

# PORTUGUESE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM



The Portuguese educational system covers:

- Pre-school education
  
- School education
  - Includes basic, secondary, higher education and extra-curricular education



The coordination of the policy for the educational system is the responsibility of

- **The Ministry of Education** – pre-school education; basic and secondary education
  
- **The Ministry of Science and Higher Education** – higher education



- For children between the age of 3 and the start of basic education (6 years)
- Attendance is optional before 5
- The state doesn't have the necessary number of kinder garden for all the children yet - not compulsory

## Aims:

- Stimulate the children's skills and encourage their development.
- Contribute to their emotional stability
- Promote integration in different social groups
- Develop expressive and communication skills
- Encourage hygienic and healthy habits
- Detect early signs of dysfunctions, special gifts,...
- ...

- It's universal, compulsory and free of charge and directed to children aged between 6 and 15 years.
- It lasts 9 years and is spread over 3 cycles:
  - 1st cycle – lasting for 4 years
  - 2nd cycle – lasting for 2 years
  - 3rd cycle – lasting for 3 years

## The great change in 1986:

- 9 years of schooling , 6-15 years
- National Curriculum guidelines
- A school for all - inclusive education
  - SEN (special educational needs)
  - Ethnical minorities



## New developments in basic education after 1986

- Offer some autonomy to schools to build the schools curriculum
- New subjects were introduced - Project work, Citizen education, Supported-study
- Recognized the ICT as a very important tool for students and teachers





# New developments in basic education after 1986

e.g. in our school

Pupils with learning difficulties

- ❖ Integrate a class with specific curriculum
- ❖ Promote basic skills
- ❖ Develop practical training connected with professional world
- ❖ Give a strategic importance to the curriculum integration of ICT (SL/LC)
- ❖ Different organisation of the teachers of the class

- The aim of the compulsory education in Portugal is not only to impart knowledge, but also to promote personal development
- Great emphasis is placed on developing practical skills and aptitudes, on creativity and critical evaluation
- The school is based on humanistic and democratic ideals and aims to promote values like tolerance and freedom of thought, equal status, equality of responsibility and participation in decision-making
- The pupils are supposed to learn cooperation on the one hand and independence and personal responsibility on the other

**Leads to the diploma of basic education**



## Basic recurrent or second- chance education

- It is a special type of schooling which is available for those who did not complete basic education at the usual age of school attendance (up to 15)
- It has the same objectives as regular basic education, although it adopts study plans and methods appropriate for its target users
- It may provide a certified vocational training component besides the basic education diploma



# Secondary education

- For pupils who have completed basic education
- Lasts for 3 years
- Was not compulsory but a new law was recently approved (August 09) and the students who begin the 1st cycle, 2nd cycle or the 7th grade in the 3rd cycle will have 12 years compulsory education

Secondary regular education is arranged into:

- **Scientific – humanistic courses**
- **Specialized artistic courses**
- **New opportunities courses** – EFA (adults)  
CEF  
PROF



# Recurrent Secondary Education

- Recurrent (second-chance) education is a special type of schooling which is available for those who did not complete secondary education at the usual age of attendance (up to 18)
- Recurrent secondary education has the same objectives and leads to the same diploma as regular secondary education, although it adopts plans and methods appropriate for its target users.

Higher education comprises **university** education and **polytechnic education**

**Access** is submitted to number restrictions (numerus clausus) and admission is done by competition

students must have a diploma of secondary education and do exams in specific subjects

Leads to the following degrees:

- **Licenciado**, after a course of three years.
- **Mestre**, a process lasting a total of two years, including a specialized course and presentation of a dissertation.
- **Doutor**, through the preparation and presentation of a thesis.





