



Primary School

P rimary school is compulsory and it lasts five years (from the age of 6 to 11). The enrollment and the attendance (which is compulsory) are free.

The text books are delivered by the Council to the pupils for free, school give some book tokens so students can take them from the bookshops, families have to buy themselves the exercise books, pens and the colours and other material by teachers request.

Ask teachers for list of equipment needed

* ENROLLMENT

To enroll his/her child the parent must fill in the form given by the school office. In it he/she self-certificates the date of birth of the pupil and all the other requested info (take your passport with you and/or your residence permit if possible, although not necessary).

The following documents are necessary:

- ✓ **Child ID** (in case this document is missing take your ID)
- ✓ **Former attended school documents** (if the document is missing the parent declares under his/her responsibility the attended class in the home country).

At the time of the enrollment the parents must fill in the following documents:

- ✓ Choice of the school type
- ✓ Availing or not the catholic R.E. teaching
- ✓ *Enrollment to school canteen*
- ✓ *Enrollment to pre/post school activities*
- ✓ *Enrollment to public transport*

In some cases the school itself provides the distribution of canteen, transport, pre entry and post exit form, otherwise you must ask the local agencies (Councils, mountain communities...)



* TIMETABLES

In most school parents can choose among:

✓ **A full time attendance:**

40 hours a week from Monday to Friday, probably from 8.30 a.m. To 4.30 p.m. (30 hours a week + 10 hours teacher assisted school canteen)

✓ **Class a “tempo normale” o MODULO:** from Monday to Saturday, from 27 to 30 hours a week. The weekly timetable(including one or two afternoons) is established by the school. School canteen is not compulsory. Classes start from 08.00 a.m. To 8.30 a.m.

✓ **Class a “tempo prolungato”:** provides for the time spent in the canteen and afternoon classes. Every school organizes its timetable on 5 or 6 days.

It's important be on time both at the entry and the exit from the school; only an adult chosen by the family can take a child out of the school .

Check the school timetable of your child.

* SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school lasts 9 months. It begins in the middle of September and finishes in June.

There are two holidays breaks: 2 weeks for Christmas (it's usually from the 23d of December to the 6th of January), a week or more or less for Easter (in March or April)

There are some holidays during the school year.

School will inform you anytime with a written communication in your child's diary or with a yearly calendar with holiday closures.

Parents will also be informed in case of strikes or other class breaks.

It's advisable to check on the diary!

* SCHOOL ABSENCES

Every time the child is absent, the parent must justify the reasons in the diary.

* WHAT CHILDREN LEARN AT SCHOOL

As far as the primary school is concerned , the subjects are: Italian, English, History, Geography, Maths, Science, Technology and ITC, Music, Art, P.E. and R.E. (which is not compulsory).



* **R.E. TEACHING OR ALTERNATIVE CHOICE**

In the Italian school the catholic R.E. teaching is not compulsory. At the time of the enrollment the parent can choose:

- ✓ to Avail or not the catholic R.E. teaching
- ✓ Groups learning activities
- ✓ Exit from the school
- ✓ Language activities

* **HOW SCHOOL RESULTS ARE VALUED**

Every school year is divided in two semesters. In January and in June teachers make an assessment of the school results of the child and sets an assessment sheet with marks that will be given to the family. According to the given results, at the end of the year the pupil will pass or fail to the following class.

* **TEACHERS-PARENTS MEETINGS**

During the school year teachers parents meetings are organized. These are very important chances to talk together and get to know the study programme better. Teachers and parents can cooperate in children's education and in their settling in. Every class at the beginning of the year votes for its representative.

* **MEETINGS**

Teachers from time to time meet parents to talk with them about the class programme, children and their difficulties. Every teacher tells parents the day they can meet .Even parents can ask for a meeting with the teacher.

In case of language difficulties there will be an interpreter.

If you want to talk about your pupil, ask immediately to the teacher.

* **INDIVIDUAL REQUEST FACILITIES**

The individual request facilities are: canteen, transport, pre-entry and postponed exit.

The canteen and transport facilities are held by the Council, but families must pay, a part of exonerations. It's possible to receive money in cheques or scholarships to buy school materials, education activities, school trips and get reductions in canteen, transport facilities.



It's necessary to fill in, usually in April, the form given by the Council/school to certificate the family income and keep the receipts to document the bills.

For any other information go to the school office.

Canteen (Lunch at school)

In almost every school canteen is available. Parents must pay a fee according to their income .

It's possible to ask for a special diet to give to the canteen responsible/staff regarding:

- ✓ Health problems (a doctor's prescription is necessary)
- ✓ Religious causes (a parent's declaration is necessary)

Inform of other allergy or intolerance.

To enroll in the school canteen you must fill in the form, which is delivered by the Council secretary or by the administrative office.

For any other information go to the school office.

Transport

It's possible to ask for a bus as a mean of school transport by paying a yearly fee.

Pre entry- postponed exit

To help families with special working hours (early beginning or late ending), some schools organize preschool activities (from 7:30a.m to 8:30a.m) and postschool activities (from 4:30p.m. onwards).

It's normally necessary to give a declaration from the parent's workplace.

Ask the school if the service is available or not and when.