

# EDUCATION IN ITALY

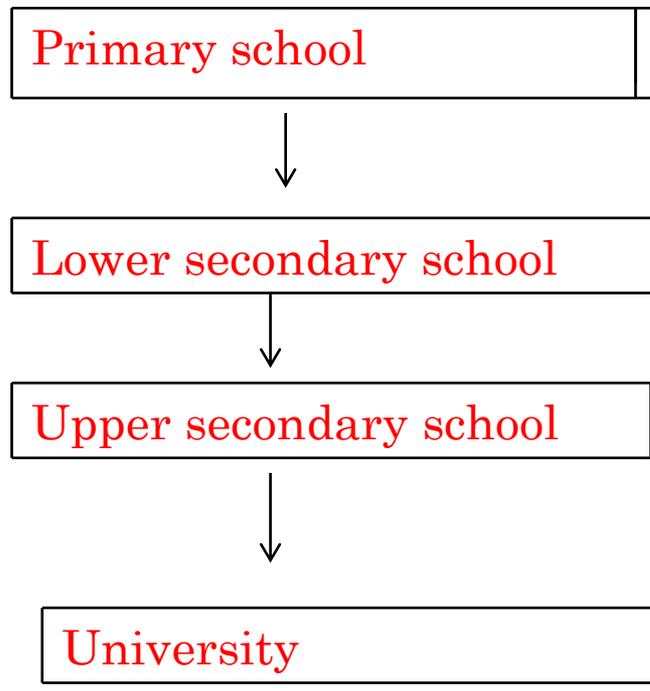


- Italy has both public and private education systems, because education is mostly managed by the State but there are also private schools and universities .



# ITALIAN SCHOOL SYSTEM

**Education in Italy** is compulsory from 6 to 16 years of age,<sup>1</sup> and it is divided into four stages:



# PRIMARY SCHOOL



- At age six, children start their formal, compulsory education with the Scuola Primaria.
- Scuola Primaria lasts for five years. Classes at each level are numbered from one upwards. Thus, the first class in primary school is the *prima elementare*, followed by the *seconda elementare* and so on, until the fifth and final class (*quinta elementare*) At Scuola Primaria children learn to read and write and study a wide range of subjects including maths, geography, Italian, English and science. They also have music lessons, computer studies and social studies. Religious instruction is optional At the age of eleven pupils begin their Secondary education.



# LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL



- All children aged between eleven and fourteen must attend the Scuola Secondaria di Primo Grado.
- Scuola Media lasts three years and classes are called *prima media* , *seconda media* and *terza media* Students must attend at least thirty hours of formal lessons per week, although many schools provide additional activities in the afternoons such as computer studies, music lessons and sports activities. Formal lessons cover a broad range of subjects following a National Curriculum set by the Ministero della Pubblica Istruzione,(Ministry of Public Education). At the end of each term, students receive a school report. At the end of the third year, students sit a written exam in the subjects of Italian, mathematics, science and a foreign language. There is an oral examination of the other subjects. Successful students are awarded the Licenza di Scuola Media (Licenza Media). They then move onto the Scuola Secondaria di Secondo Grado (Second Grade Secondary School)



