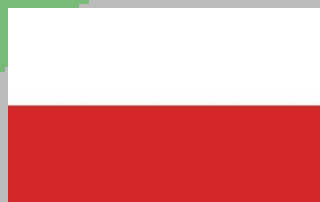
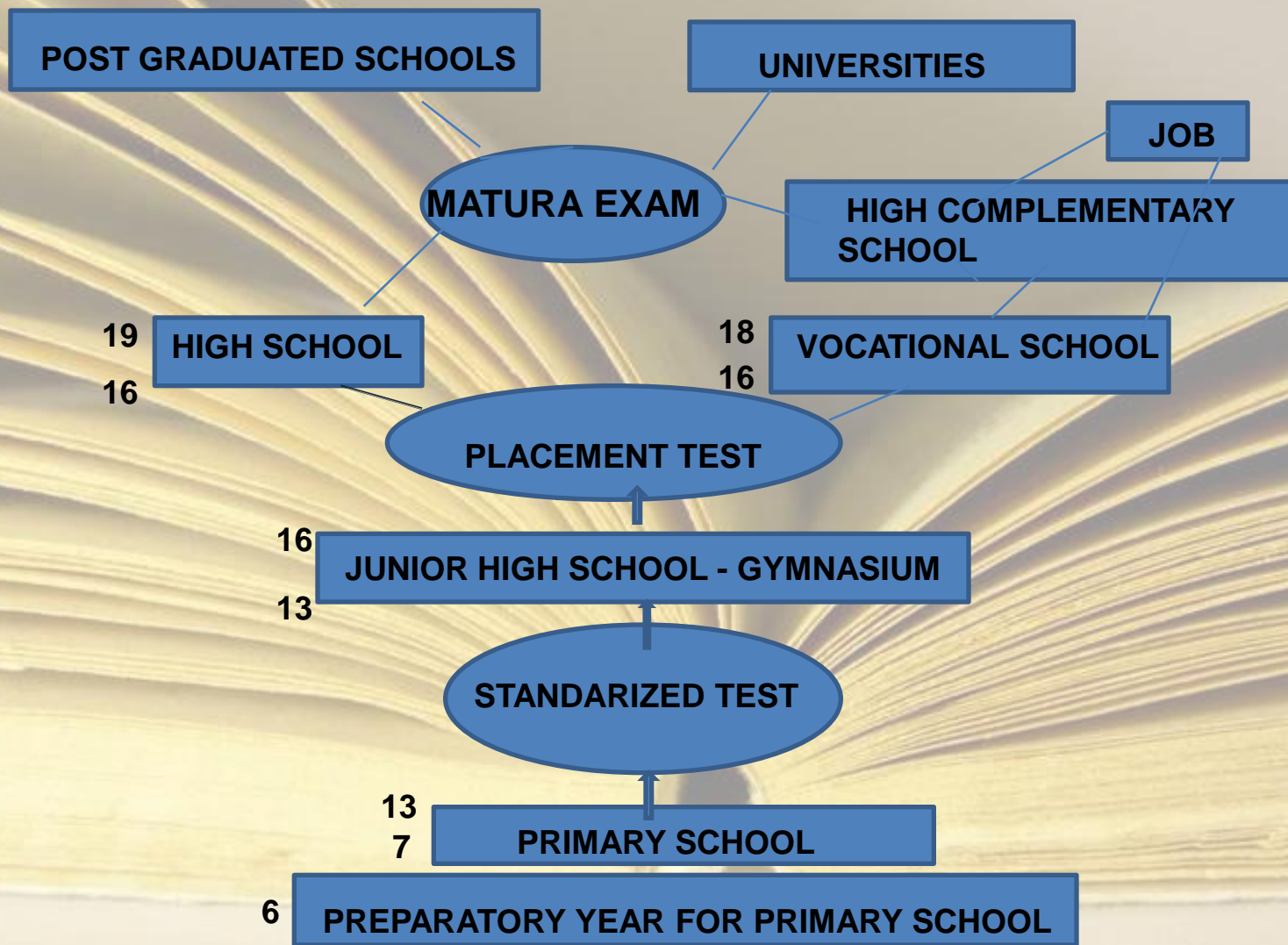




