

# Buciu Maria, PREMIUL I

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The ideal educational school system should involve freedom of thought and opinion, creativity and happiness. In Romania there are no such notions. Children spend most of their time in school and that is the place where they grow up, so school should help them become independent, open-minded adults.

In schools we are taught facts. However, that's not what we want. We don't need to learn useless things that we will never use in real life and that we won't even remember the day after the test.

As an innovator of an imaginary school system, I would first change the way students take courses. We are simply split into different classes, not based on any criteria. I would put students together according to their interests and ability to learn, but during the breaks they would be a united group of future grown-ups.

Next, I would not change the subjects, but the way they are taught. Instead of doing countless exercises, teachers would encourage experiments or other practical activities.

As a teenager, if I had the chance to attend this imaginary school, I wouldn't wake up thinking 'Oh no, school again', but 'I can't wait to see what today will bring'.