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- Education in Turkey is governed by a national system which was established in accordance with the [Atatürk's Reforms](#). It is a state-supervised system designed to produce a skillful professional class for the social and economic institutes of the nation.



- Compulsory education lasts 12 years. Primary and secondary education is financed by the state and free of charge in public schools, between the ages of 6 and 19. Turkey has over 200 universities as of 2022. **ÖSYS**, after which high school graduates are assigned to university according to their performance.



- In 2002, the total expenditure on education in Turkey amounted to \$13.4 billion, including the state budget allocated through the National Ministry of Education and private and international funds. The share of national wealth invested in educational institutions is higher in [Turkey](#) than average among OECD countries. [Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey](#) is the main national body of R&D in [Turkey](#).



- The education and training system in Turkey consists of stages. In the Republic of Turkey, 12 years of education is compulsory for every male and female citizen. In this education system, every student who completes his education is given a "Secondary Education Diploma".
- 12 years of compulsory education; four-year primary school (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades), four-year secondary school (5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades), and four-year high school (9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades) consists of education.



PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION

- It is the education given as a preparation for school to prepare the child for primary education. There is no obligation, but pre-school education is encouraged by the state and related institutions.



EDUCATION IN PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Students who are 66 months old and over will study in primary school. The starting age for education is 5 and a half. Parents can get a report from the doctor about whether the child is suitable to start school in order to be informed whether there is any harm in starting school.

- Children who are eligible to start school can automatically start their education from the first grade of the primary school closest to their address on the internet.
- During the first 4 years, that is, in primary schools (primary education first level), students will be educated with a lighter curriculum. First, they will be covered by a three-month school preparation program. These students will start to read English from the second year, and the Religious Culture and Moral Knowledge course from the fourth year. They will also be trained with a more visual and auditory curriculum.



SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION

- Transition to secondary school is made via the e-registration system, just like the transition to primary school.
- The second level, that is, secondary schools, gives students the opportunity to have the right to change their decisions freely and freely in their education processes as a freer individual, in accordance with the understanding of civil society and democratic state. The purpose of secondary schools is to provide training in vocational or student skills. For this reason, elective courses are provided to be taught. In secondary school elective courses, Religious and Moral Values, Grammar, Foreign Language, Science, Arts, Sports and Social Sciences are available.



- A student will choose the course he/she wants from the field he/she wants, with six hours of viewing per week. The right to take elective courses other than compulsory courses in secondary schools, depending on the student's or parent's wishes and preferences, is brought.



EDUCATION IN HIGH SCHOOL

- The first high school in Anatolia was opened in 1882.
- High School Placement System (LGS) started to be implemented as of the 2017-18 academic year, and a placement system was introduced to schools close to the address. Earlier systems were SBS and TEOG.



*Galatasaray High School
(Istanbul/Turkey)*

High schools in Turkey;

- Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School
- Anatolian High School
- Science High School
- Anatolian Teacher High School (until 2014.)
- Social science High School
- Imam Hatip High School
- General High School (until 2013)
can be separated.



İzmir Atatürk High School

- The right to be absent from high schools is 10 days without excuse. However, if unexcused absences exceed 5 days, award certificates are not given.
- Evening high schools can be considered as secondary education in universities. They are open high schools and are opened for people who are not high school graduates to receive a secondary education diploma.



Salihli Mehmetçik Anatolian High School

- In Anatolian high school, students choose their departments as TM (Turkish-Mathematics Equal Weight), MF (Mathematics-Science Numerical Weight), TS (Turkish-Social Verbal Weight) and LANGUAGE (English Weight) after the second (10th) grade of High School to attend the courses in their field. starts.



Manisa-Salihli İMKB Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School

- This system is also valid in Vocational and Technical Anatolian High Schools. The only difference between them is that Anatolian high schools choose their department in the 11th grade, while vocational high schools choose their own department related to their profession after the first year (on the 10th grade). In addition, there is an obligation to work as an intern in the 10th grade, 11th grade and 12th grade. By doing an internship, the student both learns about the business life related to his profession, receives a salary and receives lecture notes from the workplace where he does his internship.



UNIVERSITY EDUCATION (HIGHER EDUCATION)

- There are usually two divisions as faculty and college. Faculties are usually four years. Colleges are generally aimed at vocational-trade high school graduates and generally provide two-year education.
- There is no expulsion from university in Turkey. In addition, a university student can transfer as he wishes (depending on his grades). In addition, after the first year in the common class at the faculty he has chosen, he starts to study by choosing his own department in the second year (like high school education). However, this does not apply to every university.



University of Istanbul (Istanbul/Turkey)

There are three branches of education for the university in Turkey:

- 1) Primary education,
- 2) Secondary education
- 3) Open education.



Ege University (Izmir/Turkey)

- Primary education: Normal education.
- Secondary education: Evening or weekend education. Generally, education level is lower.
- Open Education: There is no obligation to attend courses at the university. Only exams are taken.



Middle East Technical University (Ankara/Turkey)

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