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an OVERVIEW of the



EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN BULGARIA



BULGARIAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM OVERVIEW



- ◆ *The purpose of education in Bulgaria is to preserve and develops creative impulse of the children, so that every child to gain with joy additional knowledge and skills, and to contribute for the growing of the child as an independent social personality, referring to the life and important social engagement.*



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Educational System of Bulgaria

Education in Bulgaria is mainly supported by the state through the Ministry of Education and Science.

The Bulgarian educational system falls within the continental European tradition.

The academic year for most Bulgarian schools begins *on 15th September* and ends on different times:

- **Grades 1- 4 th ends on 30th May**
- **Grades 5-6 th ends on 15th June**
- **Grade 7 th ends on 28th June**

The curriculum

is structured into *three components*:

- compulsory,
- elective,
- and optional;

the correlation between those varies at different types of schools.

Subjects fall into the following **eight major areas of content**:

- ❖ Bulgarian language and literature,
- ❖ Foreign languages,
- ❖ Mathematics,
- ❖ Information technologies,
- ❖ Social sciences and civics,
- ❖ Natural sciences and ecology,
- ❖ Music and art,
- ❖ Physical culture and sports.

Schools operate on a **five-day week schedule**.

September 15 or the workday closest to it marks the beginning of the school year.

This is a festive occasion. Many students go to school carrying bouquets of flowers for their teachers and may be accompanied by their families.

The duration of the school year varies by the school level and grade and depends on the quantity of material that needs to be covered.

It ends

On **31 May** for grades **1 to 4** .

On **15 June** for grades **5-6**

On **28 June** for grade **7**

Education in Bulgaria **is compulsory** between the ages of **7 and 16**.

Parents have legal responsibility to secure the school attendance of their child.

All schools in the country are co-educational, admitting students of both genders.

The official language of instruction is Bulgarian.

Schoolchildren who have ***a different first language***, besides the compulsory study of the Bulgarian language may study their mother tongue in municipal schools under the protection and control of the state.

The educational system (prior to higher education) comprises 12 grades, organized *in two major levels*:

❖ basic and secondary.

Basic education (grades 1- 7) is subdivided *into two sub-levels*:

- *elementary (grades 1- 4)*.
- *and presecondary (grades 5 -7)*.

Secondary education normally encompasses grades 8 to 12 , but can start earlier depending on the type of school.

There are two major kinds of secondary schools:

- secondary comprehensive, usually called gymnasia (high school) and
- secondary vocational, most often referred to as tehnikum (vocational school.)

👉 **Special schools** at all educational levels accommodate students with impaired health.

👉 **Private schools** constitute a new element in the structure of the education system.

👉 **Innovative schools** - a new type of schools with introduced innovative elements, subjects, methods and tools

The school year is divided into two terms:

- ① the first term begins on September 15 and ends on February 4,
- ② the second one starts on February 6.

Vacation and holidays:

- ◇ There is a Christmas break (December 24 through January 2),
- ◇ an inter-term break (February 5),
- ◇ a spring break (April 1-10),
- ◇ and a two-day break before Eastern Orthodox Easter.
- ◇ **Summer vacation starts :**
- ◇ For grades 1- 4 on 1st June until 15th September
- ◇ For grades 5-6 th - on 15th June until 15 th September
- ◇ For grades 7th - on 28th June until 15th September

Setting school vacations in relation to religious holidays is a departure from the practices of the communist regime, which did everything possible to discourage religion and banish it from the public sphere.

- ❖ Private schools are also being established and they are beginning to compete successfully with state schools.
- ❖ Special schools accommodate students in need of special care because of learning disabilities, health, or emotional problems.

There is a wide variety of special schools, catering to children who are chronically ill, mentally retarded, blind or visually impaired, hearing and speech impaired, or who have behavioral problems bordering on juvenile delinquency.

Students from grades 1 - 12 normally spend half studying day in school;

Teaching classes are held until noon.

Normally, primary school pupils have 5-6 lessons per day, and pre-secondary school students have 6-7 lessons per day .

Till the afternoon classes finish about 1.15 p.m.

