



# *Second Level*

## *Secondary School*

In Italy every pupil must attend school or a training course until the age of 18. This right/duty concerns all the foreign students holding or not a Residence Permit. Those who have passed the Final Exam of the first system education cycle or the training and those who have the diploma, must enroll to the second cycle schools. Almost every high school has a two or three year course. Students from 14 to 16 attend the two year course, students from 16 to 19 attend the three year one. Every class is mixed.

In these schools enrollment and attendance fees are requested: however, for the students enrolled in the first or second year, these establishments are free, since the first two years are compulsory. Some schools ask for fees even in the first two years.

The cost of the text books are in family charge. Even the school materials (workbooks, pens, colours and so on.) must be bought for the student. It's possible to receive a refund in cheques or scholarships to buy school materials, school trip or reductions in the canteen/transport facilities. It's necessary to fill in the form given by the Councils/school and the income certification.

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

*Ask the school office if borrowing is possible.*



## \* THE CHOICE AFTER THE AGE OF 14

- ✓ If you are **14** and you have got an Italian middle school **diploma** (first level education) or equal certification, you can enroll to a high school (second degree education).
- ✓ If you are **14** and **you haven't got a diploma**, you can enroll to a middle school and obtain it.
- ✓ If you are **15** (or more) and you have got the **diploma** or an equal qualification you can:
  - enroll to a high school
  - enroll to a training course
  - by turning 16, you can attend a C.T.P. course and at the same time you can learn Italian
- ✓ If you are **15** and you **haven't** got the Italian middle school **diploma**:
  - if you attended at least 9 school years in your country , you can enroll to high school,
  - you can enroll to a training course by turning 16,
  - you can attend a C.T.P. course and at the same time you can learn Italian and obtain the middle school diploma.

## \* WHICH SECONDARY SCHOOL

There are different kinds of schools with several courses and schools programs.

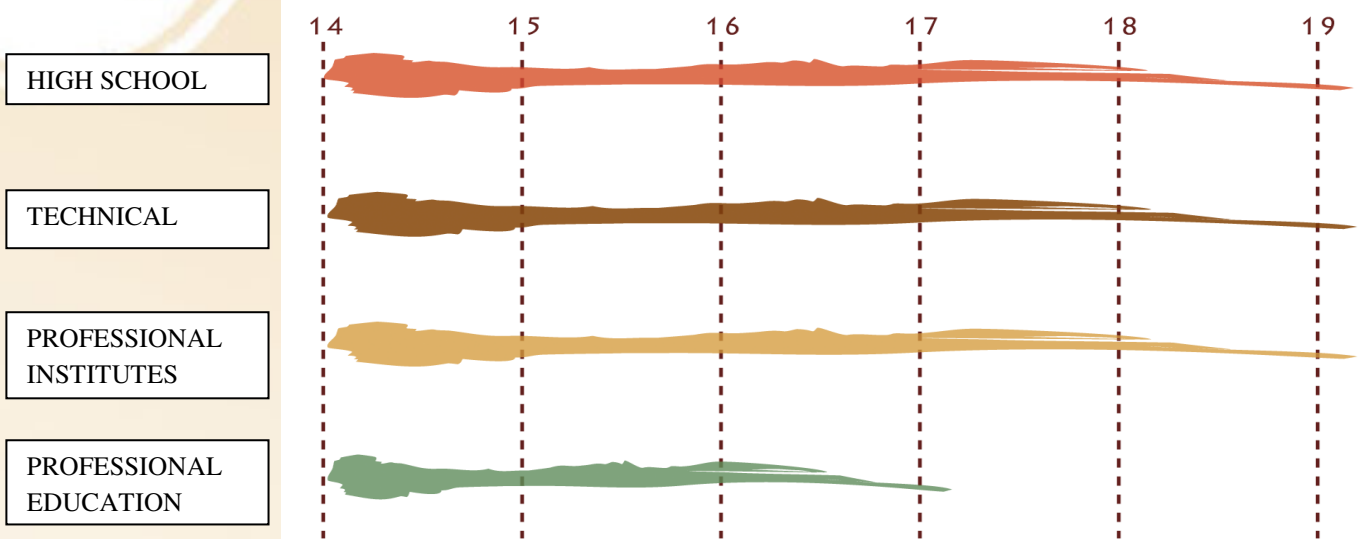
All the courses last 5 years and end with a Final State Examination. The students that pass the exam get a diploma. After that they can start working or go to university.

