

# LITHUANIAN EDUCATION SYSTEM



# Educational principles

- Educational institutions are state, municipality or private;
- Education is free of charge (except private institutions);
- Education is compulsory for children from 7 to 16 years;
- The official language at schools is Lithuania.



# General principles (1)

- 1st of September is the beginning of a school year;
- The end of May – the end of a school year for the 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> formers and the 12<sup>th</sup> formers;
- The 20-22nd of June – the end of a school year for all the rest of the students;
- There are two semesters or three terms per year.

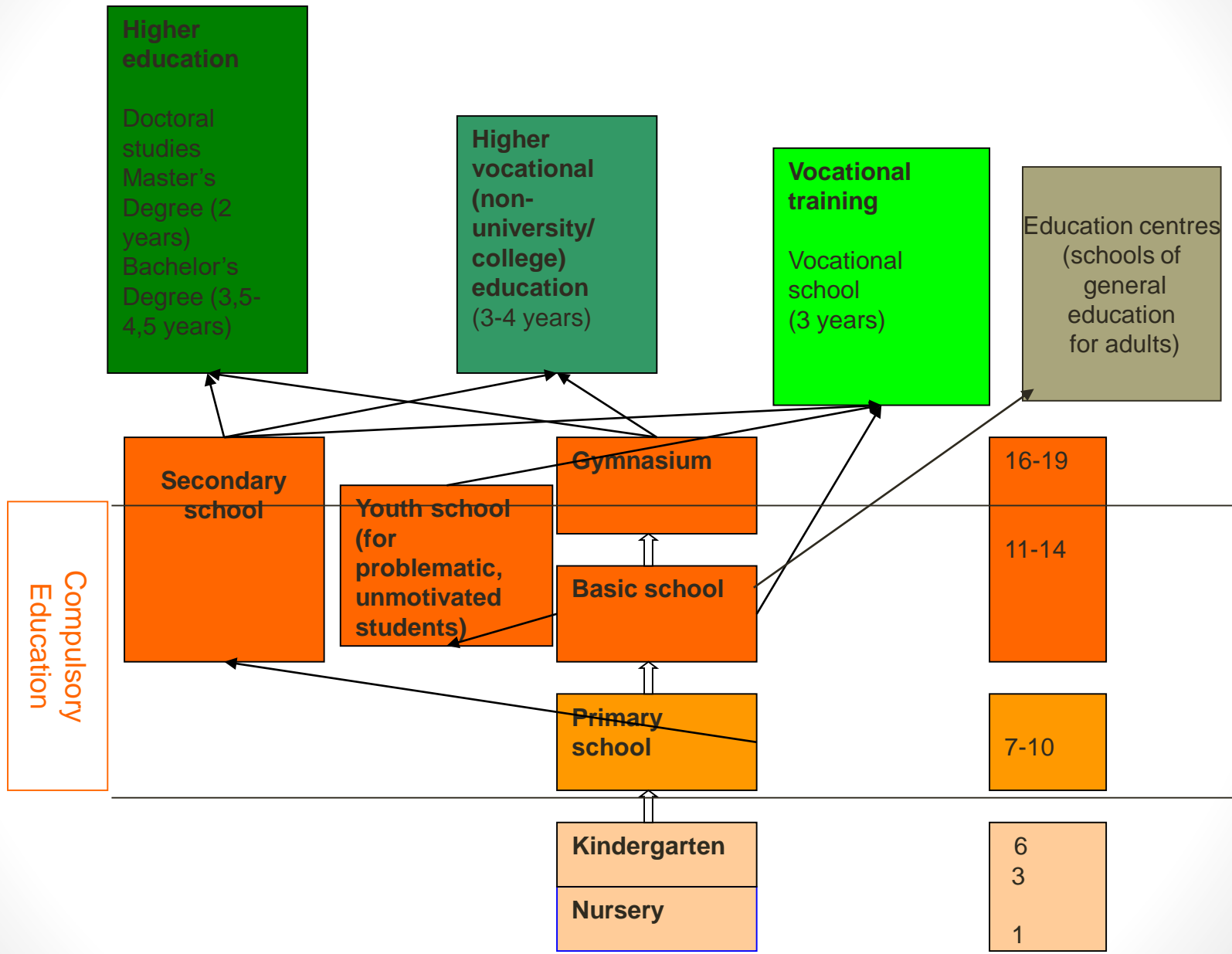
# General principles (2)

- A lesson lasts for 45 minutes; but for 35 minutes for the first formers;
- Students have 22 – 31 lessons per week (from Monday – to Friday);
- There are 20-24 students in primary classes and 24 – 30 students in basic or secondary classes, as a rule.