There are so-called **full-day training groups** in schools for all students and classes. Parents apply for their child's participation in these groups

In these groups the activities are carried out as follows:

- 2 hours - organized recreation and physical activity
- 2 hours self-preparation (learning lessons, doing homework)
- 2 hours of interest activities

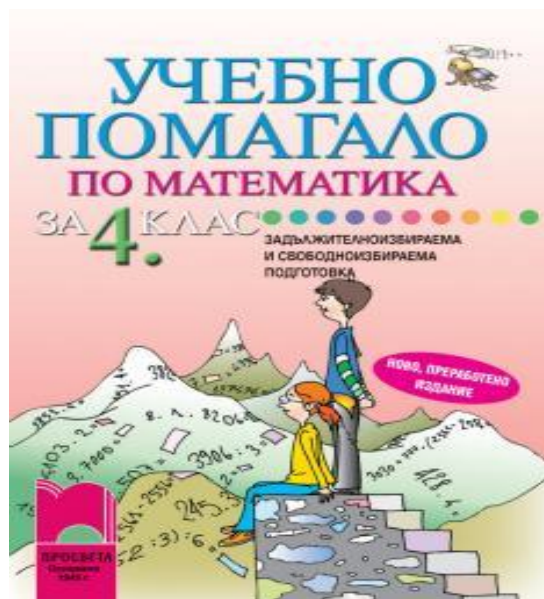
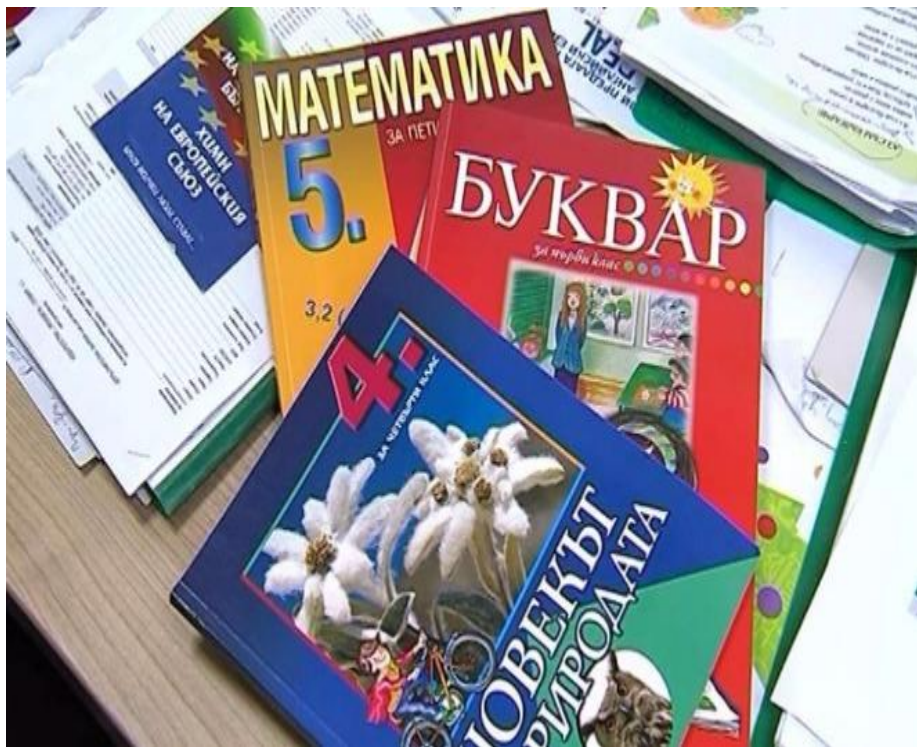
For these groups there are so-called educators or teachers in a group for full-time training.

TEXTBOOKS


❑ Textbooks subject to contest-based writing, publication, and distribution. All Bulgarian publishing houses that meet the criteria set by the Ministry of Education and Science can compete.

The textbooks suitable for use in a particular subject are selected under conditions of real competition with respect to content, artistic layout, and price.

- ❑ TUTORIALS are also available for textbooks which helps students to understand and practice in easy way the subject
- ❑ Collections of exercises and tasks on subjects- for additional activities
- ❑ Teacher's books/ textbooks



Bulgarian schools are well equipped with traditional audiovisual aids, such as maps, charts, and globes. Simple technical appliances (like overhead projectors, TV sets, cassette-recorders, and slide-projectors) are also widespread, but the instructional materials that go with them are often obsolete and not in compliance with the new content of study. Office equipment, copiers, and printers are generally lacking in classrooms. But schools face grave problems in securing contemporary computer hardware, software, and communications. The need to update information technologies is well recognized and guidelines have been developed for their introduction.



Bulgaria has significant minority populations whose first language is not Bulgarian.

Under the circumstances, it is very important that schools breed a public spirit of tolerance and dialogue.

Traditionally, minorities have enjoyed all rights to education as Bulgarian citizens and have been well integrated in the education system.

