

QUEST Romania

Inspection Evaluation Summary

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	
<i>Sub-category</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Recruitment	
Staff contracts, records and conditions of service	
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Overall grade	
ACADEMIC MANAGEMENT	
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Course programmes	
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Resources and materials	
Overall grade	
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Classroom management and teaching techniques	
Knowledge and use of the target language	
Awareness of the learner	
Overall grade	
GENERAL	
<i>Sub-category</i>	
Advertising and course information	
Premises	
Other services	
Overall grade	

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CHECKLIST FOR INSPECTIONS *(excerpts)*

ACADEMIC MANAGEMENT

SUB-CATEGORY	CODE OF PRACTICE	POINTS TO CHECK
<i>Managing the teaching team and teacher support</i>	Schools belonging to QUEST guarantee - commitment to maintain and develop standards - regular monitoring of the teaching activity - the opportunity for students to express their opinions of the course	Check: ⇨ the academic monitoring system (class observation) ⇨ methods of student course evaluation (e.g. questionnaires)
	Members provide staff with relevant opportunities for training and development	⇨ Is there a coherent in-service training scheme for teachers? ⇨ Is support provided for conference participation? ⇨ Do teachers' meetings take place regularly?
<i>Course programmes</i>	Structured course of studies divided into levels	⇨ Are there schemes of work for each level and for each type of course? Are they adhered to? ⇨ Are aims appropriate and are they compatible with students' needs?
<i>Assessment and certification systems</i>	Accurate placement tests	Check placement tests and procedures: ⇨ Do they place students appropriately? ⇨ How are class changes dealt with?
	Progress tests and end-of-course assessment	⇨ How is progress assessed and how frequently? ⇨ Check samples of progress and end-of-course tests.
	Certificates of attendance on completion of course	⇨ Is there a standard certificate? ⇨ Check format and content of certificate
<i>Resources and materials</i>	Quality teaching and structured course of studies and access to appropriate learning resources and materials	⇨ What coursebooks and materials are used? ⇨ Are they appropriate for the students' levels and needs? ⇨ What system operates for course book and materials issues?

TEACHING

SUB-CATEGORY	CODE OF PRACTICE	POINTS TO CHECK
<i>Planning</i>	<p>QUEST member schools guarantee to their students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • high teaching and educational standards delivered by competent teacher • a quality teaching and learning environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Are the objectives clear? ◇ Are the stages clear? ◇ Are the objectives relevant to the course/syllabus and to the learners' needs? <p>Check:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ the grading, sequencing and timing of activities ◇ the suitability of materials to lesson objectives ◇ balance/integration of skills in the plan
<i>Classroom management and teaching techniques</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • high teaching and educational standards delivered by competent teachers • commitment to maintain and develop standards • regular monitoring of the teaching activity • no discrimination against students on grounds of gender, race or religions 	<p>Look for evidence of good practice, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ clarity of instructions ◇ appropriate use of the board ◇ appropriate use of equipment ◇ quality of additional materials ◇ the teacher's role in a range of activities ◇ ways of giving feedback to students ◇ teacher talking time / student talking time ◇ sensitivity to mixed ability groups ◇ ability to deal with discipline problems
<i>Knowledge and use of the target language</i>		<p>Is the level of the target language appropriate (pronunciation, vocabulary, structures and register)?</p> <p>Check:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ ability to use meta-language in keeping with students' age and needs ◇ ability to foster genuine language by providing appropriate models

<i>Awareness of the learner</i>		<p>Check:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">⇨ classroom atmosphere (teacher-student, student-student rapport)⇨ learners' understanding of what they are doing and why (students' attitude, facial expression, eye contact)⇨ opportunities for learner involvement/learner empowerment⇨ opportunities for self/peer correction
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