



BILGARIAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

EDUCATION



- Education in Bulgaria is compulsory between the ages of 7 and 16
- All schools in the country are co-educational, admitting students of both genders.
- The official language of instruction is Bulgarian.

Educational System



- Comprises 12 grades, organized in two major levels: basic and secondary.
- **Basic education** (grades first through eighth) is subdivided into two sub-levels: elementary (grades first through fourth) and pre-secondary (grades fifth through eighth).
- **Secondary education** normally encompasses grades eighth through twelfth, but can start earlier depending on the type of school.

Types of Schools



Secondary schools:

- **Secondary comprehensive**, usually called *gymnasia* (high school)
- **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.

Curriculum



- The curriculum is structured into three components: **compulsory, elective, and optional.**
- 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 sport.**

School Year



- Schools operate on a five-day week schedule.
- September 15 or the workday closest to it marks the beginning of the school year.

Duration of the School Year



- Ends on May 24 for grades 1 and 12
- On May 31 for grades 2 through 4
- Until June 15 for grades 5 through 8
- Until June 30 for grades 9 through 11

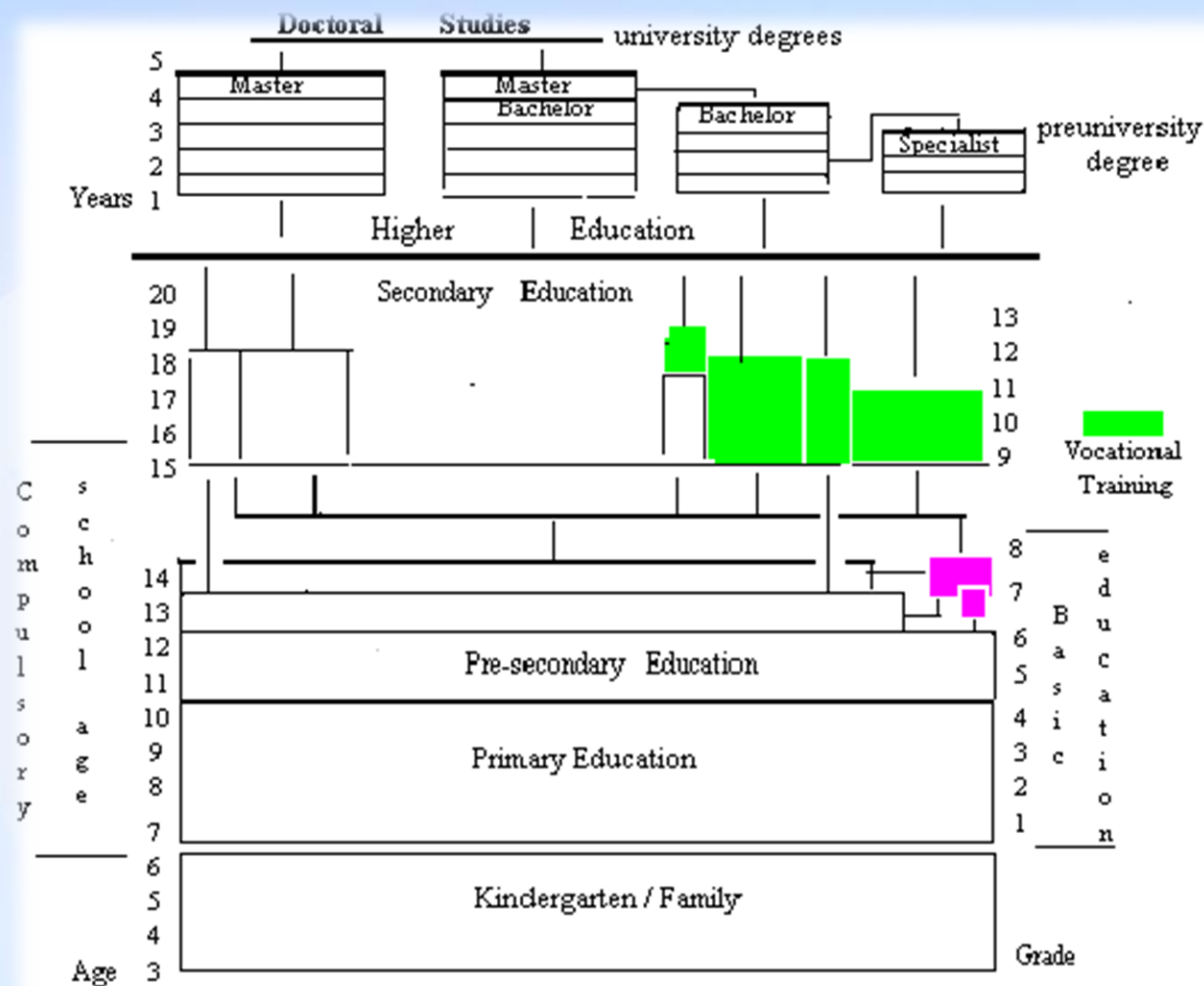
The Grading System



The grading system is based on numerals:

- 6 is *otlichen* (excellent)
- 5 is *mnogo dobar* (very good)
- 4 is *dobar* (good)
- 3 is *sreden* (satisfactory)
- 2 is *slab* (poor)
- Passing grades are 3 through 6; 2 denotes a failure.

Structure





BULGARIA

Vocational School of Electronics and Electrical
Engineering