BILINGUAL EDUCATION AND CULTURAL TEACHING: AN AUSTRIAN CONTEXT

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The research has highlighted the problem of bilingual education. Analysis of the scientific and pedagogical literature has shown that bilingual education is an innovative type of education that involves the study of non-linguistic disciplines using a foreign language. It has been established that language culture is also taught in the process of bilingual learning. Getting acquainted with new culture, traditions and customs is always of great interest to students. The bilingual education teachers' ability to interest their students is very important. The use of state-of-the-art training tools contributes to the effectiveness of the learning process. The study showed that the opening of the first bilingual classes in European schools made it possible to understand the importance of bilingualism and to explore the result of its introduction into the European education system. In the course of scientific research in the study, it has been established that the humanistic paradigm is at the heart of bilingual education. It is an intercultural education that involves students' willingness to understand each other, fostering a sense of tolerance and willingness to discover other cultures. It is established that in the context of bilingual education language is taught through culture and cultures through language. The implementation of the intercultural aspect of bilingual education in Austria is relevant in terms of the presence of representatives of different nationalities. Czech and Slovak communities are the most numerous. Bilingual education also uses English, French and other foreign languages. In the lessons, students of bilingual classes get acquainted with the traditions and customs of different European countries, read authentic literature. During winter and summer vacations, teachers organize trips and excursions. All these activities contribute to the motivation of students for bilingual learning, they increase their interest, contribute to personal development and self-improvement. The role of the teacher in bilingual education in Austria is extremely important.

The support of the Austrian Government for different linguistic and cultural communities was established, as well as the creation of favorable conditions for their functioning and development. In Vienna, public and private schools with bilingual study subjects are operating successfully, demonstrating positive results in teaching and learning. We can say that the Austrian experience is valuable and instructive, as it is based on linguistic diversity and intercultural education.

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