In the training courses institutes at the end of the third year there is a qualifying exam. After that one can start working or keep on studying for a couple of years and get the final diploma. This diploma is a more complete certification and also allows to go to university.

The training course provides otherwise 2 or 3 year courses and ends up with a professional qualifying diploma.



## AGES



- ✓ **Secondary school education, 6 high schools: classical, scientific, artistic, language, musical, human sciences**

These students obtain a diploma, but generally they go to university.

- ✓ **Technical education, 2 areas: the economical is articulated in two directions and the technological in 9**

The students who attend the different technical education courses get a diploma which allows them to start working in their specialized field or to go to university.

- ✓ **Training courses, two areas: facilities field, articulated in five courses and the industry and aircraft sector, which provides a course.**

The training course has a practical study plan, in order to teach a job. After the first 3 years students get a Professional Training Course Diploma and they can start to work. If they continue to study for the following two years they get the Secondary Professional Qualifying Diploma. This diploma gives more chance to get a qualified job and allows to go to university.

- ✓ **Training course**

If you to attend a school that will teach you work immediately you can choose among the several courses authorized by the Region.



## \* ENROLMENT

To enroll it's necessary to fill in a form and present the requested documents to the school office:

### ✓ *Personal certifications*

- ID
- National Insurance Number
- Birth certificate
- Citizenship act

### or a self certification of the requested data

### ✓ *Health documents*

The school asks for a vaccination certification. In case this document is missing students, however, can start school. Families can go to ASL to get the document or to complete the vaccinations.

### ✓ *School documents*

The school asks for certification of the studies completed in the home country translated into Italian.

## \* TIMETABLES

At this education level, the timetable is weekly based; the timetables are very different depending on the number of the subjects chosen from study courses of the different sectors and on their teaching timetable. Classes, which are compulsory, start at 8:00a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m. Some schools have afternoon classes. Some other organize afternoon activities or grant additional classes.

It's important 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 some pre-established holidays:

- ✓ Christmas holidays;
- ✓ Easter holidays;
- ✓ civil or religious celebrations.



## \* SCHOOL ABSENCES

Absences, delays or exits in advance must be justified by parents on the scholar booklet.

## \* THE SUBJECTS OF STUDY

The basic subjects are common to all the school are: Italian, History, Maths, a foreign language. Every school, over the compulsory subjects, suggests other activities plans to students. These projects can be done in the morning or in the afternoon. The projects together are called Piano dell'Offerta Formativa (P.O.F). Training/ Job activities ( not paid) are provided out of the school and they are called "stages". Schools often organize school trips ( to museums, art shows, theatres and so on.)and teaching trips.

R.E. teaching 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
- ✓ Learning activities and or teacher assisted individual activities
- ✓ Exit from the school

## \* HOW ARE SCHOOL RESULTS ASSESSED

The assessment of the learning and the students behaviour happens every three or four months on the basis of the obtained results by the students during the school year in the various kinds of tests adopted; this is done by the Education committee, and it's expressed in decimal scores, the positives from 6 to 10 and the negatives from 0 to 5.

To be admitted to the next school year it's necessary to obtain an assessment from 6 to 10 in every subject and in the behaviour. If the mark is below in one or more subjects the admission is suspended and the student has to recuperate before the school year begins. If the students gets 6 in the test, he/she's admitted to next class. At the end of the secondary school students have to take a Final State Exam to get a diploma. In order to be admitted to the Exam it's necessary that marks in all subjects and behaviour reach a level between 6 to 10.



In the professional institutes and in the art schools, students get a first degree after three year courses, to which can be added another two years study to get a degree at second level degree.

*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 and better understand the study programme. Teachers and parents can cooperate in children's education and in their settling in. Every class at the beginning of the years 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.*