



GREECE

1st Vocational School of Athens (1st EPAL)

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GREEK EDUCATION SYSTEM



CHARACTERISTICS 1 / 3

- ▶ The Constitution of Greece sets the Greek educational system **under the supreme supervision of the State** (Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs). Education is offered to all children without charge, since the main source of funding is the state budget.
- ▶ It is a very **centralized system** both in terms of **organization and administration**. With regards to schooling principles and practices, there is a national curriculum, uniform school timetables and approved textbooks that are compulsory in the private sector as well

CHARACTERISTICS 2 / 3

- ▶ The administration of primary and secondary education is conducted hierarchically at central, regional and local level respectively by:
 - a. the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs
 - b. the Regional Education Directorates
 - c. the Directorates of Education
 - d. the School Units.

- ▶ Higher education institutions are fully self-administered legal entities of public law

CHARACTERISTICS 3 / 3

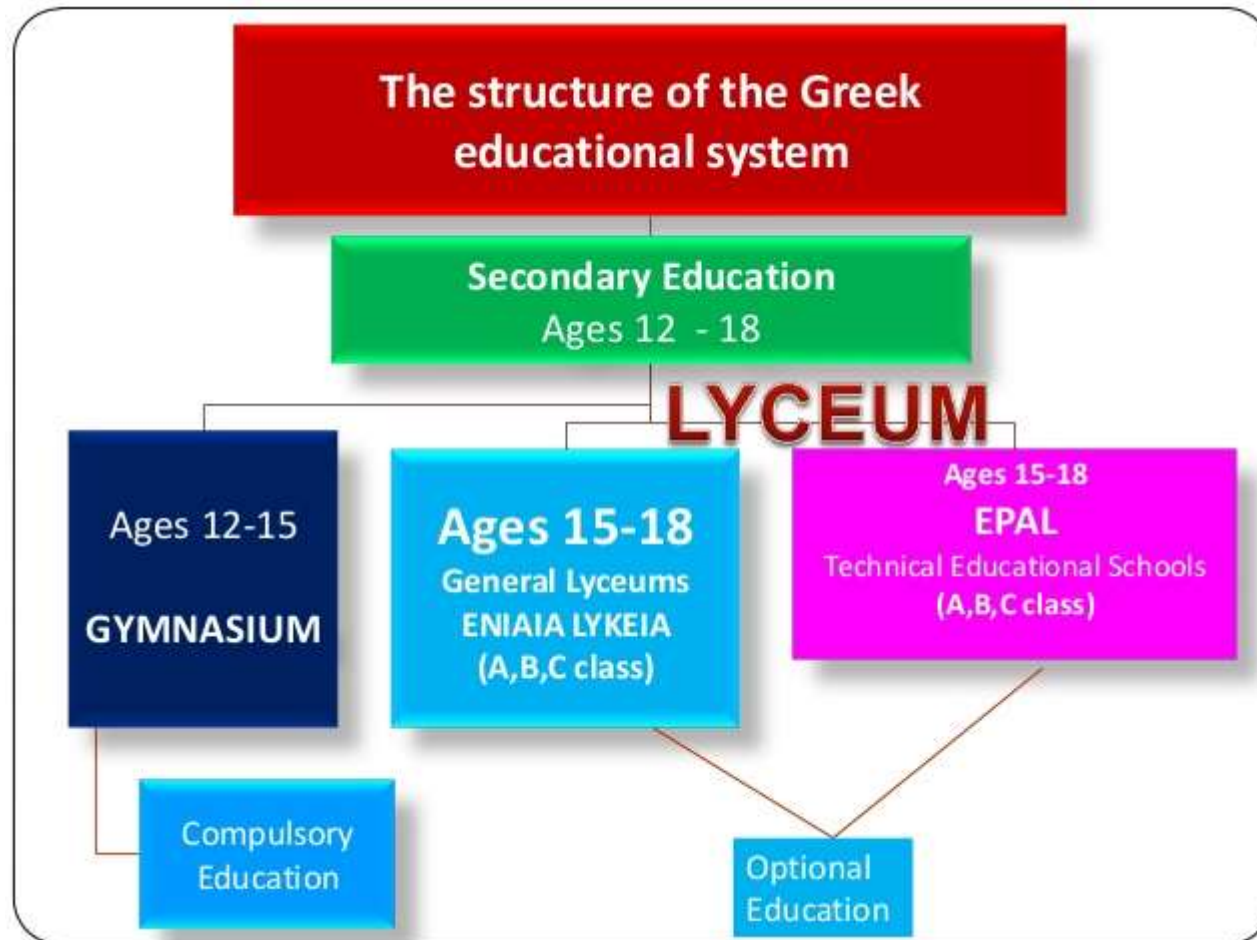
- ▶ All public schools are free of charge, while private schools charge fees defined by the competition • Days/ teaching hours: Monday – Friday/ 8.15 – 14.00 or 16.15
- ▶ Teaching session: 45 minutes
- ▶ Duration of breaks: 5–15 minutes
- ▶ Vacation: Christmas 2 weeks, Easter 2 weeks, Summer: July, August

SYSTEM 1 / 3

The Greek educational system is mainly divided into three levels:

- ▶ Primary education (compulsory) – Kindergarden: 1–2 years – Primary school: 6 years (ages 6–12)
- ▶ Secondary education – Gymnasio (Junior High school): 3 years (ages 12–15), compulsory – Lykeion (High school or Vocational training): 3 years (ages 15–18), non compulsory
- ▶ Higher Tertiary education, undergraduate studies (non compulsory) – Universities (mainly 4 years, 5 in some art schools, and 6 in medical schools) – Polytechnics (5 years) – Technological Educational Institutes (4 years) – Academies, primarily for military & clergy (3–4 years) Post-graduate education: MSc (1–2 years), PhD (3–6 years)

SYSTEM 2 / 3



SYSTEM 3 / 3

- ▶ **PRE SCHOOL – 2 YEARS**
- ▶ **PRIMARY SCHOOL – 6 YEARS**
- ▶ **SECONDARY SCHOOL – 3 YEARS**
- ▶ **HIGH SCHOOL – 3 YEARS**
- ▶ **UNIVERSITY – 4 OR 5 YEARS**

PRE SCHOOL

- ▶ **KIDS TILL 6 YEARS OLD**
- ▶ **CALLED NIPIAGOGEO**

PRIMARY SCHOOL

- ▶ **STUDENTS FROM 6 TO 12 YEAR'S OLD**
- ▶ **CALLED DIMOTIKO**

SECONDARY SCHOOL

- ▶ **STUDENTS FROM 13 TO 15 YEARS OLD**
- ▶ **CALLED GYMNASIO**

HIGH SCHOOL

- ▶ **GENERAL SCHOOL**
CALLED GENIKO LYKEIO–GEL
STUDENTS FROM 16 TO 18 YEARS OLD

- ▶ **VOCATIONAL SCHOOL**
CALLED EPAGELMATIKO LYKEIO–EPAL
STUDENTS FROM 16 TO 18 YEARS OLD

UNIVERSITY

- ▶ **EXAMS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL**

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- ▶ Organization of the Education System and of its Structure
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