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# EDUCATION IN TURKEY

*The Education System in  
Turkey 4+4+4*

# Turkish Education System...

- *The system extends mandatory schooling from 8 years to 12 years. The age for starting school has been lowered to 66 months.*

# Turkish Education System...

- *Education in Turkey is governed by a national system which was established in accordance with the Atatürk Reforms after the Turkish War of Independence.*

# Formal and Non-Formal Education

*The educational system is divided into two main sections as:*

- *Formal Education (linked with schools and training institutions)*
- *Non-Formal Education (educational activity outside formal systems)*

# Formal Education

*5.5 year-olds: Primary School (ilkokul) begins.*

*10 year-olds: Secondary School (orta okul) begins.*

*14 year-olds: High School (lise) begins.*

# Pre-primary Education

- *Pre-Primary education includes the optional education of children between 36-66 months old.*
- *The purpose of Pre-Primary education is*
  - to ensure physical, mental and emotional development of children and the acquisition of good habits,*
  - to prepare children for primary education,*
  - to create a common atmosphere of growth for those living in inconvenient circumstances and*
  - to ensure that Turkish is spoken correct and well.*

# Primary Education

- ***The purpose of primary education is to ensure that every Turkish child***
  - acquires the basic knowledge, skills, behaviors, and habits to become a good citizen,***
  - is raised in line with the national moral concepts and***
  - is prepared for life and for the next education level parallel to his/her interests.***

# TEOG EXAM (Placement Exam to High Schools)

- *When students are at the 8th grade, they have 2 national level placement tests.*
- *According to the result of the exams, students choose which high school they would like to study at.*



***They may choose to study at;***

- ***Vocational High Schools***
- ***Anatolian High Schools***
- ***Science High Schools.***

# Anatolian High Schools

- **These were established for the purpose of teaching students at least one foreign language, which they can utilize to further their education in the best possible manner.**

# Science High Schools

- *They give 4- year education on the fields of Science and Mathematics.*
- *Students who get the top points from TEOG exam, can be placed in these schools.*

# Vocational High Schools

- *The tuition period is four -mechanics, years.*
- *The programmes include training in*
  - computers,*
  - electricity courses,*
  - journalism,*
  - religion,*
  - construction,*
  - remote control methods,*
  - electronics in medicine,*
  - aircraft engines and*
  - architecture*

***In Anatolian High schools;***

***In the beginning of 11th grade, students have to choose which field they would like to study at for their further education. Options are;***

- ***Science and Math***
- ***Social Studies***
- ***Turkish and Social studies***
- ***Foreign Languages***

## UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAM

- *At the end of High school education, students who wish to study at universities, have to take an exam.*
- *The exam is done once a year.*
- *By 2015 there were over 179 universities in Turkey.*

## ***HIGHER EDUCATION IN TURKEY***

- ***Higher education includes all educational programmes of at least two years and over.***
- ***The aim of higher education is to offer education to individuals***
  - to meet the demands of the society at various higher levels and***
  - to develop scientific research for Turkey to be a part of the developed countries, by preparing a suitable research environment.***

# ***Non-formal education institutions***

- ***Public training centers***
  - Apprenticeship training centers***
  - Practical schools of art***
  - Maturation institutes***
  - Vocational education centers***
  - Technical training centers for adults***
  - Education and application schools***
- Private classes***
- Private courses***
- Industrial practical schools of art***
- Science and art centers***
- Open primary education***
- Open high schools***
- Vocational and technical open schools***