



## Description of Schooling System

The school system is under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and Training. Primary education is free and compulsory. It lasts for six years leading to the Certificate of Completed Primary Education. Secondary education covers three years of lower secondary and three years of upper secondary (theoretical or vocational branches). The required total number of credits leading to the High School Diploma is 96. To enter higher education, the student must complete a one-year pre-university programme. The admission of the Iranian applicants is done through a centralized state exam (Konkur); administered by the Organization for Assessment of the State Education (Sanjesh) in the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology.

## Age of compulsory education:

Entry age: 6

Leaving age: 11

## Structure of school system:

### Pre-Elementary:

Length of program: 1

Age level from: 5

Age level to: 6

Certificate/Diploma awarded at end: Non compulsory cycle

### Primary: Elementary School (Dabestan)

Length of program: 5

Age level from: 6

Age level to: 11

Certificate/Diploma awarded at end : Certificate of Completed Primary Education

### Lower Secondary: Middle (Guidance) School

Length of program: 3

Age level from: 11

Age level to: 13

Certificate/Diploma awarded at end: Regional examination.

### Upper Secondary: Academic Secondary School

Length of program: 3

Age level from: 14

Age level to: 17

Certificate/Diploma awarded at end: High School Diploma (Diplom-e-Motavasete)

### Vocational Secondary: Vocational Secondary school

Length of program: 3



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Age level from: 14

Age level to: 17

Certificate/Diploma awarded at end: High School Diploma (Diplom-e-Motevasete)

**Pre-university:**

Length of program: 1

Age level from: 17

Age level to: 18

Certificate/Diploma awarded at end: Pre-University Certificate