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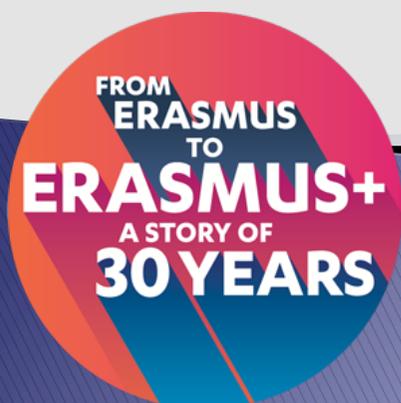
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# “School Walls”

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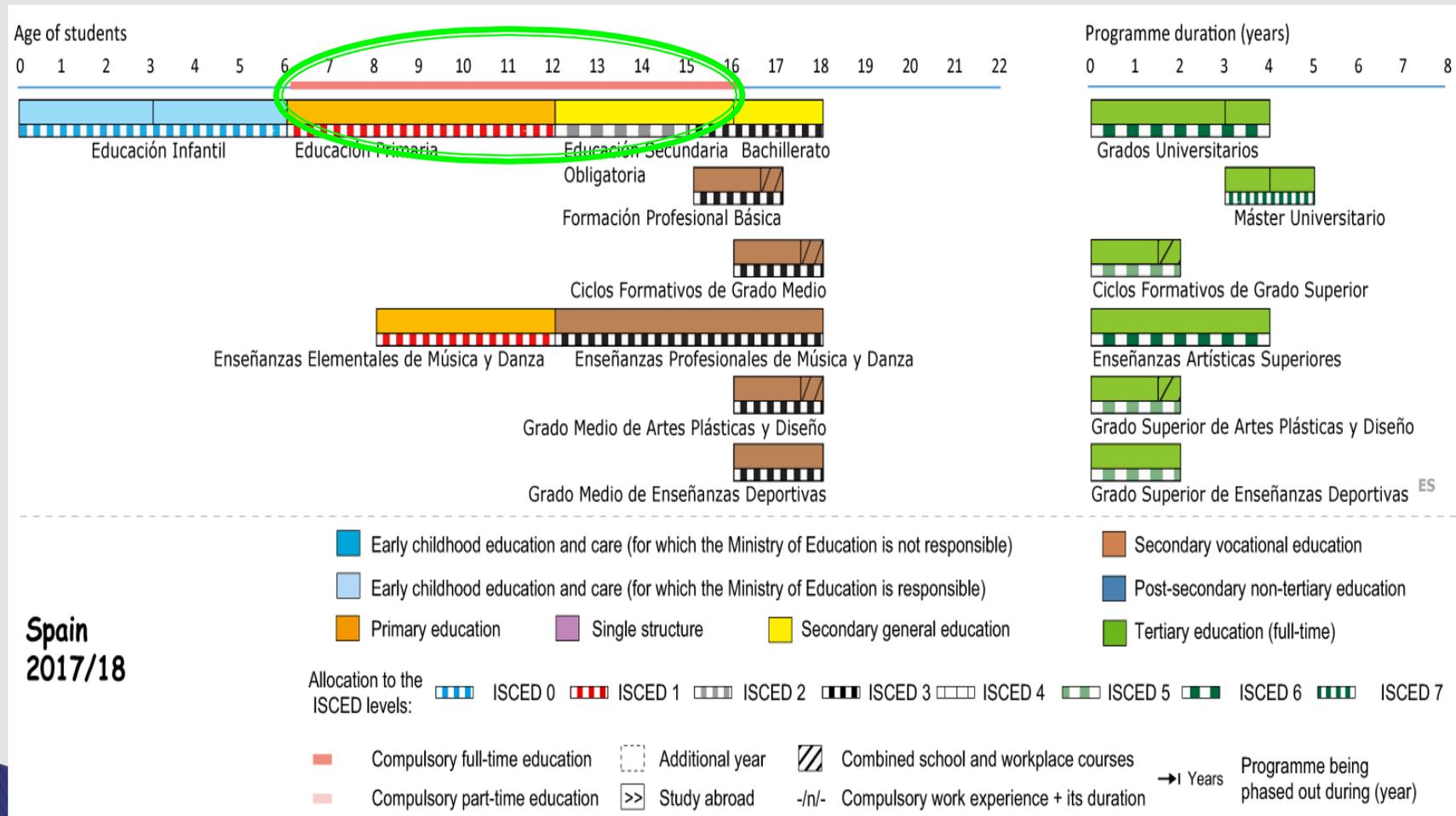
# KEY FEATURES OF THE SPANISH EDUCATION SYSTEM

The Spanish education system comprises the right of education is included in the 1978 Spanish Constitution.

