



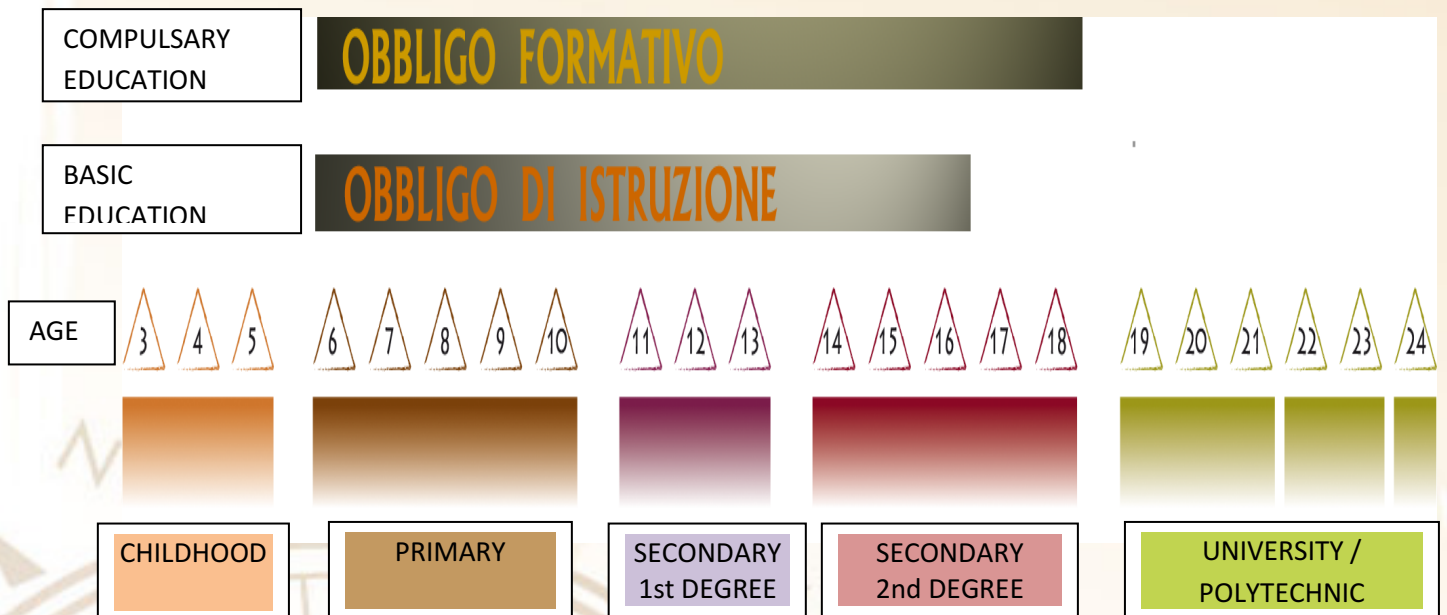
Register your children even though the school year has already begun and remember that all children have the right to be educated even if they haven't got any residence permit (ONU, Children Right International Convention, Art. 28 & DPR 394/99).

School System

In Italy every pupil has to attend school or professional education courses until he/she is 18.

This duty/right relates to all the foreign pupils, with or without the residence permit.

The duty/right of education requires the age of 12 (starting from the age of 6), in the school system or the acquisition of a professional qualifying diploma before the age of 18. Nevertheless, education is compulsory for a ten year period (from the age of six until the age of 16).





The education Italian system is organized as follows:

1. **Nursery school** (from the age of 3 to the age of 6), it's not compulsory and it lasts 3 years; in case there's no available places you will be registered in a waiting list, which doesn't guarantee the actual enrollment.
2. The first education cycle is divided into:
 - ✓ **Primary school** (from the age of 6 to the age of 11), it lasts 5 years;
 - ✓ **Secondary school first degree** (from the age of 11 to the age of 14), it lasts 3 years;
3. The second education cycle consists in:
 - ✓ **Secondary school 2nd degree** (from the age of 14 to 19), it lasts 5 years. High schools, technical, professional and art institutes belong to this (the latter also provide 3 years course);
 - ✓ **First professional education** at regional competence, will last 3 years, and is intended for young people that are past the first education cycle;
4. Post secondary professional educational, included in the high education and professional education system and offers technical institutes courses;
5. High education, consisting of university and not university. The high education system involves national and not national institutes.