

THE EUROPEAN FOOD PASSPORT PROJECT SCHOOL PROFILE

COUNTRY: ESTONIA

Name of School **VÕRU JÄRVE SCHOOL** - Võru Järve
School is a school for children with moderate and severe mental disability.

Head teacher Reet Kangro
Co-ordinator Reet Kangro
Number of students 37
Age of students 7 yrs-19 yrs

Brief Description of School

The school is municipal property, appointed by Võru Town Government, established 1th of September 1996 www.jarvekool.ee

It is a school that offers regular five-days-per-week tuition to its target group children with moderate, severe mental and multiply disabled, from 7 to 19 years of age.

37 pupils learn at Võru Järve School. The number of students in one class is 5-7 at the most. Their teachers are specially trained educators, helpers and therapists who follow the curriculum.

It is a consultancy and education center for families with disabled children that organizes talks, workshops, distributes useful printed material, etc.

It is a support center for disabled children and their families.

On February 14, 2008 the NGO Meiola was established. Instead of a child care facility planning began for a communal residential facility for intellectually challenged youths www.meiela.ee

School and center purpose and priorities:

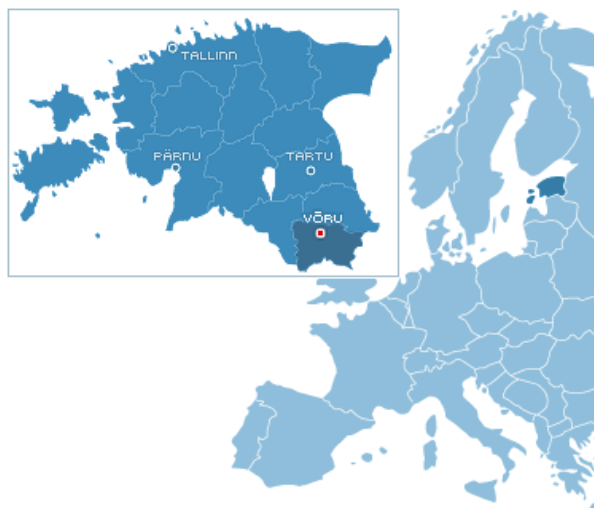
- guarantee of equal facilities**
- the continuing education
- develop pupils' ability to cope in everyday life
- develop our pedagogy and get extra experience from other EU countries
- guarantee equal facilities of education between students of common schools
- prepare these young people to cope with the tasks of normal daily life



Brief Description of town/region

www.vorulinn.ee

Võru, founded by order of Russian empress Catherine II as the capital of a new county, has had its name since 10 August 1784 (21 August according to the Gregorian calendar).



Population in Võru town - 15000

On the territory of this small town there are three lakes, the biggest of which is also one of the symbols of the town lake Tamula which is situated virtually in the centre of the town.

One of the most important works of Estonian cultural heritage, our national epic “Kalevipoeg” was created in Võru. Its author, one of the founders of Estonian national literature Friedrich Reinhold Kreutzwald lived in Võru for 44 years.

The people living in Võru who have managed to retain their unique language, culture and traditions make the town special. The International Folk Festival that has made Võru known in the world takes place each summer and is visited by thousands of interested people from Estonia and abroad.

In winter those keen on skiing find everything necessary here: attractive slopes, pleasant places to stay, shops selling skiing equipment, ski rentals and also entertainment for evening hours.





Mother of year at Võru County, May 2009

Reet Kangro
school Comenius Co-ordinator