EXAMS



Students in Bulgarian schools take exams as follows:

4th grade - National external evaluation of subjects: Bulgarian language,
Mathematics,
Man and society and
Man and nature

7th grade - National external evaluation of the subjects:
Bulgarian language,
Mathematics, and
Optional foreign language - English

Entrance exams - for high schools

Entrance exams- for universities

NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

The Ministry of Education and Science offers schools many national programs and projects

National project „Your Class“

National Project „Success“

National Program "School Olympics and Competitions"

National Program "Providing a Modern Educational Environment,,

National Program "With Care for Every Student"

National Program "Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in the Pre-school System,,

National Program "Training for IT Career,,

National Program "Together for Every Child,,

National Qualification Program

National program "Without free class"

National programme about „ACTIVITIES of INTERESTS“ with priority - STEM Science
Etc.

SUMMARY



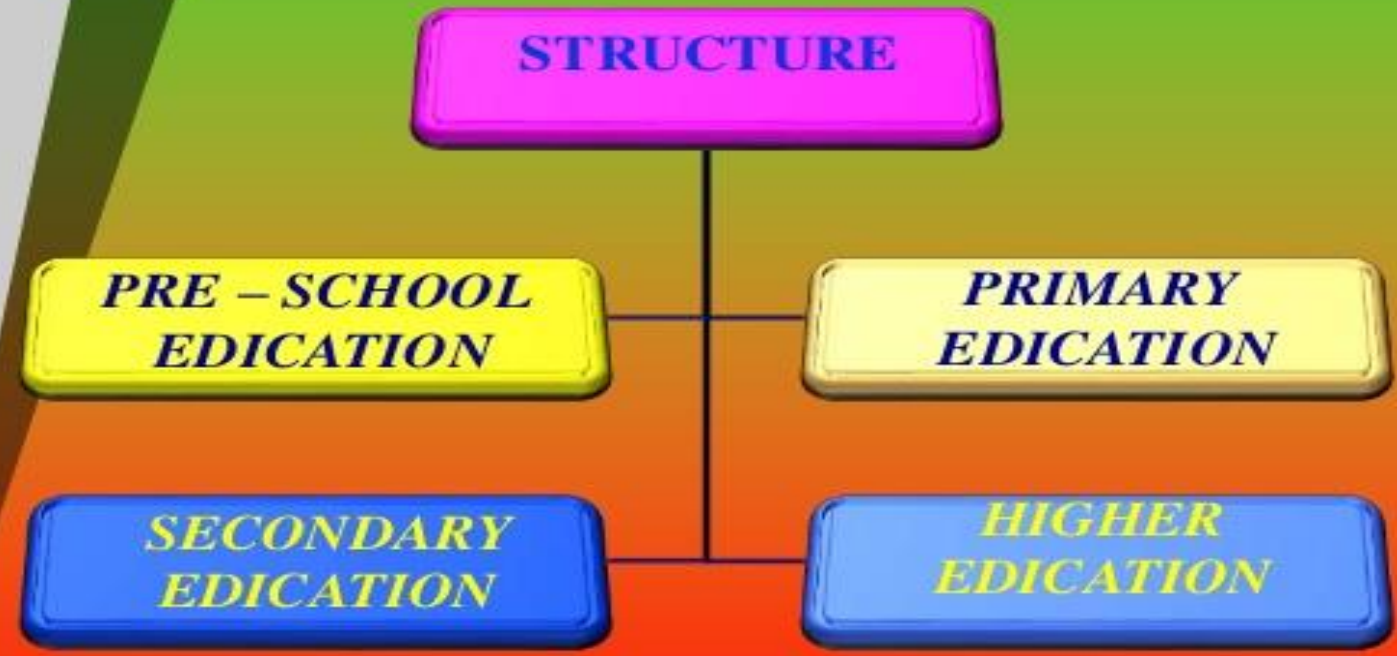


The education in Bulgaria is obligatory till age of 16 years. The school year consists of two terms, it begins on the 15 of September and ends in May or June.





Structure of the Educational system in the Republic of Bulgaria





Educational areas:

