

# Austrian School Budapest





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## Solution

The school in Budapest is an obviously glass appliance that slides up beside a banal school building dating from the 19th century. The project is planned as a three-wing building placed on an approximately north-south axis. The arrangement of the building follows an architectural structure which gets lighter towards the facades. Parallel to this, the floor space of the various sections gets bigger and bigger as one approach the external world through the front walls.

It is a low energy house with several environmentally conscious features, such as the recycling of rain water. The balconies in front of the classrooms (this is probably the only school in the country where classrooms have balconies) are not only a very popular place for students to take their breaks, they also make the rooms seem wider and provide a special ventilation system.

As a result of all this it is not a surprise, that most of the pupils of the senior high school feel extremely well in this building. According to the headmaster, the new building has increased the delight in learning to an unbelievable extent, a fact also confirmed in the school exams.



## Info

Category  
School

Details  
site: 13.528m<sup>2</sup>  
built-up area: 1.588m<sup>2</sup>  
net floor area: 3.200m<sup>2</sup>  
floors: 3

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City  
Budapest

Commissioner  
Ministry of Education and  
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Period  
2000–2001

Type  
competition, 1st prize

Status  
built