

General information about the system of education in Belgium

Different networks

There are 3 kind of school organization in Belgium.

- The public schools (which are organized by the Community, the province our the town)
- The school which are organized, for a lot of them, by a Catholics group but are subsidized by the Community
- The private schools. They are not a lot but the parents have the right to educate their own child at home our in a private school which for they have to pay for the building, the materials and the teacher.

A tree with many branches



There are the following levels of schools in Belgium:

- kindergarten (not obligatory) – pupils from 2 ½ to 6 years old
- primary school (obligatory or private education) - pupils from 6 to 12 years old
- secondary school (obligatory till 18 years)

level	age	General education	Technical education	Profesional education
I	12-14	Every one the same options		
II	14-16	Each one can choose his options	Each one can choose his options	Each one can choose his options
III	16-18	Each one can choose new options	Each one can choose new options	Each one can choose new options

- High-school

I	18-21	Bachelor	Bachelor	7 th professional (1 year)
II	21-..	Master		

Our school.

Education in Belgium starts at the age of 2 1/2 years and education is compulsory until the age of 18. Attending of both primary and secondary schools is obligatory.

We are kindergarten and primary school. Education in primary school is divided into 3 stages:

STAGE I – Kindergarten covers grades 1,2 and 3 into the same class, (2 ½ – 6 years). There is one teacher for each class. We have 4 class of kindergarten in our school.



STAGE II - covers grades 1 and 2 of the primary school into the same class, (6-8 years). There is one teacher for each class.

STAGE III - covers grades 3 and 4 of the primary school into the same class, (8-10 years). There is one teacher for each class.



STAGE IV - covers grades 5 and 6 of the primary school into the same class, (8-10 years). There is one teacher for each class.

In the primary part, there are specific teacher for physical education, philosophical courses, language courses.

Some of our classes are include into a project which try to include children with specific needs in a normal teaching. Usually, children with specific needs go in specifics schools for them.