The Act on the Improvement of the Quality of Education, modifying the 2006 Education Act, was passed in 2013. Its implementation finished in the academic year 2016/2017.

This reform recognises the need to combine quality and equity in the training provision. School enrolment is not enough to meet the right to education, but quality is a constituent element of that right.

# Structure of the National Education System



# STAGES OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

**Pre-primary education** is up to 6 years of age. Although it is not a compulsory education stage, the second cycle is free in all publicly-funded schools (public schools and publicly-funded private schools). Public schools providing it are called pre-primary schools and those also offering primary education are called pre-primary and primary schools.

**Basic education** is compulsory and free in publicly-funded schools. It lasts ten years and it is divided into two stages:

- **Primary education**, provided in primary schools. It covers six academic years, usually studied between the ages of **6 and 12**
- **Compulsory secondary education**, studied in secondary schools, between the ages of **12 and 16**. At the end of this stage, students receive the first official certificate, the Lower Compulsory Secondary Education Certificate, which allows them to have access to upper secondary education or the world of work.

# STAGES OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

- ▶ **Upper secondary education** is also provided in secondary schools. It lasts two academic years, usually studied between the ages of 16 and 18.
- ▶ It offers two possibilities:
  - **Bachillerato** (general branch)
  - **Intermediate vocational training** (professional branch) (GRADOS MEDIOS). The latter is also provided in vocational training integrated institutions and in national reference institutions
- ▶ The reforms of vocational training provision include:
  - Creation of **basic vocational training cycles** (FPB): they can be taken by students aged 15-17, among other entry requirements that have been established
  - Development by the education authorities **of dual vocational training** (FP DUAL) in the education system.

**Higher education** comprises university and professional studies. University education is provided in universities and advanced vocational training is provided in the same institutions as those offering intermediate vocational training.

# ADULT EDUCATION

- ▶ **Adult education and training** covers different types of provision offered by the education and employment authorities, provided by institutions from different nature.
- ▶ Classroom-based education **leading to the award of official degrees** of the education system is provided in ordinary schools or specific schools for adults.
- ▶ Adult education and training is aimed at **people aged over 18** and, as an exception, workers aged over 16 who cannot attend school in ordinary regime or high performance athletes.

# SPECIALISED EDUCATION

- ▶ **Language education**, provided at official language schools. To have access to these studies, students must be 16 years of age and, exceptionally, 14 in the case of wanting to learn a language other than the one studied in compulsory secondary education.
- ▶ **Artistic education**, including elementary Music and Dance education, professional artistic education and advanced artistic education. These studies are provided in different specific schools, according to every kind and level of education
- ▶ **Sports education**, organised in intermediate and advanced training cycles and provided in the same institutions as those providing vocational training.

# USEFUL LINKS

- ▶ Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport: <https://www.mecd.gob.es/portada-mecd/en/>
- ▶ Spanish Eurydice Unit (Eurydice Spain–Spanish Network for Information on Education)(Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport): <http://www.mecd.gob.es/educacion-mecd/mc/redie-eurydice/inicio.html>
- ▶ National Institute for Educational Evaluation (Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport): <http://www.mecd.gob.es/inee/portada.html>
- ▶ Education statistics (Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport): <https://www.mecd.gob.es/servicios-al-ciudadano-mecd/en/estadisticas/educacion.html>
- ▶ Educational legislation (Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport): <https://www.mecd.gob.es/servicios-al-ciudadano-mecd/en/normativa/vigente/educacion.html>
- ▶ Journal of Education (Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport): <http://www.mecd.gob.es/revista-de-educacion/en/>
- ▶ Library of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport: <http://www.mecd.gob.es/biblioteca-central/>
- ▶ Publications (Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport): [https://sede.educacion.gob.es/publivena/inicio.action?request\\_locale=en](https://sede.educacion.gob.es/publivena/inicio.action?request_locale=en)
- ▶ Education portals (Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport): <https://www.mecd.gob.es/educacion-mecd/en/portales-educacion.html>
- ▶ OECD Education Policy Outlook: <http://www.oecd.org/education/policyoutlook.htm>
- ▶ Education Policy Outlook Country Profiles: Spain (April 2014): [http://www.oecd.org/edu/EDUCATION%20POLICY%20OUTLOOK%20SPAIN\\_EN.pdf](http://www.oecd.org/edu/EDUCATION%20POLICY%20OUTLOOK%20SPAIN_EN.pdf)

# Organization of the School Year

The school year begins on 1st September and ends on 31st August of the following year.

The **teaching year for schools begins on 1st September and ends on 30th June while the teaching of subjects begins the first fortnight of September and ends by the third week of June.** The exams are made during the year in three periods. There is not a specific timetable for exams without normal lessons.

The teaching year is divided in three terms, which exact dates can be determined by each School.:

First term, from September to December

Second term, from December-January to March-April

Third and final term from March-April to June.

The teaching year encompasses **Christmas (from the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December until the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, and Easter holidays of 1 week total duration.** There are also 4 days of holidays that are usually in Carnival. Summer holidays are from the third week of June until first (Primary School) or second week of September (Secondary School).

The teaching hours per week amount to 30 in Secondary Schools and 25 in Primary Schools. **The classes start at 8.00 or 8:30 and end from 14.00 to 14.30 in Secondary Schools and one hour less in Primary Schools. There is a half an hour break each day.**

# BASIC EDUCATION

- ▶ **Basic education**

Divided into two stages:

- ▶ *Primaria* (Spanish for "elementary school and middle school": kindergarten or first grade through sixth grade)
- ▶ *Secundaria* (Spanish for "high school": grades six through eight)

In elementary school, children study the following subjects:

- ▶ Natural science
- ▶ Social science
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Spanish Language and Literature
- ▶ First Foreign Language
- ▶ Art
- ▶ Physical education
- ▶ Second Foreign Language
- ▶ Social and Civic Values

## ACADEMIC SUBJECTS IN HIGH SCHOOL

<b>First year of ESO (7th grade, freshman year; Year 8)</b>	<b>Second year of ESO (8th grade, sophomore year; Year 9)</b>	<b>Third year of ESO (9th grade, freshman year; Year 10)</b>	<b>Fourth year of ESO (10th grade, junior year; Year 11)</b>
Biology and Geology	Biology and Geology. Physics and Chemistry	Biology and Geology. Physics and Chemistry	Students have to choose 2 of the following subjects: Biology and Geology, Economy, Physics and Chemistry, or Latin
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics oriented to the academic teachings or Mathematics oriented to applied teachings	Mathematics oriented to the academic teachings
Geography and History	Geography and History	Geography and History	Geography and History
Spanish Language and Literature, as well as the co-official language, where applicable	Spanish Language and Literature, as well as the co-official language, where applicable	Spanish Language and Literature, as well as the co-official language, where applicable	Spanish Language and Literature, as well as the co-official language, where applicable
First Foreign Language	First Foreign Language	First Foreign Language	First Foreign Language
Physical Education (P.E.)	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education
Religion or Ethical Values	Religion or Ethical Values	Religion or Ethical Values	Religion or Ethical Values
Some electives courses at some schools are the following:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Classical Culture</li> <li>2. Initiation to Entrepreneurial and Entrepreneurial Activity</li> <li>3. Music</li> <li>4. Technology</li> <li>5. Arts</li> <li>6. Second Foreign Language</li> </ol>	Some electives courses at some schools are the following:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Classical Culture</li> <li>2. Initiation to Entrepreneurial and Entrepreneurial Activity</li> <li>3. Music</li> <li>4. Technology</li> <li>5. Arts</li> <li>6. Second Foreign Language</li> </ol>	Some elective courses are the following:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Classical Culture</li> <li>2. Initiation to Entrepreneurial and Entrepreneurial Activity</li> <li>3. Music</li> <li>4. Technology</li> <li>5. Arts</li> <li>6. Second Foreign Language</li> </ol>	Some elective courses are the following:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Scenic Arts and Dance</li> <li>2. Scientific Culture</li> <li>3. Classic Culture</li> <li>4. Philosophy</li> <li>5. Music</li> <li>6. ICT (Information and communications technology)</li> <li>7. Second Foreign Language</li> <li>8. Arts</li> </ol>

# BACHILLERATO

In high school, academic subjects remain more or less the same as those in elementary school, but at a higher level. There may be some local variations depending on the region.

