

ITALIAN SCHOOL SYSTEM

The Italian Education System is mainly a public State system. It is free and compulsory from 6 to 16.

It is divided into 5 stages:

- Nursery school
- Primary school
- Lower secondary school
- Upper secondary school
- Higher education or University.



CURRICULUM

All state schools follow the same National Curriculum.



- ▶ **Nursery school** is for children aged from 3 to 6 and although it is not compulsory the 90% of kids attend it.



THE FIRST CYCLE OF EDUCATION

The first cycle of Education starts at 6. It is compulsory and it is made up of Primary and Lower secondary school.

At PRIMARY SCHOOL pupils are given basic education in Italian, Maths, Sciences, History, English, Geography, Technology, Religion, P.E., Art and Music. It lasts 5 years.

At LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL students are given a further education on the subjects studied at the Primary school with the addition of a foreign language other than English (Spanish or French). It lasts 3 years. At the end of the third year students have to pass an exam to continue their education.

THE UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL

The **upper secondary school** lasts 5 years but only the first 2 years are compulsory. In fact Education is compulsory from 6 to 16 in Italy.

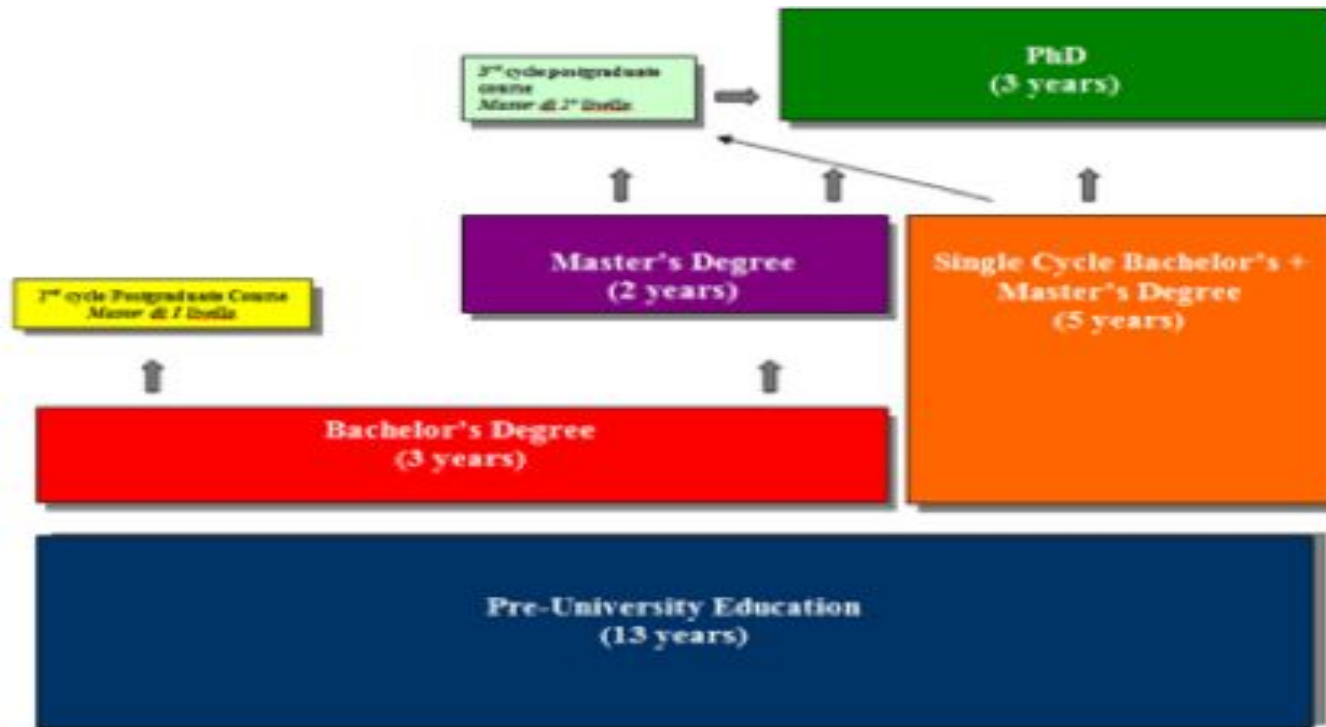
At 16 Italian students can choose to leave school and find a job or do 3 additional years of study.

The upper secondary school offers different pathways: Lyceum, Technical Education, Professional Education and Vocational Education.

At the end of upper secondary school students have to take an exam and if they pass it, they receive a certificate and they can go to university.

HIGHER EDUCATION

At university students can take a Bachelor's degree which lasts 3 years or a single cycle degree which lasts 5 years.





- ▶ The school year includes 200 school days. It starts in mid-September and it ends the first days of June.
- ▶ There are two vacation periods: two weeks at Christmas, one week at Easter. During the year there are some bank holidays. They can be civil festivities to recall important moments of our national history or Christian festivities.

SCHOOL TIME

At primary school there are different timetable options: 30 or 40 classes a week. Each school choose its timetable and offer it to parents. In our school pupils have a 40 hours timetable. They go to school from Monday to Saturday. The school day starts at 8:30 a.m. and finishes at 4:30 except on Wednesdays and Saturdays. On those days school finishes at 12:30 p.m.

At lower secondary school students can have a timetable of 30 or 36 classes a week. In our school students have 36 hours a week.

School starts at 8:15 a.m. and usually finishes at 1:15 p.m except on Mondays and Thursdays. On those days school finishes at 4:15p.m. and students have lunch at school.



CLASSES PER WEEK

SUBJECT	CLASSES
ITALIAN	8
HISTORY	2
GEOGRAPHY	2
MATHS	6
SCIENCE	2
ENGLISH	3
FRENCH	2
TECHNOLOGY	2
ART	2
MUSIC	2
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2
RELIGION	1

WHAT ABOUT TEACHERS ?

At Primary school teachers have to do 22 classes per week

At Lower secondary school teachers have to do 18 classes per week

In addition to lessons teachers who teach in the same class meet once a month to discuss about the general result of their students, projects to carry on and any disciplinary problems. At the meetings some parents participate too. Their task is to refer what discussed during the meeting to the other parents and report requests or complaints from other parents.

Teachers meet the parents of each student twice a year, in December and in April.

The salary of a teacher depends on the years of teaching. At the beginning a teacher is paid about 1,600 euros.

SCHOOL PROJECTS

During the school year in addition to the normal lessons our students do other activities such as:

- ▶ Clean the world
- ▶ The Festival of tree
- ▶ Sport Competitions
- ▶ Music Competitions
- ▶ Erasmus Plus
- ▶ Etwinning
- ▶ Maths Competitions
- ▶ Education to legality



KINDERGARTEN (3 years)	
From ages 3 to 5	
COMPULSORY EDUCATION	PRIMARY SCHOOL (5 years) From ages 6 to 11
	LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL (3 years) From ages 11 to 14
	UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL From ages 14 to 16

UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL From ages to 16 to 18	LICEO
	TECHNICAL SCHOOL
	TRAINING SCHOOL



UNIVERSITY