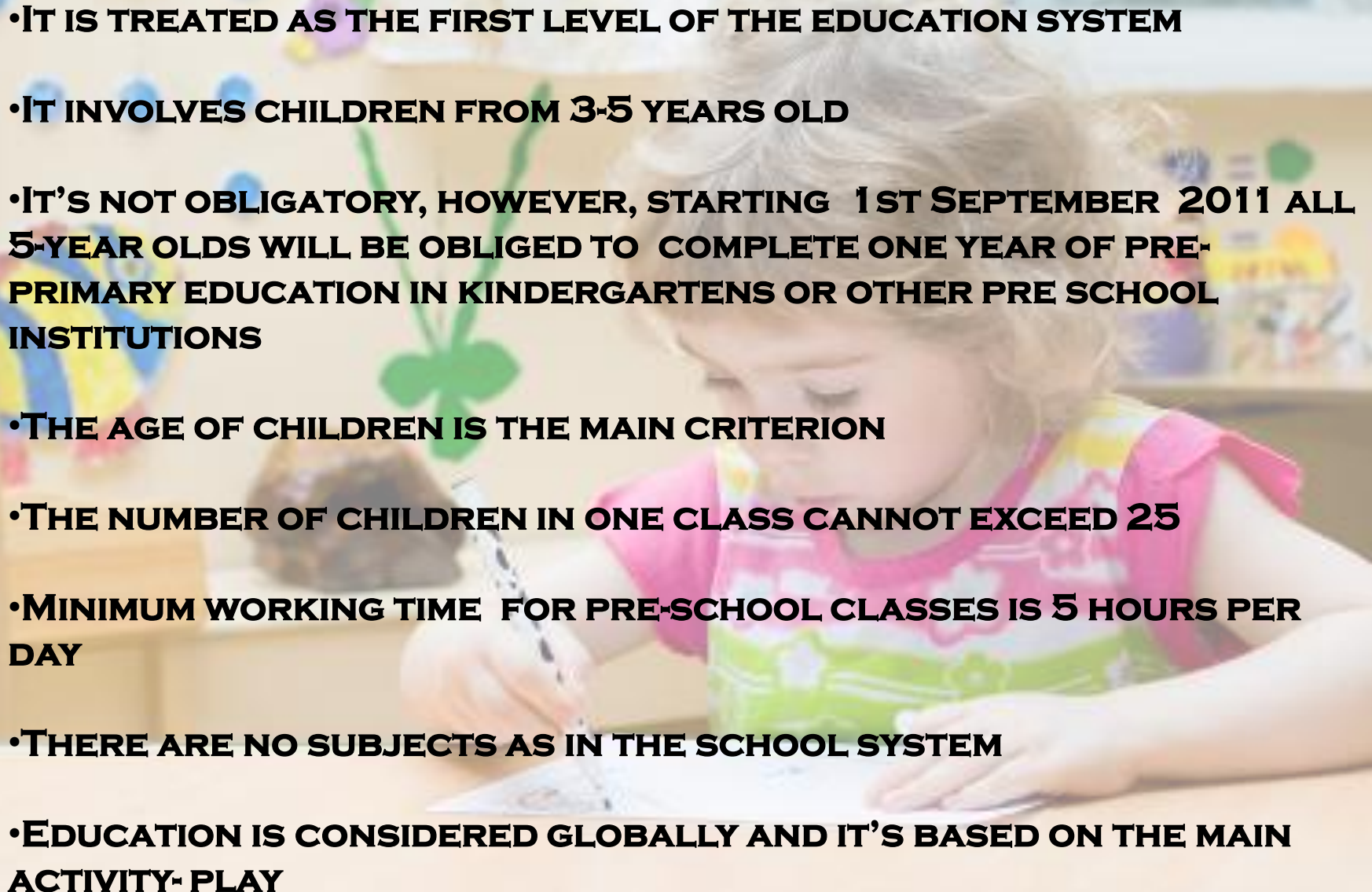
# THE POLISH EDUCATION SYSTEM



# SINCE 1999 ,FOLLOWING THE REFORM OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM THERE ARE FOLLOWING TYPES OF SCHOOLS IN POLAND:



# **PRE –PRIMARY EDUCATION**

- **IT IS TREATED AS THE FIRST LEVEL OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM**
  - **IT INVOLVES CHILDREN FROM 3-5 YEARS OLD**
  - **IT'S NOT OBLIGATORY, HOWEVER, STARTING 1ST SEPTEMBER 2011 ALL 5-YEAR OLDS WILL BE OBLIGED TO COMPLETE ONE YEAR OF PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTENS OR OTHER PRE SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS**
  - **THE AGE OF CHILDREN IS THE MAIN CRITERION**
  - **THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN ONE CLASS CANNOT EXCEED 25**
  - **MINIMUM WORKING TIME FOR PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES IS 5 HOURS PER DAY**
  - **THERE ARE NO SUBJECTS AS IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM**
  - **EDUCATION IS CONSIDERED GLOBALLY AND IT'S BASED ON THE MAIN ACTIVITY- PLAY**
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# PRIMARY EDUCATION

- CHILDREN ARE ADMITTED TO PRIMARY SCHOOL AT THE AGE OF 7 (SINCE 1ST SEPTEMBER 2012 AT THE AGE OF 6)
- THE 6-YEAR PRIMARY SCHOOL IS DIVIDED INTO 2 STAGES:
  - FIRST STAGE COVERS GRADES 1,2,3, AND IT'S CALLED "INTEGRATED TEACHING" (EARLY SCHOOL EDUCATION)
  - SECOND STAGE INVOLVES GRADES IV,V, VI-TEACHING AT THIS STAGE IS ARRANGED IN SUBJECTS. EACH SUBJECT IS TAUGHT BY A DIFFERENT TEACHER
- IT'S COMPULSORY AND FREE OF CHARGE (PUBLIC)
- CLASS COMPOSITION IS BASED ON THE AGE OF PUPILS
- THE SCHOOL YEAR IS DIVIDED INTO 2 TERMS AND LASTS MINIMUM 38 WEEKS
- THE WEEKLY NUMBER OF COMPULSORY AND ADDITIONAL LESSONS CANNOT EXCEED 23 HOURS FOR GRADES I-III, AND 28 IN GRADES IV-VI
- EACH LESSON LASTS 45 MIN
- UPON THE COMPLETION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS TAKE AN EXTERNAL STANDARDIZED TEST WHICH IS OBLIGATORY FOR ALL PUPILS
- PUPILS ARE AWARDED WITH CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION

# THE LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AND MAIN SUBJECTS



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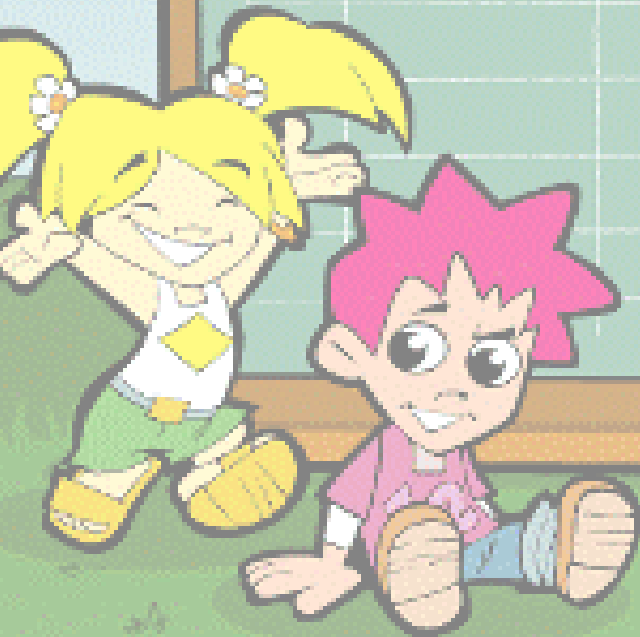
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**SCHOOL YEAR IS DIVIDED  
INTO TWO TERMS.**

**IT COMPRISES ABOUT 185  
DAYS BETWEEN  
SEPTEMBER AND JUNE.**

**THE COMPULSORY SUBJECTS ARE:**

- **POLISH LANGUAGE**
- **HISTORY AND CIVICS**
- **MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES**
- **MATHEMATICS**
- **NATURAL SCIENCE**
- **ART**
- **MUSIC**
- **COMPUTER SCIENCE**
- **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**
- **RELIGION OR ETHICS**



# **LOWER SECONDARY EDUCATION - GYMNASIUM**

- **IT IS TARGETED AT PUPILS AGED 13 TO 16**
- **IT OFFERS 3-YEARS OF FULL TIME GENERAL LOWER SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR PUPILS WHO COMPLETED 6-YEAR PRIMARY SCHOOL**
- **IT IS CONSIDERED THE THIRD STAGE OF GENERAL COMPULSORY SCHOOL EDUCATION**
- **IT IS FREE OF CHARGE**
- **IT PROVIDES EDUCATION BY SUBJECTS TAUGHT BY SPECIALIST TEACHERS**
- **THE CLASS COMPOSITION IS BASED ON THE PUPILS' AGE**
- **THE WEEKLY NUMBER OF COMPULSORY AND ADDITIONAL LESSONS CANNOT EXCEED 31 HOURS**
- **THE OUTLINE TIMETABLE SETS THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF HOURS (IN A 3-YEAR CYCLE) FOR ALL THE OBLIGATORY SUBJECTS)**
- **DURING LANGUAGE AND IT CLASSES PUPILS ARE DIVIDED INTO GROUPS**

## **COMPULSORY SUBJECTS ARE AS FOLLOW**

- POLISH LANGUAGE**
- HISTORY**
- MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES**
- MATHEMATICS CIVIC EDUCATION**
- PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY**
- CHEMISTRY**
- BIOLOGY**
- TECHNOLOGY**
- COMPUTER STUDIES**
- **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**
- LESSONS WITH CLASS TUTOR**
- NON-COMPULSORY SUBJECTS ARE RELIGION OR ETHICS**
- **AT THE END OF THE 3RD YEAR OF THE GYMNASIUM , AN EXTERNAL TEST IS ORGANISED.**
- IT IS OBLIGATORY FOR ALL PUPILS**
- IT CHECKS ABILITIES, SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE IN THE FIELD OF HUMANITIES, SCIENCE AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES**
- ON THE BASIS OF THE EXAM RESULTS PUPILS CHOOSE THEIR SECONDARY SCHOOL**

# UPPER SECONDARY EDUCATION



**MATURA EXAM**



# UPPER SECONDARY EDUCATION:

- **A 3-YEAR GYMNASIUM WITH AN EXAM GIVES ACCESS TO THE UPPER SECONDARY EDUCATION**
- **THE AGE OF PUPILS IS BETWEEN 16 AND 18/19/20 YEARS**
- **POST GYMNASIUM SCHOOLS ARE:**
  - **2 OR 3-YEAR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, WHICH ENABLES PUPILS TO OBTAIN A DIPLOMA CONFIRMING VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**
  - **3-YEAR GENERAL LYCEUM, WHICH ENABLES PUPILS TO TAKE MATURA EXAM**
  - **3-YEAR SPECIALIZED LYCEUM, WHERE TEACHING IS CARRIED OUT IN THE GENERAL PROFILES OF VOCATIONAL TEACHING**
  - **4-YEAR TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL, WHICH ENABLES PUPILS TO OBTAIN A VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS DIPLOMA**
  - **2-YEAR COMPLEMENTARY LYCEUM FOR THE LEAVERS OF VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, WHICH ENABLES THEM TO TAKE MATURA EXAM**
- **FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF EDUCATION IN THESE SCHOOLS PUPILS CAN TAKE MATURA EXAMINATIONS AND OBTAIN A MATURITY CERTIFICATE WHICH ENTITLES PUPILS TO START HIGHER EDUCATION**

# **TYPES OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS:**

- ✓ **UNIVERSITIES**
- ✓ **TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES**
- ✓ **AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS**
- ✓ **SCHOOLS OF ECONOMICS**
- ✓ **TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOOLS**
- ✓ **MEDICAL ACADEMIES**
- ✓ **MARITIME SCHOOLS**
- ✓ **ACADEMIES OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION**
- ✓ **SCHOOLS OF ARTS**
- ✓ **SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**
- ✓ **NON-STATE SCHOOLS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

# TYPES OF STUDIES AND TITLES

THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF STUDY ARE DISTINGUISHED: FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STUDIES.

FULL-TIME DAYTIME STUDIES AT STATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS ARE FREE OF CHARGE,

ACCESS

THE FINAL EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE – **MATURITY CERTIFICATE** IS REQUIRED BY ALL INSTITUTIONS FOR ADMISSION TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

ADMISSION IS BASED ON THE RESULTS OF **MATURA EXAMINATION**

THE FIRST CYCLE STUDIES – LAST FROM 3 TO 4 YEARS AND FINISH WITH THE VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION DIPLOMA AND THE TITLE OF LICENCJAT (BACHELOR) WHICH GIVES ACCESS TO THE JOB MARKET OR TO THE SECOND CYCLE STUDIES AND OBTAINING THE TITLE OF MAGISTER (MASTER OF DEGREE)

UNIFORM MASTER DEGREE STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER UNIVERSITY-TYPE INSTITUTIONS LAST FROM 4.5 TO 6 YEARS.

MASTER DEGREE HOLDERS CAN APPLY TO DO A DOCTORATE (THE THIRD CYCLE STUDIES).