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## HERTICA

By January 1992, a total of 3,000 private homes and spaces were used to set up the house school system.

The Hertica house school was one of the private houses that turned into a school. Sami Frasheri high school in Prishtina was one of the largest and most prestigious high schools in Kosova.

After being banned from entering school facilities, during the 1991 school year, school teachers, parents and community leaders began looking for alternative spaces to continue the school year.

Memhmet Aliu, a construction worker, who had been working in Western Europe with his brothers, offered his newly built home to the educational system. The house had three floors and 10 rooms. This house served the students of Sami Frasheri High School from January 1992 till March 1999.

The Sami Frasheri High School worked in a three shift system, starting at 8 and finishing at 18.

To accommodate such a large number of students the classes would last 30 min.

For the first two years students sat on the floor, the desks and chairs were built by teachers and parents and the house owners.

Drama classes, poetry clubs, and even the student newspaper named Feniksi, was established and run by students from 1995.



