


# Education in Bulgaria

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- Education in Bulgaria is overseen by the Ministry of Education and Science. Since 2012 compulsory education includes two years of preschool education (usually starting around age of 5), before children start primary school. Education is compulsory until age of 16. Education at state-owned schools is free of charge, except for the higher education schools, colleges and universities.

# History

- The first schools in Bulgaria are opened in the 9th century by Tsar Simeon The Great. Two universities were also established in that period at Ohrid and Preslav.

# Modern schools

- Modern schools began opening in the early 19th century first for boys and then for girls. Those schools provided only basic education, such as reading, writing. Students who wished to continue their education had to go study abroad.

# The curriculum of Bulgarian Educational System

- The curriculum of Bulgarian Educational system focuses on eight main subjects: Bulgarian language and literature, foreign languages, maths, information technologies, social sciences, natural sciences and ecology, music and art, physical education and sports. The school year starts on September 15 and ends in May or June, depending on the grade level of the students. The school year is divided into two terms with Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays.