

System of Education in Turkey

In Turkey compulsory preschool starts when they are five years old. After one year compulsory education they start primary school which lasts four years. Secondary education starts after these four years and it is four years too. When they are at the eighth grade they take two exams, one in the first term and one in the second term, and according to the results of these two exams plus their diploma grades, they go to high schools. That is why these exams are very important. If they can't get a good grade they go to ordinary schools or vocational schools, which children mostly don't like. High school education is four years like primary and secondary school. 12 years education is compulsory.

When they are in the 12th grade they take university entrance exams. Two exams are given, one in the first term and one in the second term. To be able to take the second one they have to get a certain mark in the first one, or else they are automatically eliminated and they can't take the second exam.

The passing grade is 45 out of 100. So if they get more than 45 they pass their exams, if they can't, we find a formula to give them a passing grade because our system doesn't accept failure. 😊

About 90 percent of the schools belong to state and they are free, parents don't have to pay any money. Only a few amount of them attend private schools because private schools are expensive and most of the parents can't afford them.

In state schools classrooms are crowded, sometimes there might be about fifty students in a class which makes education very difficult. Especially in metropolitans like İstanbul we have great problems with educations.

Average income is about 700 Euro for a new teacher and for experienced ones it isn't more than 800 or 850 Euros. Teachers are paid to teach 15 hours a week, they are paid extra money for each hour they attend but it is only about three euros only for extra hours.