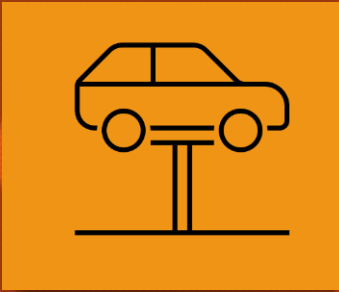
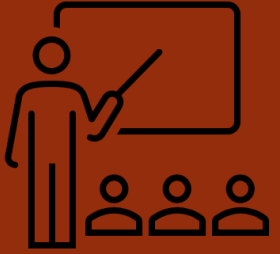


High Vocational School of transport, Razlog

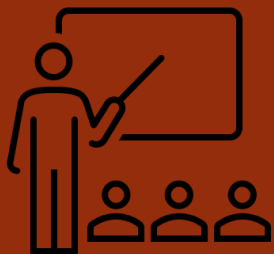




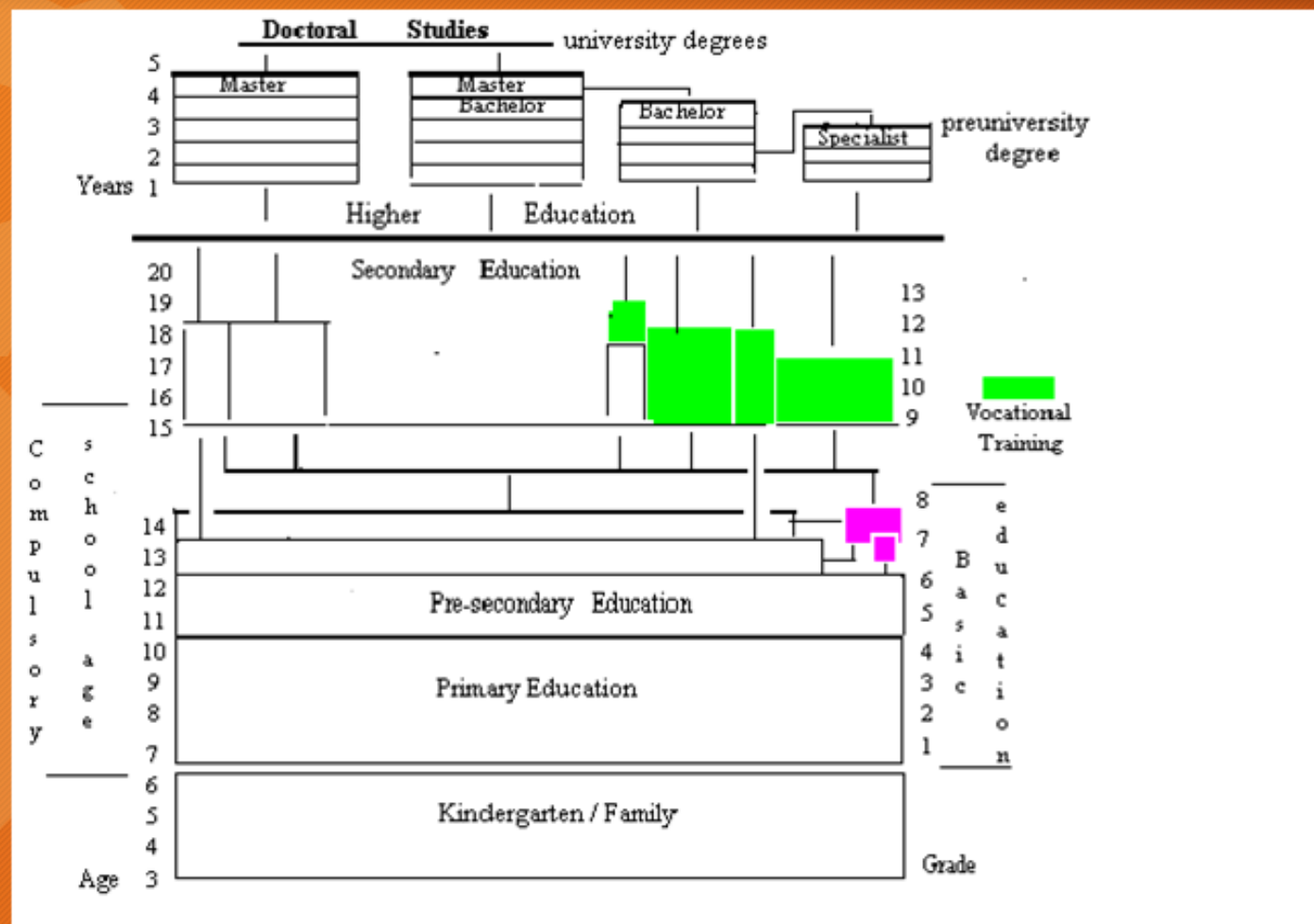
Educational System of Bulgaria



- Education in Bulgaria is mainly supported by the state through the Ministry of Education and Science. School education is compulsory for children from seven to sixteen years of age.
- The Bulgarian educational system falls within the continental European tradition. The main types of secondary schools are general educational, vocational, language schools and foreign schools. Private schools are also being established and they are beginning to compete successfully with state schools.
- There are fifty-one higher educational institutions in Bulgaria offering degrees at undergraduate and graduate levels. The academic year for most Bulgarian universities begins around October 1 and consists of fall and spring semesters. The academic year covers up to 30 weeks. Classes usually meet once a week for 75 minutes or for two 45-minute periods with a 15-minute break in between.

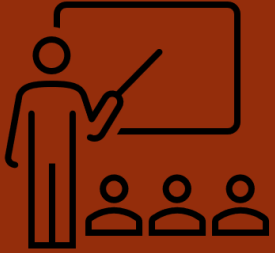


Educational System of Bulgaria – structure





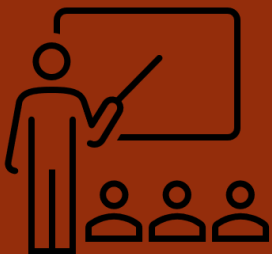
Main Grading System Used by Education Institutions in Bulgaria



- All academic courses receive grades of 2-6 according to the following standards:
 - **6 (A) – Excellent** (91.5 -100%)
 - **5 (B) – Very Good** (80.5 – 91.4%)
 - **4 (C) – Good** (70.5 – 80.4%)
 - **3 (D) – Sufficient** (59.5 – 70.4%)
 - **2 (F) – Poor** (0 – 59.4%)
- 6.0 (US 4.0) is the highest possible GPA
- Pass/fail level: 3.5
- Lowest on scale: 2
- To convert GPA from the Bulgarian 6.0 system to the American 4.0 system, subtract two points from the Bulgarian system. For example, a 6.0 in the Bulgarian system is a 4.0 in the American system.
