

ITALIAN SCHOOL LIFE

In Italy children can start pre-school activity at the age of 3 at nursery school. There is also the opportunity to take young children (3 months to 3 years old) to day care centres.

Primary school is for children 6 to 10

Scuola Media (Middle school) for children 11 to 13, then high school.

We can leave school at the age of 16, which is the minimal legal age to go to work.

- We get the diploma of high school at the age of 18-19
- The first university degree is usually after a 3-year course, for some cases 5 years



SOME CHARACTERISTICS

In Italy the grading scale goes from 0 to 10, but in general 3 is the lowest.

When we move from Elementary to Middle school and High school we restart at every level with first/second/ third class (1°, 2°, 3° Middle School's class, 1°, 2°, 3°, 4°,5° High School's class).

The average daily schedule is:

- in kindergarten from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m
- in Elementary School from 8.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m. + two afternoons until 4.30 p.m.
- in Middle School from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- in High School from 8 a.m. to 1 or 2 p.m.

Kindergarten



Elementary
School



Middle
School



High School



University

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is the pre-school institution that children may attend from 3 to 5. In the typical kindergarten in Italy children play a lot during the day, also sleep after lunch and during the afternoon the teachers teach them the most simply things, for example seasons, numbers, letters, the days of the week, drawings, ...



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

After the Kindergarten at the age of 6 children start Elementary School (compulsory education), which is 5 years. At the first and second year teachers teach the pupils the basis of math and Italian and some information about science and other subjects.

Starting from the third year pupils really start to study (Geography, History, Science) together with Italian and Maths. In some schools, where they have full time activities the children can have lunch at the school canteen. Till 2004 in the last year of Elementary School the children had to sit for an exam to get on to Middle School. Now that exam has been cancelled.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Middle School lasts 3 years (from 11 to 14). The basic subjects are: Italian, Maths, Scienze, English, History, Geography, Art, Technology, Music, Religion. The pupils address to the teachers using the polite form "lei". For many pupils the second year is the hardest for the topics to be dealt with. At the end of the last year pupils have to do the final exam which consists of 4 written tests and an oral one (5 days all together). Pupils get the Middle School Diploma.

HIGH SCHOOL

High school last 5 years (from 14 to 19) and in Italy there are 3 different kinds: Lycée, Technical schools and Vocational schools.

In the fifth year the students have the "Esame di maturità" which gives you the final diploma for which you can also continue your study at university or you can decide to start to work.



TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

They offer a theoretical education and also a specialization in specific subjects (economy, humanities, administration, law, technology, tourism). Often, the pupils have “working stages”: they are integrated in companies, associations for some working experience usually in the last years.



ITIS, Imola. Specializing in mechanical and electronic



Ghini, Imola. Specializing in chemistry and biology

PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTE

This type of school offers a form of secondary education oriented towards practical subjects (engineering, agriculture, gastronomy, technical assistance), and enables the pupils to start searching for a job as soon as they have completed their studies. These schools offer the possibility to get a vocational diploma at the end of the third year.



Alberghiero, Riolo Terme. Specializing in gastronomy (Catering school)



Scarabelli, Imola. Specializing in agriculture

LYCÉE

In a Lycée we receive a mostly theoretical education with different specialisations:

- ❖ Scientific
- ❖ Foreign Languages
- ❖ Classic (Latin and Greek)
- ❖ Social Science / Humanities

The pupils who attend this type of school should get on studying at University.



Scientific lyceum , Imola which is also the official administrative building

OUR LYCÉE



At our Lycée "Alessandro da Imola" we can study 3 foreign languages in addition to Italian: English (Compulsory for everybody), and we choose two among Spanish, French and German.

For the first two years we also study Latin.

Our lycée gives the possibility to study two other languages in extra afternoon schedule: Russian and Chinese.