their education in secondary schools / high schools.*



The project steps on the rich experience of Amalipe for the introduction of "Ethnic Folklore - Roma folklore" from 2002 till nowadays and the Program for reducing dropout of Roma children from school, which was implemented within a 3 – year period in over than 170 schools throughout Bulgaria. The main group targeted by the program activities are over 40,000 students (of whom more than 20 000 Roma children) from 1st to 8th grade in the 150-170 schools in the first year and 210-270 schools in second year. The activities include also their parents and relatives and wide circle of people.

Program "Each student will be a winner" develops and implements educational model of Center "Amalipe", "Incorporating multicultural school", which is based on:

- **Preparing school programmes for drop-out prevention;**
- **Inducting intercultural education throughout the Elective course "Ethnic folklore - Roma folklore" and other activities;**
- **Work with students** - organizing training for capacity building of the student parliament, campaigning for continuing education with youth clubs, created within the project "Youth is tolerance";
- **Work with parents** - Increasing the capacity of the parent clubs, trainings for chairmen of the parent clubs, "Parents teach parents" - training in areas held by the heads of the parent clubs, involve parents in the activities of small grants;
- **Work with teachers** - increasing the capacity of teachers, using the model "Learning through sharing experience", organizing conferences in the municipalities, conducting online training to work in a multicultural environment; teacher training the Elective course " Ethnic Folklore - Roma Folklore" , conducting national conference;
- **Systematic change and tangible improvements in the quality of education for Roma children through involving the schools to participate in seminars and trainings aiming to increase their capacity for additional funding of the scholar budgets.**
- Providing methodological support from 6 pedagogical regional coordinators, working for Center "Amalipe" and help from the community developers.

The program also provides activities for forming a favorable social environment and changing public opinion to support the quality of education and educational integration of Roma children; extracurricular initiatives to raise interest and activity in schools (eg. 'Green' Schools, Children Roma Festival "Open Heart"); conducting a number of campaigns and voluntary initiatives.

### The results, achieved so far:

- **195 schools** involved in the "Mission Amalipe" network;
- **Nearly 1500 students** involved in the Student parliaments in schools;
- **Nearly 1400 parents** involved in the Parental clubs in schools;
- **Nearly 2500 teachers** took part in our seminars, trainings and other initiatives;
- **Approx. 1800 guests, students and parents** attended the Children Roma Festival "Open heart";
- **Work with approx. 500 students at risk.**

