



# *First Level Secondary School*

**T**he first level secondary school lasts 3 years and it is divided in a two-year period and in the third year, of educational guidance and union with the second education cycle.

The students of the first level secondary school are from the age of 11 to 14.

The enrollment and the attendance are free, while the families have to buy the scholar's books.

Also exercise books, pens, colours etc. have to be bought by the students.

It's possible to receive money in cheques or scholarships to buy school items, education activities, school trips and get reductions in canteen, transport facilities. To be eligible, it's necessary to fill in the form given by the Councils/school to certificate the family income.

*Students with economical problems can borrow books for the school year.*

*Ask the school office if borrowing is possible.*

## **\* 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 stay pass).

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*

*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 between:**

- ✓ “**scuola a tempo normale**”: 30 hours a week from Monday to Saturday from 8.15 a.m. to 13.15 p.m. or from Monday to Friday with some afternoon classes.
- ✓ “**scuola a tempo prolungato**”: provides for the time spent in the canteen and afternoon classes. Every school organizes its timetable on 5 or 6 days.

In most high school sport activities (volleyball, basketball) or others (theatre, Latin) are organized at low prices.

It's important to be on time

Check the school timetable and the activities 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 23<sup>d</sup> of December to the 6<sup>th</sup> of January), a week or more or less for Easter (in March or April) accordingly.

There are some holidays during the school year.

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

It's advisable to check in the diary!

## \* SCHOOL ABSENCES

Everytime the child is absent, the parent must justify the reasons in the diary and/or in the absence book. Even when the child arrives late or has to leave early, he/she must have an excuse signed by the parents.

## \* WHAT CHILDREN LEARN AT SCHOOL

As far as the secondary school first degree is concerned, the subjects are: Italian, English, second community language (in Cuneo area is French), History, Geography, Maths, Science, Technology and ITC, Music, Art, P.E. and R.E. ( which is not compulsory).



### \* **LEARN TALIAN**

To help your child to set in the class and teach him/her the new language, teachers will organize individual lessons and written and oral activities based on the Italian language.

### \* **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 semester. 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.

*During the semester, school works are made to value the first and the second semester.*

### \* **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 class program, 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.*





## \* CANTEEN

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 manager 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 communal secretary or by the administrative office.

*For any other information go to the school office.*