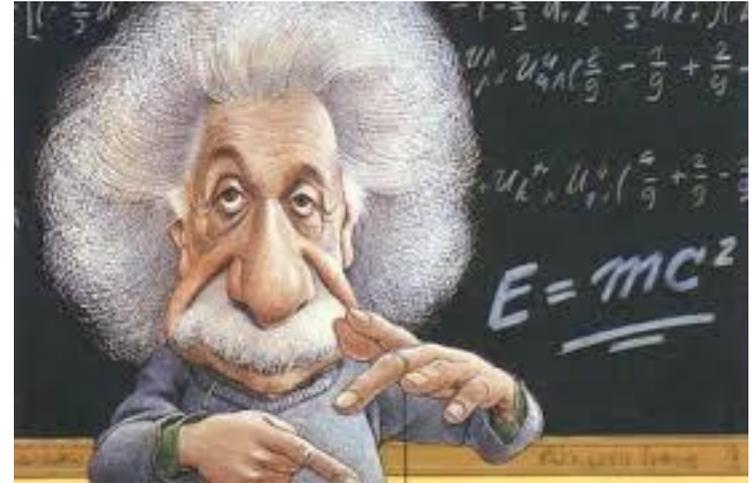
# HIGH SCHOOL



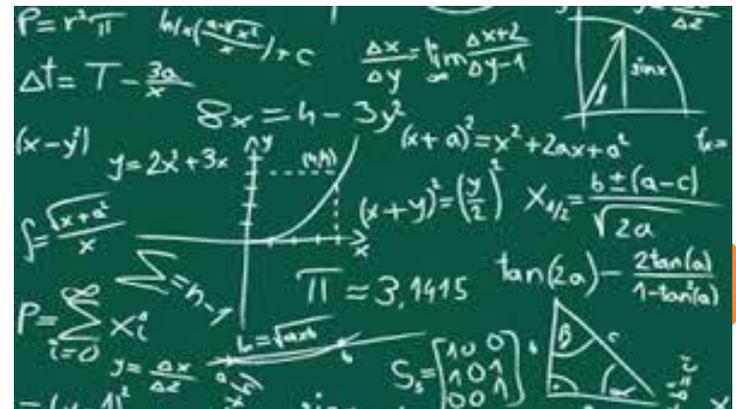
- There are two types of Scuola Secondaria di Secondo Grado in Italy: the Liceo which is more academic in nature, and an Istituto, which is essentially a vocational school. For the first two years all students use the same state-mandated curriculum of Italian language and literature, science, mathematics, foreign language, religion, geography, history, social studies and physical education. Specialised courses, called 'Indirizzi' begin in the third year. There are seven types of school: Scientific High School, Fine Arts High School, Teacher Training School, Artistic Schools, Professional Institutes, Technical Institutes.



# SCIENTIFIC HIGH SCHOOL



- It lasts for five years with an emphasis on physics, chemistry and natural sciences. The student also continues to study Latin and one modern language.



# FINE ARTS HIGH SCHOOL



- Studies can last four to five years and prepare for university studies in painting, sculpture or architecture.



# TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL



- Studies last for five years and prepare future primary school teachers. There is also a three year training course for nursery school teachers, but this diploma does not entitle students to then enrol at a university



# ARTISTIC SCHOOLS

- Studies last three years and prepare for work within an artistic field and leading to an arts qualification (diploma di Maestro d'Arte).



# PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTES

- These studies lead, in three or five years, to achievement of a vocational qualification.



# TECHNICAL INSTITUTES

- Studies last five years and prepare for both university studies and for a vocation. There is a majority of students in technical schools that prepare students to work in a technical or administrative capacity in agriculture, industry or commerce.



# HIGH SCHOOL

- In order to receive the Diploma di Scuola Superiore also known as the Diploma di Maturità (Secondary school diploma), students must pass written and oral exams. The first written exam requires an essay, written in Italian, on an aspect of literature, history, society or science. The second written exam requires the student to write a paper relating to their chosen specialisation. The third exam is more general and includes questions regarding contemporary issues and the student's chosen foreign language.

After completing the written exams, students must take an oral exam in front of a board of six teachers. This exams covers aspects of their final year at school. Successful students receive various types of Diploma according to the type of school attended. The Diploma di Scuola Superiore is generally recognised as a university entrance qualification



# HOURS OF LESSONS

- Lessons in both primary and secondary schools traditionally last an hour, although schools now have the option of introducing 50-minute lessons and there's usually a mid-morning break of 20 minutes.
- Lessons at most secondary schools start at 8.15am and usually end at 1.30 pm.



# HOLIDAYS

- Children attend school for 200 days in the school year, which runs from mid-September to mid-June and is divided into three terms (*trimestri*). The regional school superintendence sets the calendar (*calendario scolastico*) for all state schools in the region. School holiday dates vary little between regions in Italy, although schools in Sicily start a few days later in September due to the hotter weather.



# UNIVERSITY



- University is available to all students if they have completed five years of secondary school and received an upper secondary school diploma. It is possible for students who have attended vocational schools to attend university.
- Those attending university after completing their Diploma di Scuola Superiore go for three years (four years for teaching qualifications) to achieve their Laurea (Bachelor's Degree) followed by the 2-year *Laurea specialistica* (Master's Degree), the latter renamed *Laurea Magistrale* in 2007. A credit system was established to quantify the amount of work needed by each course and exam (25 work hours = 1 credit), as well as enhance the possibility to change course of studies and facilitate the transfer of credits for further studies or go on exchange (e.g. Erasmus Programme) in another country.



