

The educational system in Greece

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Primary
School



Junior
High
School



Senior
High
School

University

Primary School

- Year 1 age 6 to 7
- Year 2 age 7 to 8
- Year 3 age 8 to 9
- Year 4 age 9 to 10
- Year 5 age 10 to 11
- Year 6 age 11 to 12



During primary school we acquire basic knowledge about different subjects we will be exposed to in the following years of secondary education.



- As far as the time schedule is concerned, all the following apply to both primary and secondary education.
- A normal school day starts at 8.30 and normally finishes at 14.30. After that, school activities take place between 14:45 and 16:40. The classes last between 40 and 45 minutes. The school year always starts on September 11th and ends on June 15th. Summer school holidays last about 3 months. Christmas holidays last 2 weeks and so do Easter holidays.

Junior high school



- Year 1 age 12 to 13
- Year 2 age 13 to 14
- Year 3 age 14 to 15

The school year officially starts on September 11th and ends on June 15th. Lessons end on May 31st so that the students will be able to study for their final exams.

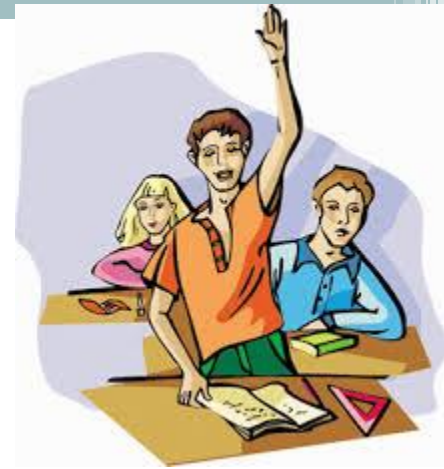
There are 6 types of gymnasiums in Greece:

- **General Gymnasium** (the most popular option)
- **Athletic Gymnasium** (it caters for students following sports stream)
- **Musical Gymnasium** (it appeals to students with special talent for music)
- **Art Gymnasium** (it is suitable for students with artistic skills)
- **Experimental Gymnasium** (it focuses on academic excellence and expertise)
- **Church Gymnasium** (it focuses on religious syllabi)

Senior High school

- Year 1 age 15 to 16
- Year 2 age 16 to 17
- Year 3 age 17 to 18

Students must sit the Panhellenic National Exams to succeed in entering a university of their choice. These exams are held after the students have received their graduation certificate.



- At the start of the second year of Senior High school the students are supposed to follow a specific stream that will help them be admitted to higher education institutions.
- *Streams:*
- Humanities: Ancient Greek, Latin, History, Modern Greek
- Economics & Computer studies: Mathematics, Economics, Computer science, Modern Greek
- Science: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Modern Greek (Biology only for those interested in applying for Medicine)

Higher Education Establishments

- They are mainly divided into further Educational Institutions , Technical Universities, Medical school, Humanities (include Sociology, Law, Psychology etc.), Economics, Military Academies, Science (Physics, Mathematics etc.), School of Fine Arts.



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