

# THE ITALIAN SCHOOL SYSTEM



**THE EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING SYSTEM  
IN ITALY**

# State schools and private schools



- The Italian education system is made up of *state schools* and *private schools*.
- The Italian constitution establishes the obligation, for the State, to offer a state school system to all young people and the right, for natural and legal persons, to create schools and educational institutions without burdens on the State.
- Private schools are authorized to issue qualifications with the same legal value as those of the corresponding state schools; they have full freedom with regards to cultural orientation and pedagogical-didactic orientation and benefit from more favorable tax treatment if they are non-profit.

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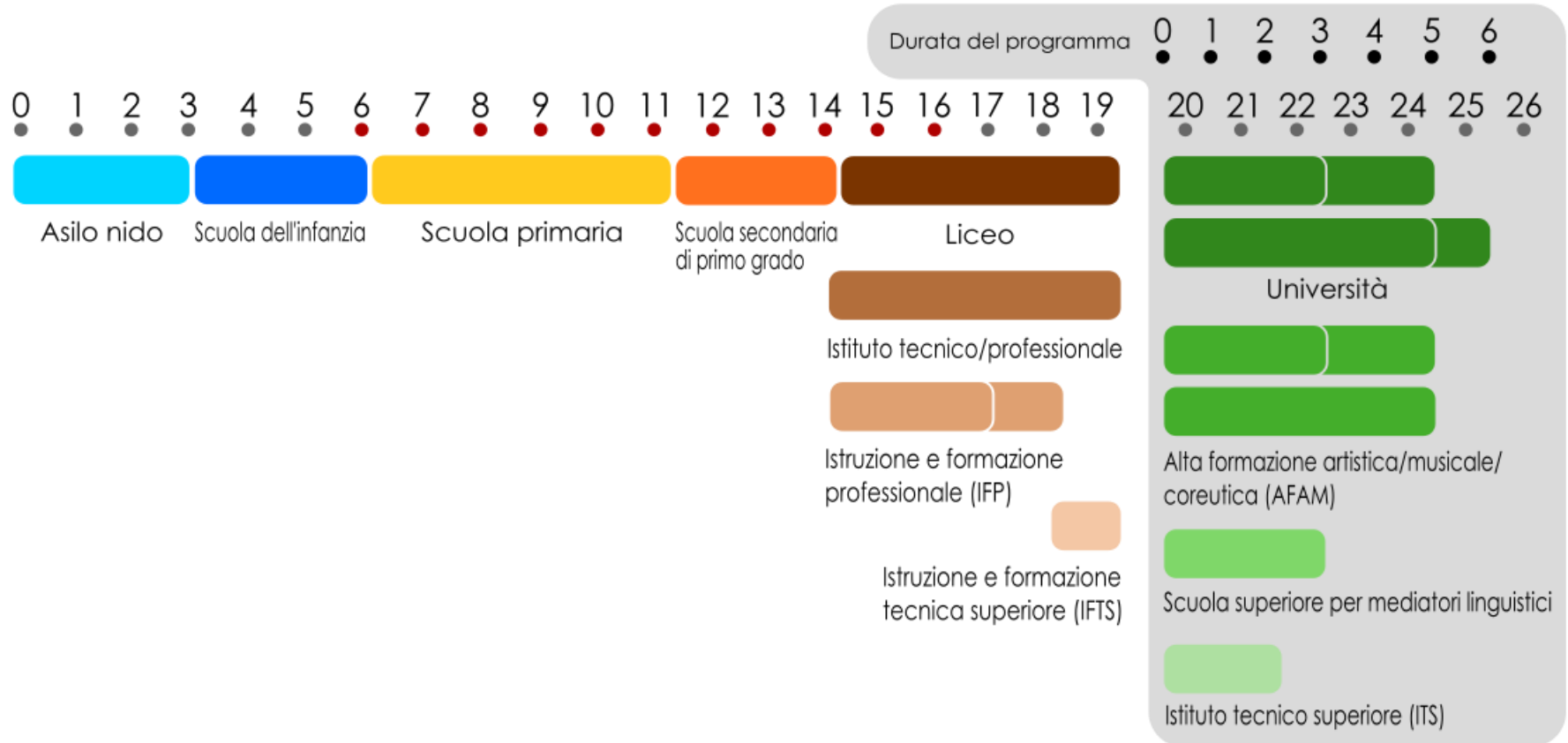
- The Italian education and training system is organized according to the principles of **SUBSIDIARITY** and **AUTONOMY** of educational institutions.
- The Italian State:
  - has exclusive legislative competence for the "general rules on education" and for determining the essential levels of performance
  - defines the fundamental principles that the Regions must respect in the exercise of their specific competences

# The Italian education and training system



- The Italian Regions have *exclusive power* in matters of education and professional training and *concurrent legislative power* in matters of education (while respecting the autonomy of educational institutions).
- The state educational institutions have teaching, organizational and research, experimentation and development autonomy - in compliance with the fundamental principles set by the State.

# Organization of the Italian educational system



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- **ZERO-SIX YEAR INTEGRATED SYSTEM**, non-mandatory, with a total duration of 6 years.

It is divided into:

- **ASILO NIDO** (educational services for children) managed by local authorities, which welcome children between 3 and 36 months;
- **SCUOLA DELL'INFANZIA** (nursery school), which can be managed by the State, by local authorities, by other public bodies or by private individuals, which welcomes children between 3 and 6 years of age;

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- **FIRST CYCLE OF EDUCATION**, compulsory, lasting a total of 8 years.

It is divided into:

- primary school lasting five years, for pupils aged 6 to 11;
- lower secondary school, lasting three years, for pupils aged 11 to 14.

The three-year period of lower secondary school ends with a *state exam* which allows you to obtain a middle school diploma which allows you to attend upper secondary school.

# Our school



- *Our school is a ISTITUTO COMPRENSIVO consisting of a nursery school, primary school and lower secondary school, which welcomes children from 3 to 14 years old*



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- **SECOND CYCLE OF EDUCATION** (for students who have successfully completed the first cycle of education)

Two types of paths:

- secondary school, lasting five years. The schools organize high school courses (liceo), technical institute courses and professional institute courses for students aged 14 to 19;
- 3 and 4 year professional education and training (IeFP) courses of regional competence.

*Education is compulsory up to the age of 16*

At the end of secondary school there is the *state exam* (or *maturity exam*) necessary to access higher education levels.

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- **HIGHER EDUCATION** offered by universities, institutions of higher artistic, musical and dance education (AFAM) and higher technical institutes (ITS)