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TEACHING CAREER IN BRIEF

I earned my teaching degree in Mathematics and Chemistry from József Attila University in 1998. I began my career at the Reformed Grammar School of Kecskemét, where I have taught both subjects since the beginning. In my teaching, I am committed to helping my students discover the beauty and appeal of these disciplines, as well as the values and wonders of the created world.

I regularly prepare students for chemistry competitions, and they have achieved significant success over the years. With the exception of one, I have reached the national finals of every prestigious chemistry competition with my students, and I am proud to say that our school has become a recognized institution for excellence in chemistry. In addition to coaching, I have been a member of the National Jury for the Irinyi János Secondary School Chemistry Competition since 2005.

The „National Chemistry Competition for Reformed Schools” was launched at the same time I began my teaching career. I have always been proud to accompany our students to this event, where they have achieved numerous outstanding results. Initially involved as an enthusiastic coach, I was later invited by the organizers to contribute as an exam paper author and head of grading.

Beyond continuous professional development, my greatest pride is that many doctors, chemists, and biologists have expressed their gratitude for the solid foundation of knowledge that helped them navigate their university years and become outstanding experts in their fields. Even more meaningful to me is that students who did not pursue chemistry in higher education remember the atmosphere of our classes fondly, viewing the subject not as a „bogeyman” but as an integral part of everyday life. I believe one must approach the subject with humility and the students with the utmost respect, as their fresh ideas often provide valuable insights that can be integrated into future teaching.

PUBLICATIONS

Fodor, I., Maknics, Gy., & **Tóth, I.** (2019). *Emlékek nyomában: Szemelvények az Irinyi János Középiskolai Kémiaverseny félszázados történelméből* [In the Footsteps of Memories: Selected Excerpts from the Half-Century History of the Irinyi János Secondary School Chemistry Competition]. Hungarian Chemical Journal (MKL).

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

István Dávid Ficsór

- 2020 IChO – Bronze Medal
- Mendeleev Olympiad – Bronze Medal
- OKTV Chemistry – 3rd Place

Márton Hegedűs

- 2024 IChTo – Gold Medal; OTIO – 1st Prize
- EUCYS – 3rd Prize
- TUDOK Grand Prize
- OKTV Chemistry – 3rd Place