

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

HOW IS THE EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM IN ITALY STRUCTURED?

The school is compulsory for children from 6 to 16 years of age and includes:

- 5 years of primary school;
- 3 years of lower secondary school;
- 5 years of upper secondary school.

The school curriculum is organized as follows:

- from 6 to 10 years of age: PRIMARY SCHOOL (compulsory);
- from 11 to 13 years of age: LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL (compulsory);
- from 14 to 18/19 years of age: UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL (compulsory until 16 years of age).

The Primary school is compulsory and free.

There is no registration fee.

The books are free.

Parents must buy the school materials: notebooks, pens, pencils, felt tips, etc.

Parents must pay a fee for meals, laboratories, school trips and other items that are necessary to the daily class life.

The Lower Secondary school is also compulsory and free.

There is no registration fee.

Parents must buy books and school equipment. Some books can be borrowed from the school on loan for use, but they have to be given back at the end of the school year.

Parents are requested to pay an annual contribute for the general expenses, which includes an insurance for every student.

IMPORTANT:

Ask the school offices for potential tax exemptions in case of low family income.

WHAT ABOUT THE SCHOOL CALENDAR IN ITALY?

Every school year begins in September and ends in June.

There are two holiday periods:

- two weeks during Christmas time (usually from December, 23 to January, 6);
- one week around Easter (in March or April).

The other holidays are distributed all along the year:

November, 1 – December, 8 – April, 25 – May, 1 – June, 2 – June, 29 (only in Rome).

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

All absences and delays must be justified by parents using the digital school register.

It's not allowed to be absent for more than one quarter of the yearly total schedule (about 250 hours), otherwise the school year is not considered legally valid and the student can't be admitted to the next class.

HOW ARE THE SCHOOL RESULTS GRADED?

Each academic year is divided into two four-months periods:
the first from September to January and the second from February to June.

At the end of each period, teachers review the academic performance of each student and prepare an assessment report that is delivered to parents during specific meetings.

WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF MEETINGS BETWEEN PARENTS AND TEACHERS?

Periodically, teachers meet the students' parents to discuss with them the educational curriculum of every pupil.

The calendar of all the school meetings is available on the school website www.icmariacapozziroma.edu.it, in the "*Area Famiglie/Comunicazioni Famiglie*" section.

HOW CAN PARENTS CONTRIBUTE TO THE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT?

Parents are invited to elect their representatives in every school commission:

- the Inter-class Council (primary school),
- the Class Council (secondary school),
- the School Board (both orders).

WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL REGISTRATION? WHAT SHOULD PARENTS DO?

School registration can be requested online during the month of January, until the maximum available. For further information visit the school website www.istruzione.it/iscrizionionline/

Transferees and new enrollees inquiries are accepted at any time of the year, writing to the school office mail rmic8bm00r@istruzione.it

During the enrollment process, parents must fill up some forms and provide some papers:

- ✓ The documents issued from the last school attended in the country of origin.
- ✓ The fiscal code and the identity card of both the student and his/her parents.

Primary school offers a full-time schedule with a canteen service, run by the local authorities. There is a fee for the canteen service, with the possibility of exemptions or discharges in case of low family income.

Parents need to decide about the religious teachings. They may demand that their children attend Catholic religion classes or are excluded from them, joining alternative activities.

School transportation must be requested to Municipio XIII.

If the pupil suffers from a particular health condition or illness, it is necessary to inform the school at the time of enrollment and provide a proper medical documentation, available here: <https://www.icmariacapozziroma.edu.it/ritorno-a-scuola.html>

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