<b>First year of Bachillerato (11th grade, junior year; Year 12)</b>	<b>Second year of Bachillerato (12th grade, senior year; Year 13)</b>
Spanish Language and Literature, as well as the co-official language, where applicable	Spanish Language and Literature, as well as the co-official language, where applicable
Philosophy	Philosophy
First Foreign Language	First Foreign Language
Physical Education	Physical Education
	History of Spain
<b>Science:</b> Mathematics <b>Social science or Humanities:</b> Latin or Mathematics <b>Arts:</b> Basics of Art	<b>Science:</b> Mathematics <b>Social science or Humanities:</b> Latin or Mathematics <b>Arts:</b> Basics of Art
Students have to choose 2 of the following subjects: <b>Science:</b> Biology and Geology, Technical Drawing, or Physics and Chemistry. <b>Social Science or Humanities:</b> Economy, Greek, World History, or Universal Literature. <b>Arts:</b> Audiovisual Culture, World History, or Universal Literature.	Students have to choose 2 of the following subjects: <b>Science:</b> Biology, Technical Drawing, Geology, Physics, or Chemistry. <b>Social Science or Humanities:</b> Business Economics, Greek, Art History, or Georgraphy. <b>Arts:</b> Audiovisual Culture, Scenic Arts, or Design.

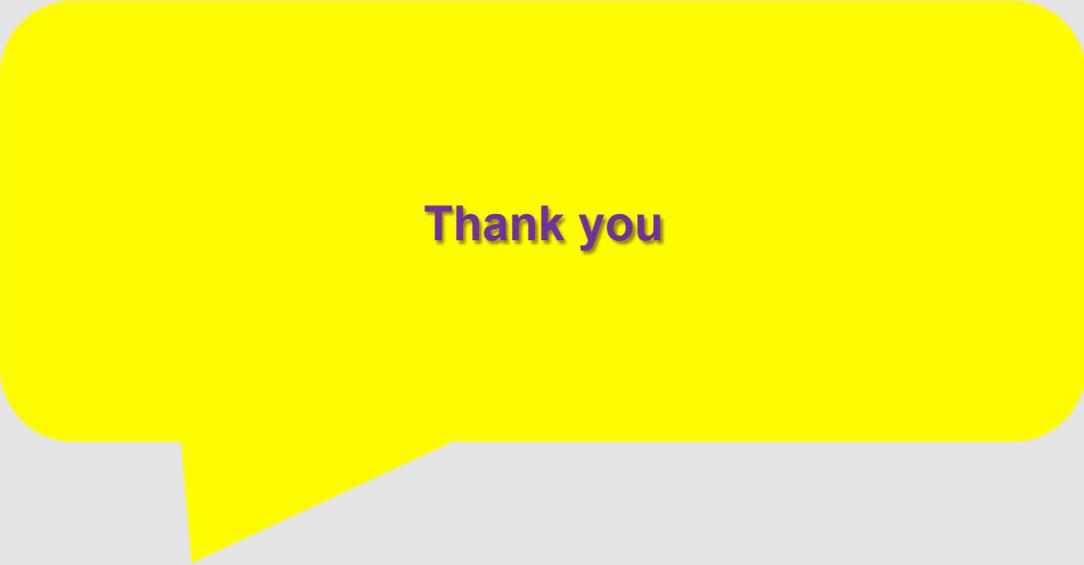
# SOME ELECTIVE COURSES

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1. Musical Analysis
2. Second Foreign Language
3. Applied Anatomy
4. Industrial Technology
5. Scientific Culture
6. ICT (Information and communications technology)
7. Artistic Drawing
8. Volume
9. Technical Drawing
10. Musical Language and Practice
11. Religion

Some elective courses are the following:

1. Musical Analysis
2. Earth and environmental sciences
3. Artistic Drawing
4. Technical Drawing
5. Fundamentals of Administration and Management
6. Religion
7. History of Music and Dance
8. Image and Sound
9. Psychology
10. Graphics and Plastics Arts
11. Second Foreign Language
12. Industrial Technology
13. ICT (Information and communications technology)
14. History of Philosophy



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