

Spanish Education System



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Infant Education (0 - 6 years)

- Non obligatory
- First Cycle (0-3 years)
- Second Cycle (3-6 years)

Infant Education

Lucas

Children in Spain go to infant school from 0 to 6 years of age. It is not obligatory. There are two stages, the first one from 0 to 3 years of age and the second one is from 3 to 6 years of age. At infant school children have a great time learning through play. Everything is so colourful and fun. I have so many good memories from my infant years.

Lucas: Mario! What are your best memories at infant school?

Mario: I loved playing with plasticine and finger painting.

Lucas: What about you Monica?

Monica: Oh, I loved story time. I also loved it when our teacher played music so we could dance.

Lucas: And you Yasmin?

Yasmin: I think it was the day Santa Claus entered our classroom – I was so excited!

Primary Education (6-12 years)

- First of Primary (6-7 years)
- Second of Primary (7-8 years)
- Third of Primary (8-9 years)
- Fourth of Primary (9-10 years)
- Fifth of primary (10-11 years)
- Sixth of Primary (11-12 years)

Primary Education

Mario

Primary education is from six to twelve years of age. There are six courses in Primary. It is in Primary when students get used to studying different subjects like maths, language, social science, natural science, art physical education, music, religion or values and English.

Mario: Lucas! Can you remember your first year in Primary?

Lucas: Yes! I had problems sitting down for more than ten minutes.

Kids: laughter

Mario: What about you Yasmin?

Yasmin: I didn't want to study – I just wanted to play.

Monica: I remember Halloween for the first time. I dressed up as a witch.

Mario: I dressed up as a vampire.

Primary Education

Samiha

In Primary education children learn to study and do homework. It is in Primary when students start doing tests and exams.

Samiha: Lucas! Can you remember your first exams?

Lucas: They were very easy. We just had to fill in gaps and join words with pictures.

Samiha: What was your favourite subject Monica?

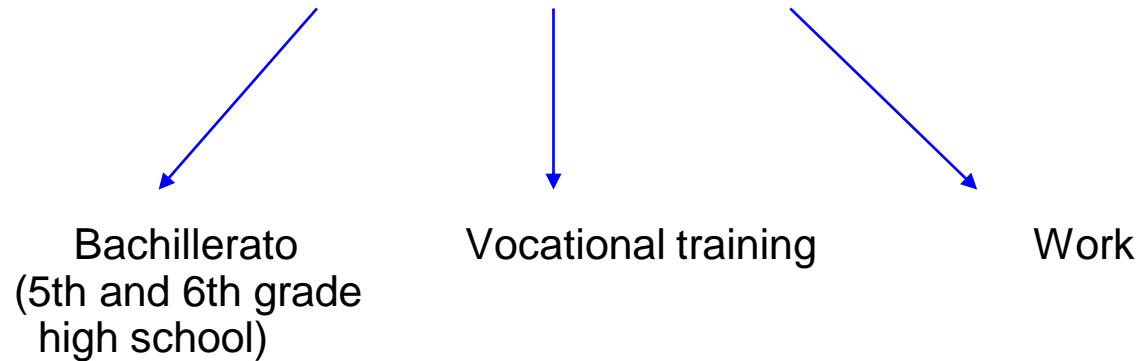
Monica: English! It was really fun and we did a lot of great activities, especially at Christmas.

Mario: Yeah!! Christmas was great because at our school we all participated in the annual Christmas school theatre play and in the school's enormous Nativity Scene.

Kids: Yeah!! Those were great times. I wish I was still in Primary.

Secondary Education (12-16 years)

- First of E.S.O (Obligatory Secondary Education) 12-13 years
- Second of E.S.O. 13-14 years
- Third of E.S.O. 14-15 years
- Fourth of E.S.O. 15-16 years



Secondary Education

Monica

Students usually start their secondary education at the age of thirteen. There are four courses in secondary education. If students finish the four courses, they can then go on to high school.

Monica: What are the differences between Primary and Secondary education?

Mario: We have a lot more subjects.

Samaha: We have to study a lot more too.

Lucas: We have a lot of difficult exams.

Yasmin: We start school earlier and we finish later. I hate getting up so early in the mornings.

Kids: Me too!!

High school (5th & 6th grade high school)

- First of Bachillerato (16-17 years)
- Second of Bachillerato (17-18 years)

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Selectivity exams

University

(Advanced Vocational
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High school

Samiha

When students finish their secondary education, they can continue studying at high school or learn a trade. They can also leave school and get a job. Usually students go on to high school. High school is two years and when you finish, you can do the selectivity exams and go on to university. Some students prefer to do an advanced level trade instead of going to university.

Samiha: Lucas! What will you do when you finish secondary?

Lucas: I don't know yet. But I will probably study something related to farming.

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