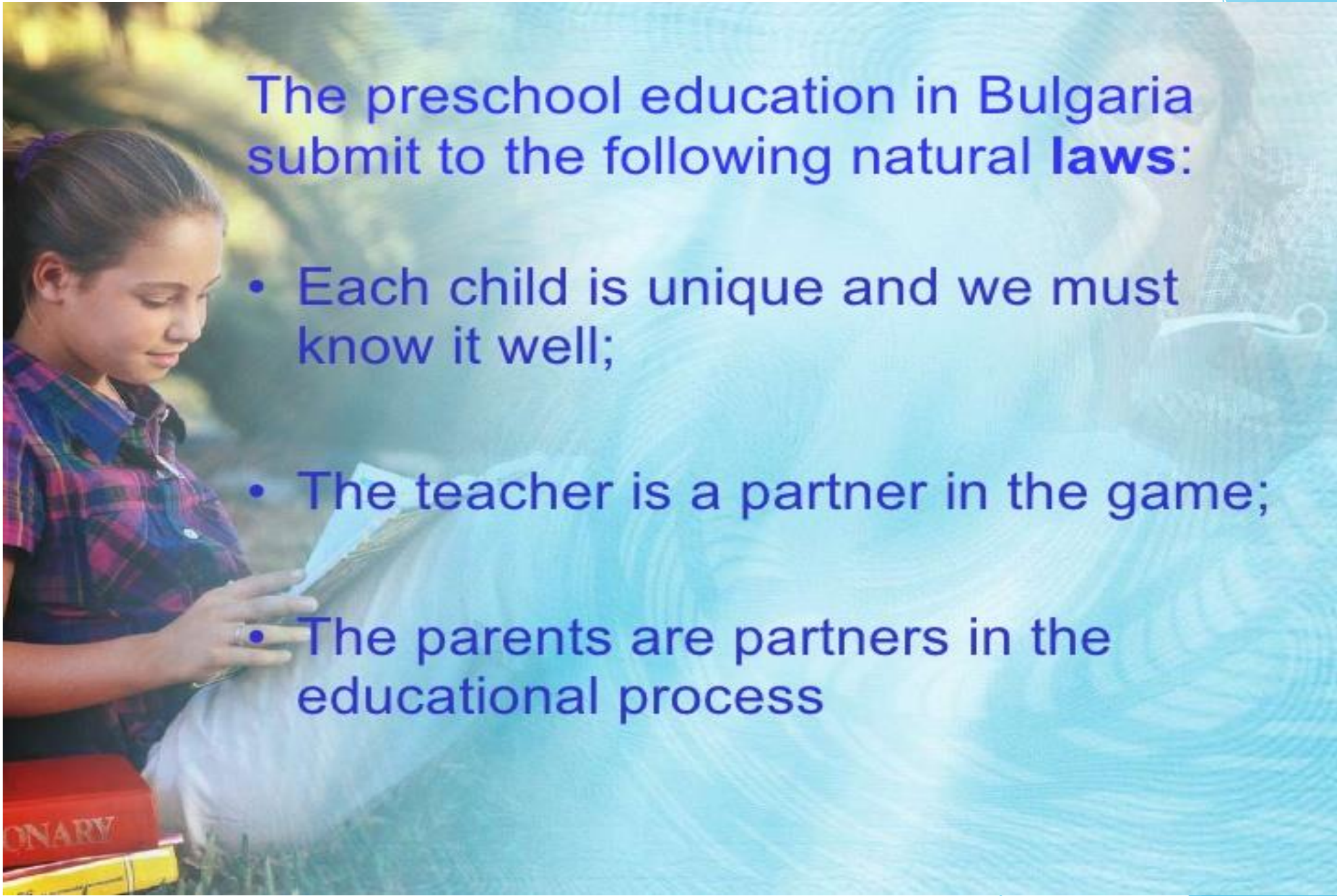
- Nature world;
- Social world;
- Bulgarian language and literature;
- Mathematics;
- Art;
- Game culture;
- Technical design work;
- Physical education;
- Music



1. PRE – SCHOOL EDUCATION

It includes the children from 3 to 6/7 years of age. The pre – school preparation of the children is obligatory 2 years before entering 1st grade, but not earlier than 5 years of age.



The image features a young girl on the left, wearing a plaid shirt, looking down at an open book she is holding. In the background, there is a large, semi-transparent portrait of a man with a beard and a white sash, likely a historical figure. The overall scene is set outdoors with greenery. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

The preschool education in Bulgaria submit to the following natural **laws**:

- Each child is unique and we must know it well;
- The teacher is a partner in the game;
- The parents are partners in the educational process



2. SCHOOL EDUCATION

The school education starts at the age of 7. The 1st class children at the age of 6 can enter if their physical and mental development allows, in the opinion of the parents, or the guardians.

*The school education according to the degree is **primary and secondary**, and according to the content of preparation it is **universally and vocational training**.*





PRIMARY EDUCATION

The primary education realizes on 2 stages:

Opening stage, from 1 to 4 class, and secondary stage, from 5 to 8 class.

The students who have finished the opening stage of the primary education get a certificate for finished 4 grade.

The gaining of primary education is certified with a certificate for finished primary education, which is got after finished 8 grade end gives the right from the continuing education.





SECONDARY EDUCATION

Secondary education is gained after a successfully finished 12 grade, and taken school leaving examinations and it is *certificated by a diploma for finished secondary education*, in which the common success is written. The diploma is final, and gives the right for continuing education or professional education.



SOME OF BULGARIAN SCHOOLS



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