- As a matter of policy, the Bulgarian education institutions do not rank or rate their students.
- The Bulgarian counselors and teachers do their best to distinguish applicants in recommendations, and you should not hesitate to contact them if you have questions.



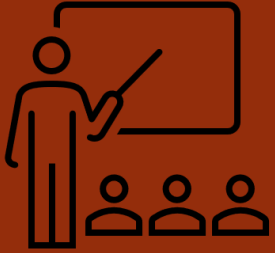
Languages of Study



- The official language of instruction is Bulgarian.
- At the school level, the general curriculum provides opportunities for ethnic minority children to study their mother tongue.
- In specialized language schools and in the profile-oriented schools, instruction takes place in English, German, Italian, French, Spanish, Armenian, Hebrew, Russian, and other languages.
- At university level, instruction takes place in English at the American University in Bulgaria, and in German, French and English in some programs in technical universities.



Primary and Secondary Education: General



- **Authority:** The Ministry of Education and Science

Web site in Bulgarian: www.minedu.government.bg

The Ministry of Education and Science creates and applies national education policy, and also plans and organizes the development of education by putting together long-term programs and operational projects.

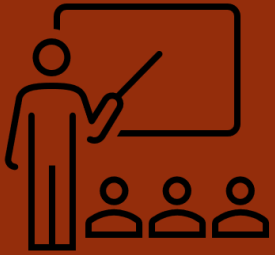
- **Education in Bulgaria is compulsory from the ages of 7 to 16.** Children complete their compulsory education in upper secondary schools.

- **Structure**

- **Basic education** (Grades 1-8) in Bulgaria comprises primary school (grades 1-4) and pre-secondary school (grades 5-8).
- **The Upper Secondary level** lasts for either 4 or 5 years following the receipt of a Basic Education Completion Certificate. Upper Secondary education is provided in three types of schools: comprehensive (general) secondary schools, profile-oriented schools and vocational-technical schools.



