

SUMMARY

THE EDUCATION OF THE POLISH ENVIRONMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS IDENTITY

Education of Polish community is an important part of activities of Poles in exile which links Polish community with the country of origin. Education in terms of emigration, especially children and young people and in part also adults takes place in families, various associations and organizations, often carried out by the Polish clergy. Polish language teaching outside Poland held in various educational institutions among which the most numerous are Saturday School Courses inextricably linked with the history of Polish emigration circles. The main purpose of these schools is to teach children the Polish language, religion, history and geography of the Polish language, and the education of children and youth in the Polish tradition and culture. An important role in the learning process plays a student motivation, since it has an impact on the effectiveness of educational activities. In examining the effectiveness of education in Saturday Polish schools we must take into account many factors, among which is important to the process of education in the development of patriotism and national consciousness of Polish youth was not only limited to certain hours of instruction in the history and geography of Polish and educational lessons. The school should operate mechanisms to support this process, which stem from a concern for the preservation of Polish culture in Polish emigre environment, for example by cultivating Polish national traditions, showing how the most attractive in the form of a beautiful Polish cities and lands, people and customs of their work - against the rich Polish history, as well as motivate the development of Polish language, emphasizing that it is a sign of belonging to the Polish ethnic group.