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## **INTERESTS AND IDEALS OF SENIOR PUPILS**

Interests and ideals belong to the sphere of personality's orientation and define it. The worldview, motivation, belief of modern senior pupils are changing. It causes a change in their interests and ideals that need a study at the present stage of the development of society.

Early youth (15-17 years old) is considered the third world that exists between childhood and adulthood. At this time, boys and girls find themselves at the beginning of real adult life, looking at present from the position of the future, looking for the meaning of their life. Professional and personal self-determination is the central neoformation of early adolescence [1].

Interests play an important role in the orientation of personality of senior pupil. They present active cognitive orientation of the person to a particular object, phenomenon or activity associated with positive emotional attitudes towards them. Worldview, that is the system of views on the world and personality's place in it, formed intensively at this age, where a leading role belongs to the ideals – the image of what person aspires with all their behaviour and activities. They usually become a motivating force and turn into the motives of their activities [2].

The empirical research was organized and conducted with the pupils of the 10th forms to examine interests and ideals of senior pupils. The sample consisted of 33 senior pupils aged 15-16 years old. A number of special methods aimed at the psychological study of interests and ideals were used in the research.

Trends in the interests of senior pupils in sports, artistic, aesthetic, cognitive spheres were identified during the research. Interests in music, dances, sport, fine art, history, travelling, cinema and theatre, computer games, crafts, reading different books are top-priority for boys and girls. Also communication with friends and family, joint activities, spending time together, visiting museums, theatres, cinemas and the usual camping among the beauty and wealth of the environment is especially important for senior pupils.

Boys and girls have clearly formed ideals. Certain trends stand out in the views about the happiness of senior pupils such as to be useful to society, to be necessary to other people, to be themselves, not to depend on the situation. Also,

development and self-development are important for them. Senior pupils see the beauty in simple and ordinary things, and also appreciate not appearance, but inner world of a personality, their spirituality and mind.

So, boys and girls have a certain image of the ideal personality – honest, friendly, cheerful, sociable, responsible, purposeful, original, confident. They also appreciate in people discipline, erudition, good upbringing, ingenuity, spiritual wealth, independence, justice.

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