Primary and Secondary Education: General



•Admission Criteria

- **Basic** (primary and pre-secondary) education is free, except in private schools.
- Students can enter the **profile-oriented schools** upon completion of grades 7 or 8 after passing entry examinations, according to the profile of the school (mother tongue/literature, mathematics, humanities etc.).

•**Curriculum** is unified for all schools. It includes subjects such as Literature (Bulgarian, English, French, German), Mathematics, Foreign Languages, History, Geography, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Psychology, Ethics and Law, Philosophy, Music, Arts, Vocational Training, and Physical Education. There are no course levels, i.e. A.P., or Honor Courses in the Bulgarian Educational System. However, in the last two years of study, students are required to take advanced courses in two or three subjects.

•School Year

The school year is divided into two terms: the first is from Mid-September to the end of January, and the second – from the beginning of February to the end of June. At the end of each term students receive term grades in each subject, and at the end of the school year they get final grades in the subjects.

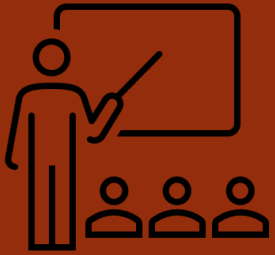
•Completion Document:

Name in Bulgarian: *Диплома за средно/средно специално образование*

English translation: *Diploma of Secondary/Secondary Specialized Education*



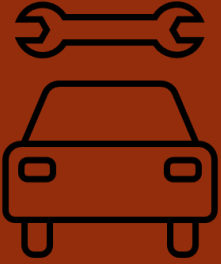
Higher Education



- Ministry of Education and Science manages the higher education system in Bulgaria. Higher education in Bulgaria is provided by public as well as private higher education institutions, which include universities, independent colleges and specialized higher schools.
- Bulgaria has adopted the ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) under the higher education act, and it was put into effect since 2004. The higher education system of Bulgaria is known for its quality and reasonable living and study expenses, thus attracting many international students from across the world. The evaluation and external monitoring of the higher education institutions is done by the National Agency for Evaluation and Accreditation. Bulgaria is the member of the European Union (EU) member, thus degree received by higher education institutions in Bulgaria are recognized in all EU states and beyond.
- Students who hold the diploma of secondary education/specialized secondary education are eligible to apply for higher education in Bulgaria.

High Vocational School of transport





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High Vocational School of transport is a Bulgarian state school, situated in a town of Razlog. It is in a valley among three mountains in the south west of Bulgaria. It has got very good road connections, 150 km from Sofia - the capital of Bulgaria. The school has the capacity to educate 500 students but this year they are 250. Our students are 14 to 18 years of age. 31 teachers. Besides regular students we have part-time students, who work and study at the same time. It is multicultural and multi religious society at school. There are sports clubs and language clubs and cultural heritage clubs at school. There is also a Students' Council and Parents' Council. Some students come from families with low income and low level of parents' education. Part of the students travel every day, and we have a school bus. We work close with families, different organizations and NGOs. Most of our students are motivated and hard working. The students participate in events and competitions at regional, national and international level. We work close with business sectors. Our senior students do practical education out of school in business companies. Our graduates are awarded 3rd professional level out of 4 in Bulgaria. They can immediately start work or continue their education in any college or university in Bulgaria or abroad. Some of our students join labor market abroad. Others work for foreign companies in Bulgaria. That is why studying subjects as vocational English and vocational Russian is very important for them. During their last year they study professional English. Depending on the profession they study different professional English subject. Producing teaching materials and sharing good teaching practices, methodologies and information about CLIL with other schools will contribute to raise the level of the vocational education in our school. It will also make the school more attractive for new students and their families. We have experience in running EU educational projects – Leonardo and Comenius. We have experience also in students' exchange and in Junior Achievement projects.

Our School Professions



- Accounting
- Logistic
- Business administration
- Motor and transport
Equipment and Technology




The Projects' team and project activities







Water




The tears of the rain smile.
The river of the life hugs them.
It swallows the scary crust
and no one's sadness back goes.

The ink secrets in an instant
in the subsoil of the riverbed
stumble at the roots of the shore
and drop his skeleton - overt or covert.

Water! You can't stop it.
It has it's own rules and moral.
The cloud cried the hot day
and then quickly forgot it.

