

## The Future of Education in Carnikava Municipality

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Children living in Carnikava receive high standard basic education. We are the only municipality in Latvia that provides free lunch for all 205 children studying in local school. The school bus brings children from home to school and back. To ease the daily life for parents there are extra hours after regular classes when children can stay at school and do their homework in supervision of one of teachers. There is a special renumeration system for teachers and each two months there is evaluated the input of each teacher in developing basic skills of children and their application in real life situations. It is planned to create a secondary school in 2015 because more and more children instead of going to schools in Riga prefer to stay and study in Carnikava and get involved in out of class activities in sports, arts and crafts.

More than 190 infants can obtain pre-school education in the nursery school that is very popular with the children and their parents living in Carnikava, neighbour municipalities and Riga. Currently construction of new building is going on and in September 2012 it will be possible for another 160 children to attend local nursery school with swimming-pool and sports amenities.

In historical centre, next to church, there is located Carnikava special boarding school where children with special needs from all over Latvia obtain basic education and learn arts and crafts.

Arts and music studies are provided by Vidzeme Arts and Music school. In 2011 specifically for the needs of music school Carnikava municipality bought a house.

Carnikava municipality is one of the few in Latvia where the number of new-borns increases each year and we have confidence for the district's further growth and development.