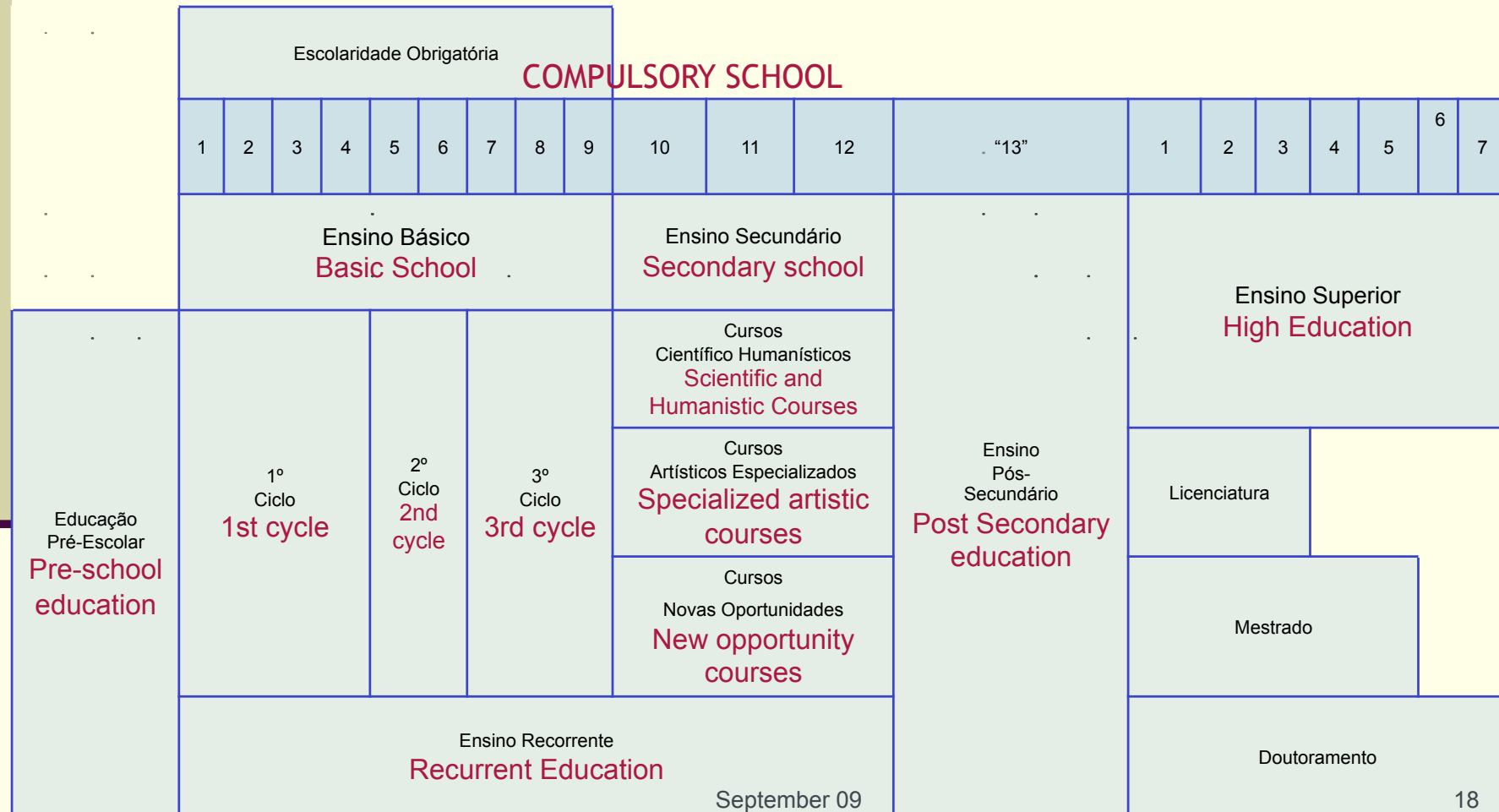
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# Polytechnic Education

Provides theoretical and practical scientific knowledge with a view to professional activities



## Sistema Educativo e Formativo Português



- It's now divided into two groups:
  - Teacher
  - Deputy

- When a teacher has been teaching for 16 years he may become a Deputy.
  - Entrance exam requested
  - Competition
  - Number of vacancies in the school

■ Pre-school/ Basic school / Secondary school

	Teacher	Deputy
1st level	1.475,83 €	2.165,14 €
	...	...
Last level	2.165,14 €	3.004,68 €**

★ Taxes to deduct :  $\pm$  22% besides IRS (that depends on the family income)

\*\* not all teachers will achieve the last levels

- 35 hours a week divided into:
  - School lessons (22 hours)
  - School component (.....hours to support other students, replace missing teachers...)
  - Individual work (preparing classes, correcting tests...)

**HORÁRIO – manhã (AEC – tarde)**  
**3ºA – Prof: Ana Cristina Ferreira**



	2ª Feira	3ª Feira	4ª Feira	5ª Feira	6ª Feira
8H00-10H15					
10H15-10H45	INTERVALO				
10H45-13H00					
13H00-14H15	ALMOÇO				
14H15-15H10	Ing 14	EF G2	EF G3	Ing 13	AE 13
15H10-15H55	AE 14	EM 13	Ing 14	EM 13	EF G3

# Students' timetable

	2ª FEIRA	3ª FEIRA	4ª FEIRA	5ª FEIRA	6ª FEIRA
8:15 – 9:00	LPO	HGP	MAT	LPO	ING
9:00 – 9:45	LPO	HGP	MAT	LPO	ING
10:05- 10:50	MAT	CNT	ING	AP	EDM
10:50-11:35	MAT	CNT	ING	AP	EDM
11:45-12:30		ESTA		HGP	CNT
12:30-13:15		ESTA		FC	
13:30-14:15	EDE		EDF		
14:15-15:00	EDE		EDF	EMR	
15:10-15:55	EVT		EVT		
15:55-16:40	EVT		EVT		



**5th grade  
Class A**



	2ª FEIRA	3ª FEIRA	4ª FEIRA	5ª FEIRA	6ª FEIRA
8:15 – 9:00					EDF
9:00 – 9:45		ING	ETL		EDF
10:05- 10:50	FC	AP	ETL		FR
10:50-11:35	MATIC TIC	AP	ETL		ESTA
11:45-12:30	TIC	EDE	CNA CFQ		
12:30-13:15					
13:30-14:15	HST GGF	CNA CFQ	MAT	CNA CFQ	LPO
14:15-15:00	FR	CNA CFQ	MAT	CNA CFQ	LPO
15:10-15:55	MAT	GGF	LPO	ING	HST
15:55-16:40	MAT	GGF	LPO	ING	HST



**9th grade  
Class B**



# School organization and management

Principal - Vice-principal - Advisers (two)

- School Council (teachers/ parents/ municipality/ local community / auxiliary staff)
- Pedagogical Council (curricular departments/ School Librarian / Special Educational Needs rep)
- Administrative council (principal/ adviser / administrative staff head)



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## ■ Other structures:

Curricular Departments

Class Council Coordinators (**one for each cycle**)

Projects Coordination Team

SL/LC Coordination Team

Internal Evaluation Team

Special Needs Coordination Team

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