Lina - Strelbana Ivancheva




Joana Kirova VIII²



There is no life without water

Can you imagine a world without water?
It would be a world which is totally altered.
Rivers and streams would be no longer flow.
The oceans' tides wouldn't ebb to and fro.
Without the cooling and refreshing rain,
Living things would struggle to remain.
With no fresh water, we'd have little to drink.
None of us would wash, so then we would stink.
Plants wouldn't grow, we wouldn't have flowers.
There'd be no energy from hydro - electric power.
Radiators wouldn't work: there would be no heat.
We couldn't boil vegetables, eggs, or pasta to eat.
These would no longer be dish left in the sea.
Many aquatic creatures would just cease to be.
There would be no pools, in which we could swim.
Lakes and reservoirs would be empty to their brim.
There would be no traveling by ship & by boat:
There would be no water for us to float.
We wouldn't be able to wash the dog, or the car.
Without any water, we wouldn't get too far.
These would be no water to bind mixtures together.
We would soon get bored of constant hot weather.
We wouldn't be able to flush waste down our loo.
These are so many things which we couldn't do.
But in poorer countries, water is a precious blessing.
The urgent need for water is a matter that is pressing
in the UK, we can access water each and every day,
but what if, our water was suddenly taken away?

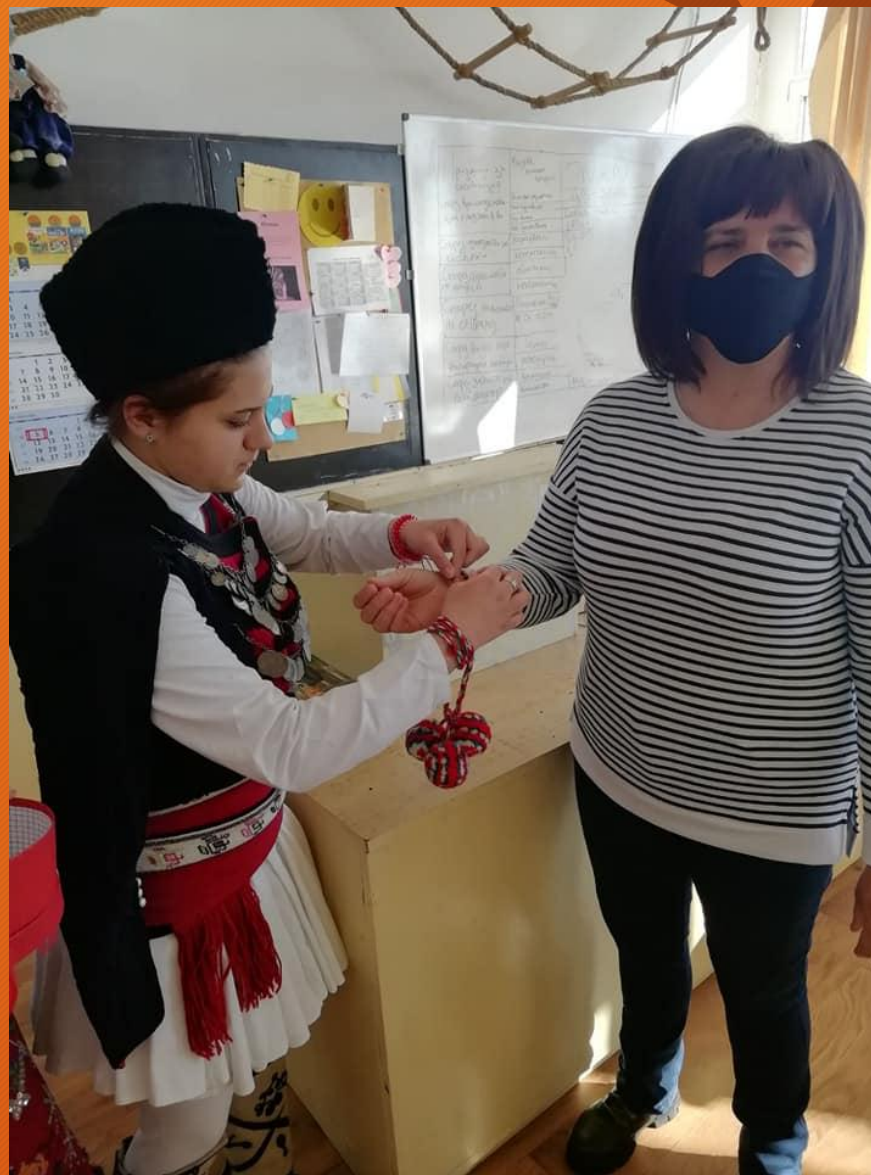
SAVE WATER



BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

School activities







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