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**The Greek
 Educational
 System**
**A short guide for
 parents**
 Secondary Education



European Programme Erasmus+
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“Social integration of
 Refugees/Migrants”

The Greek education system is structured as follows:

AGE	TYPE OF SCHOOL	LEVEL optional/obligatory
6 months-4 years old	Municipal/Private Nursery Schools	Optional
4 years old	a) Kindergarten (if there is availability) b)Municipal/Private Nursery Schools	Optional
5 years old	Kindergarten	Primary Education Obligatory
6-12	Primary School	Primary Education Obligatory
12-15	Junior High School	Secondary Education Obligatory
15-18	Senior High School (General, Vocational etc.)	Secondary Education Optional
18-	Universities, Technical Colleges, Vocational Schools	Tertiary Education

**Junior High School
 (obligatory)**

Age: From 12 to 15, boys and girls together.

Registration: according to residence

Working Hours: From 8.15 to 14.00

School year duration: from 11/9 until the end of May. In June, examinations take place.

Public holidays:

October 28 (National Holiday),
 Christmas Holidays 24/12-7/1,
 Clean Monday (mobile religious holiday)
 March 25 (National Holiday),
 Easter holidays (one week before and one after Easter - religious holiday)
 1st May,
 Holy Spirit Day (mobile religious holiday),
 Local Saint Holiday.

Security: Students are not allowed to leave school without permission and parents' notice.

Absences: The limit of hourly absences is 114.

Mobile phones: It is forbidden to use them throughout school.

Dress Code: Students should be dressed appropriately.

School celebrations, national holidays, school trips, excursions: The participation of children in school events is compulsory.

Parents are informed on regular days and hours, according to a program announced.

Terms: The school year has 2 terms: the first one ends on January 20. The 2nd term ends on May 31 and then examinations begin. Parents are informed about their child's progress by a specific document.

Discipline: All forms of violence, causing damage to persons and things, smoking, disobedience, obstruction of teaching, insulting symbols etc. are punished with penalties according to the type of the offense.

Vocational Senior High School (optional)

Type of school: The vocational high school is a vocational school that does not belong to the compulsory education.

Registration: On an online platform if students are over 15 years old and have a Junior High School Certificate.

Evening Vocational High School: Aimed at the working students.

School Structure: In the morning schools there are 3 cycles: the Technology Cycle, the Service Cycle, and the Maritime Cycle (in only a few schools).

Duration: The duration of the daily EPAL is 3 years. The courses are distinguished according to the class in General Education and Basic Skills courses, Elective Courses and Support Courses in the respective Departments and Specialties. These courses are characterized as theoretical, laboratory, design, or mixed.

More specifically:

Grade A: Basic Skills Grade, i.e. general knowledge and skills are acquired: General Education courses (21 hours), Basic Skills courses (7 hours), Elective courses (2 hours) and Support courses (4 hours).

Grade B: Vocational Sector Grade includes Courses of General Education (13 hours), Vocational Field (18 hours), Elective (2 hours) and Support courses (2 hours).

Grade C: Vocational Specialisation Grade includes courses of General Education (12 hours) and Specialisation (23 hours).

Certificate of studies: At the end of the 3rd grade of Morning Vocational High School and the 4th grade of Evening Vocational High School a vocational high school diploma is issued either after an in-school examination or after a Pan-Hellenic Examination. If the Certificate is taken through the Pan-Hellenic Exams, then the qualification entitles students to apply for admission to a University School. In addition, at the end of the Third Grade a Level 3 Specialisation Diploma is provided.

Holidays, terms, school holidays, safety, etc., as in the Junior High School.

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General Senior High School (optional)

Type of School: General education

Registration requirements: be over 15 years old, have a Junior High School certificate. Evening Senior High Schools aim at working students.

Duration: three years.

Structure-Courses: there are Compulsory and elective courses depending.

Grade A: 35 hours/week (Compulsory courses: 33 hours, elective courses: 2 hours).

Grade B: General Education courses (30 hours) και Division courses (5 hours).

Grade C: Courses are divided into 2 main categories, the General Education courses (15 hours) and the Division courses (15 hours) depending on the scientific field of specialization and an elective course (2 hours). General education courses are common to all students. From the 3 divisions students choose one and are taught the corresponding courses as well as one scientific field of specialization corresponding to specific Science Fields of Schools and Higher Education Departments (Universities of Technical Colleges).

Exams: At the end of all grades in-school examinations take place so that students are promoted from one class to another and receive a senior high school certificate. These examinations include all courses taught except for Project and Physical Education. The examinations content is common for all students of the same school. The Theme Bank is used as an optional advisory tool for students and teachers. Papers are corrected by the school teachers.

Certificate of Attendance: At the end of the General Senior High School a certificate is awarded after an in-school Examination.

Schools of Intercultural Education.

In these schools special programs of intercultural communication addressing the educational and cultural needs of students are implemented. The teachers of these schools speak the languages spoken by the students.