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## The Italian school system

### Asildo nido

This is the first kindergarten children can attend. This is however not mandatory. Children can attend this part of kindergarten from a couple of months up to 3 years old.



### Scula dell' enanzia

This is the second part of the Kindergarten system children can attend. This is still not mandatory. Children can attend this part of kindergarten from the age of 3 until the age of 6.

### Scuola primaria

This is primary school. This part of the Italian education system is mandatory. The students attend primary school from the age of 6 until the age of 11.

-Students often sit alone or in pairs. The average amount of students per class is 21.  
Teachers often teach only a couple of subjects. This means that there are only subject specific teachers.



### Scuola secondaria di primo grado

This is the equivalent of middle school. The students attend this school from the age of 11 until the age of 14. This part of the education system in Italy is also mandatory.

### Liceo /Istituto tecnico / Istituto professionale

This is the equivalent of High school/ Secondary school. Students can attend this school from the age of 14. This is however only mandatory until the age of 16 but students can choose to continue until the age of 18.

-There are three different types of high school. A student can pick their own subjects, depending on what type of school and the offered range of subjects that is available.



### Università

After a student graduates from the longest course at high school, they can attend university or college.

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# The Dutch school system

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## Elementary or primary school

Elementary or primary school has eight grades ranging from **Groep 1** (4-year olds) to **Groep 8** (12-year olds). It is not compulsory to attend primary school until Groep 2, at age five, but most children begin in Groep 1 already at the age of four. Students attend primary school for eight years, until they are 12, where they gain basic skills such as reading, writing and arithmetic. They will also start studying English by the time they reach Group 7, if not before then.



All **Groep 8** pupils must take a **Central End Test for Primary Education**. Schools can decide themselves which of the various monitoring system (LVS) and assessment tools use. An expert group must approve LSV. This test is not an exam, pupils cannot pass or fail it, except certain cases. Children do not receive a certificate or diploma, but a report describing their level of attainment and educational potential, and advice on the type of secondary education most suited to them.

## Secondary education

**PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE**  
Vorbereidend Middelbaar Beroepsonderwijs – VMBO: lasts 4 years, provides the basis for further vocational training. After that, students can attend middelbaar beroepsonderwijs – MBO: can last from an half to 4 years and prepares students for work.



**COMBINATION OF PRACTICAL AND THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE**  
Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs – HAVO: lasts 5 years (3+2), provides general education and prepares pupils for higher vocational training.

**THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE**  
Vorbereidende Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs – VWO: lasts six years (3+3) and there are three types of this school: athenaeum, gymnasium (where Greek and Latin are obligatory) and lyceum (a combination of both, where Greek and Latin are optional). It prepares students for university

It allows enrolling in the Hoger Beroepsonderwijs – HBO, the University of Applied Science, which lasts 4 years and releases a bachelor. After that, a student can continue studying one or two years to obtain an HBO master. When a student finishes the first year of this university, if he want he can enrol at the first year of bachelor's program at Research University.

The diploma obtained allows access to Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs – WO (Research University) that lasts 3 years. At the end, a student get the bachelor. A student can continue studying to obtain a WOMaster (1, 2 or 3 years) and then a doctorate PhD (4 years).



## University