# ITET DON LUIGI STURZO

- Our organization, named ITET ( Economic Technical and Touristic Institute) "Don Luigi Sturzo", is located in Bagheria, just 15 kilometers from Palermo in Sicily. A central location in the Mediterranean Sea which facilitate partnership projects linking the Eastern and Western countries of Europe..



- It is a school of higher secondary education born in 1975 and which has always been distinguished for its ability to offer innovative projects, advanced study paths and especially for its opening to the territory by proposing activities aimed not only to the student, but also to families and to the town. This organization consists of two modern and well maintained school buildings. It has 58 classrooms, several technical and scientific laboratories and approximately 1500 students. Our Institute is one of the most well-known of the city: we are attracted by the dynamism, richness and diversity of the training that it offers and by its ability to be a pole of reference for the whole territory. Students are aged between 14 and 18 years. Here we are studying: English, French, Spanish and German, the English language and literature, History, Geography, the Science of finance, the business administration, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physical education, Art and Territory, Political Economy to achieve a diploma that allows us to enter immediately into the world of work in the field of business and trade or tourism or to continue studies at University to obtain a degree. Here we students can develop a lot of skills.
- In fact our Institute offers several educational sectors and in particular:
  - - Administration, Finance and Marketing ( with three available educational tracks:
    - 1) Administration, Finance and Marketing
    - 2) Business Information Systems
    - 3) International Relationships for Marketing)
  - -Tourism



# *ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND MARKETING*

- The sector *Administration, Finance and Marketing* is based on economy, administration and management. Here we study two languages, English is compulsory and then we must choose a second foreign language from among 4 options: French, German, Spanish and Russian. The specific matters for this address are: business economics, law, political economy, financial science and mathematics. This sector final certification allows us to perform the following professions: accounting clerk, sales manager, clerk in public administration or in similar fields



# *BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS*

- The sector *Business Information Systems* it is based on computer science and on computer use and related instruments We study two languages and this address specific subjects are computer science, business administration, law and political economy. This sector certification allows us to perform the following professions:  
employment in accounting or bank offices,  
employment in financial consulting firms,  
employment as technical and practical teacher in electronic laboratories and employment in software houses..



# TOURISM

- the Tourism sector is based on the study of foreign languages and it aims to help us acquire enterprise skills in the tourism sector and the enhancement of cultural and artistic heritage. The specific topics of this sector are foreign languages, tourism legislation, the history of art and territory, the tourist and business disciplines and geography of the territory. The certificate of this sector allows us to perform the following professions: tour guides, hostesses and stewards, receptionists at hotels, resorts, entertainment and tourist guides, congress organizers.



- We have a large amount of interest in foreign languages in our school (as it is a center for Certificates and Diplomas awarded both by the Paris Chamber of Commerce and by Trinity College of London).
- Our school allows us to take the path that is most suitable for us and it organizes many afternoon activities like theater, singing, music and dance workshops and sports such as chess, athletics, basket and so on school newspaper, the math Olympic Games and Italian and organizes many projects and just as our Erasmus + partnership.
- In addition starting from this year there will be the alternating school and work that will allow us to begin to know and to experience the world of work and we boys we specialize in the areas that we have chosen. For example, the tourism industry students will be tour guides at our beautiful eighteenth century villas of Bagheria and welcome tourists coming from all over Europe.



- ITET "Don Luigi Sturzo" is the school that Europe requires for its cultural attitude and for lab activities which allow us to enhance our individual abilities and we hope to have the possibility to emerge from our town in the world of art and culture too , as well as a lot of positive personalities did in the past.
- In fact several men, who are famous throughout the world, were born in the town where our Institute is located such as:
  - -the painter Renato Guttuso
  - -the dialectal poets Ignazio Buttitta and Giovanni Girgenti
  - -the Futurist poet Giacomo Giardina
  - - the Director Giuseppe Tornatore who won the Oscar top prize of cinema for the film “Nuovo cinema Paradiso”.





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