# Structure

- Pre-primary education (1 – 6 years old);
- Pre-school (6 – 7 years old);
- Primary (7 – 11 years old);
- Basic (11 – 16 years old);
- Secondary (16 – 18/19 years old);
- Vocational education and training (14 -21);
- Higher education (18 /19 – 26).



# Pre-primary education

- It is considered a part of non-formal education;
- It caters for children from 1 year to 6/7 years of age;
- Attendance is optional.



# **Compulsory education**



# Primary education

- Provided for children between 6/7 – 11 years of age;
- Duration is 4 years (from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> forms);
- Early foreign language teaching is offered from the 2<sup>nd</sup> form;
- Subjects taught at a primary school are compulsory;



# Basic education (1)

- Provided for children between 11 – 16 years of age;
- Students learn at a progymnasium (from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> form), at a gymnasium (from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> forms), basic, vocational or other types of schools;



# Basic education (2)

- Duration of the curriculum is 6 years (from 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> forms);
- Around 17 subjects are taught.
- All subjects are compulsory;
- At the end of the 10<sup>th</sup> form students have to take three exams in Lithuanian, English and Mathematics;



# Timetable example (grade 10)

## Monday

- Lithuanian
- English
- Russian
- Science
- Geography
- Lithuanian

## Tuesday

- Mathematics
- History
- Physics
- Lithuanian
- Economics
- English

## Wednesday

- IT
- History
- Science
- Physical education
- Lithuanian
- Mathematics

## Thursday

- Physics
- Art
- Mathematics
- Lithuanian
- Physical education
- English
- Religion

## Friday

- Music
- Biology
- Mathematics
- History
- Russian
- Art



# **Non-compulsory education**

# Secondary education (1)

- Provided for children between 16 – 18/19 years of age;
- Curriculum consists of compulsory and optional modules of general education;
- Students learn at a gymnasium, secondary, vocational or other types of schools;

# Secondary education (2)

- Duration of the curriculum is 2 years (from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> forms / or from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> gymnasium classes).
- At the end students take school – leaving (or maturity) examinations (they must choose at least 2 exams, but some choose up to 6) so as to get a certificate.

# 12 th grade weekly lesson timetable example

## Monday

- Maths
- Lithuanian
- History
- Maths
- Art/music
- Russian/German
- Biology

## Tuesday

- Design
- Lithuanian
- Lithuanian
- English
- History
- Chemistry
- PE

## Wednesday

- Art/music
- Biology
- PE
- English
- Maths
- Religion/ethics
- Russian/German

## Thursday

- Physics
- IT
- Maths
- Lithuanian
- English
- Maths
- PE

## Friday

- IT
- Lithuanian
- History
- Biology
- Art
- Geography
- Draughtsmanship





# Vocational education

- It is provided to students who have basic education starting from the age of 14 (the 8<sup>th</sup> form) or 16 (the 10<sup>th</sup> form);
- Students learn at a vocational school;
- Upon completion of studies a student gets primary professional qualification and / or completes secondary education.

# Higher education (1)

- For those who are at least 18 years – old and have completed secondary education;
- Learn at:
  - 1) a college, where study programmes are based on practise;
  - 2) University, where university study programmes prevail;

# Higher education (2)

- for Bachelor's degree students study 3 – 5 years;
- for Master's degree they have to study 1,5 to 2 years more.



# Grading / evaluation system in Lithuania

- Pre-school children are not evaluated (do not get any marks);
- The 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> formers are rated by levels;
- At Secondary Level it is a ten-point scale.

## Result Grade

- Pass 10
- Pass 9
- Pass 8
- Pass 7
- Pass 6
- Pass 5
- Pass 4
- Fail 3
- Fail 2
- Fail 1

## Short description in English

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Good enough
- Satisfactory
- Satisfactory enough
- Weak
- Bad
- Very bad
- Nothing answered, task was not completed

# 2018 state basic achievement tasks

<http://www.nec.lt/654/>

# 2018 state maturity exam tasks

<http://www.nec.lt/625/>





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