



Lifelong  
Learning  
Programme

# THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN BULGARIA



The education is wordly - minded .

The education in public and municipal schools is free.

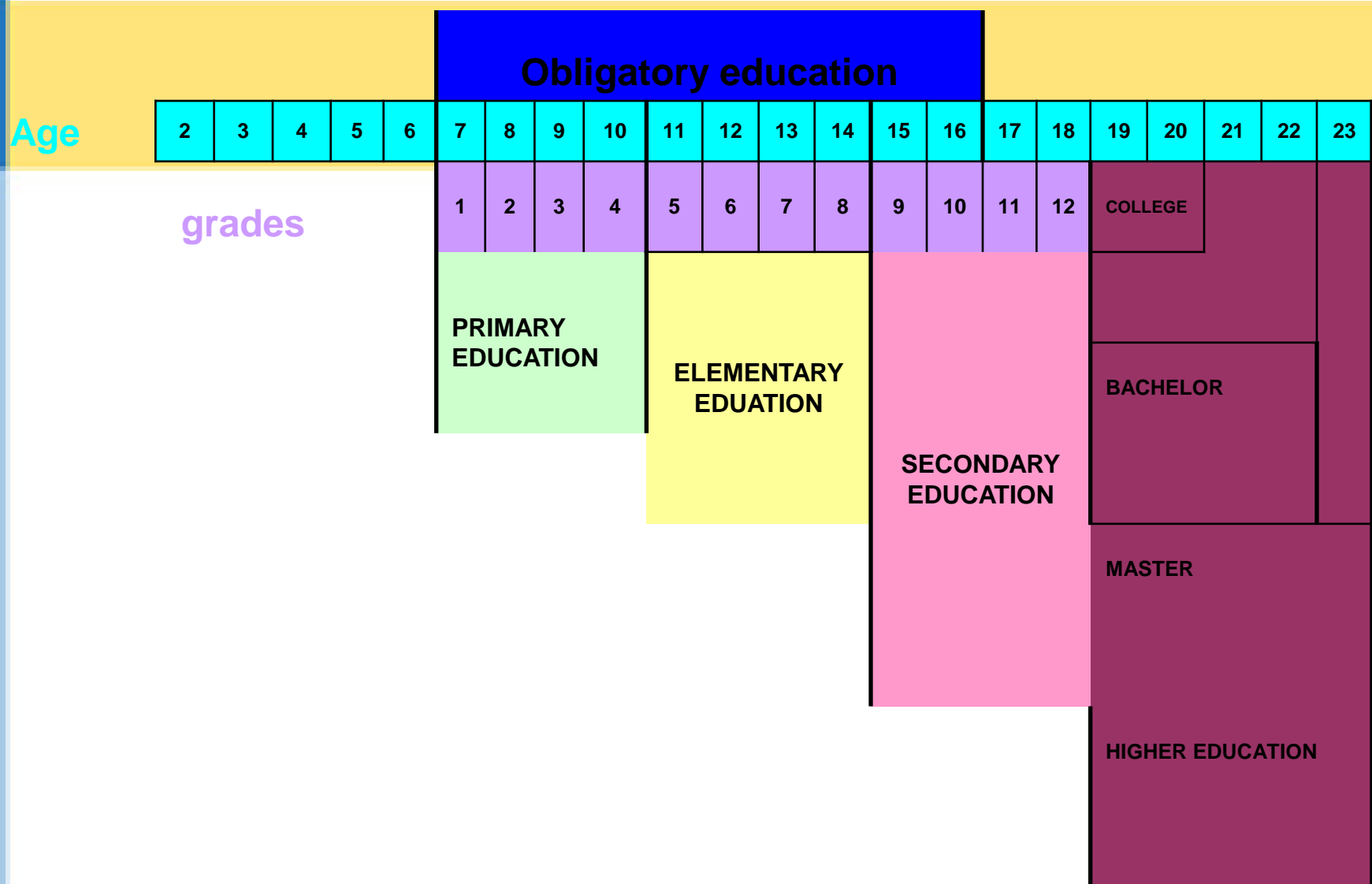
The school education up to the age of 16 is obligatory.

The school education starts at the age of 7, completed during the year of starting the first grade. The first grade is also available for children at the age of 6 if their physical and intellectual development (at the appreciation of their parents) allows that.



- The official language is Bulgarian.
- Students whose native language is not Bulgarian have the opportunity to study their own native language beside the obligatory studying of Bulgarian in the schools under the protection and control by the country.
- Each citizen realizes their right of education in a freely chosen school and the kind of teaching and training according to their personal preferences and abilities.





# Kindergartens

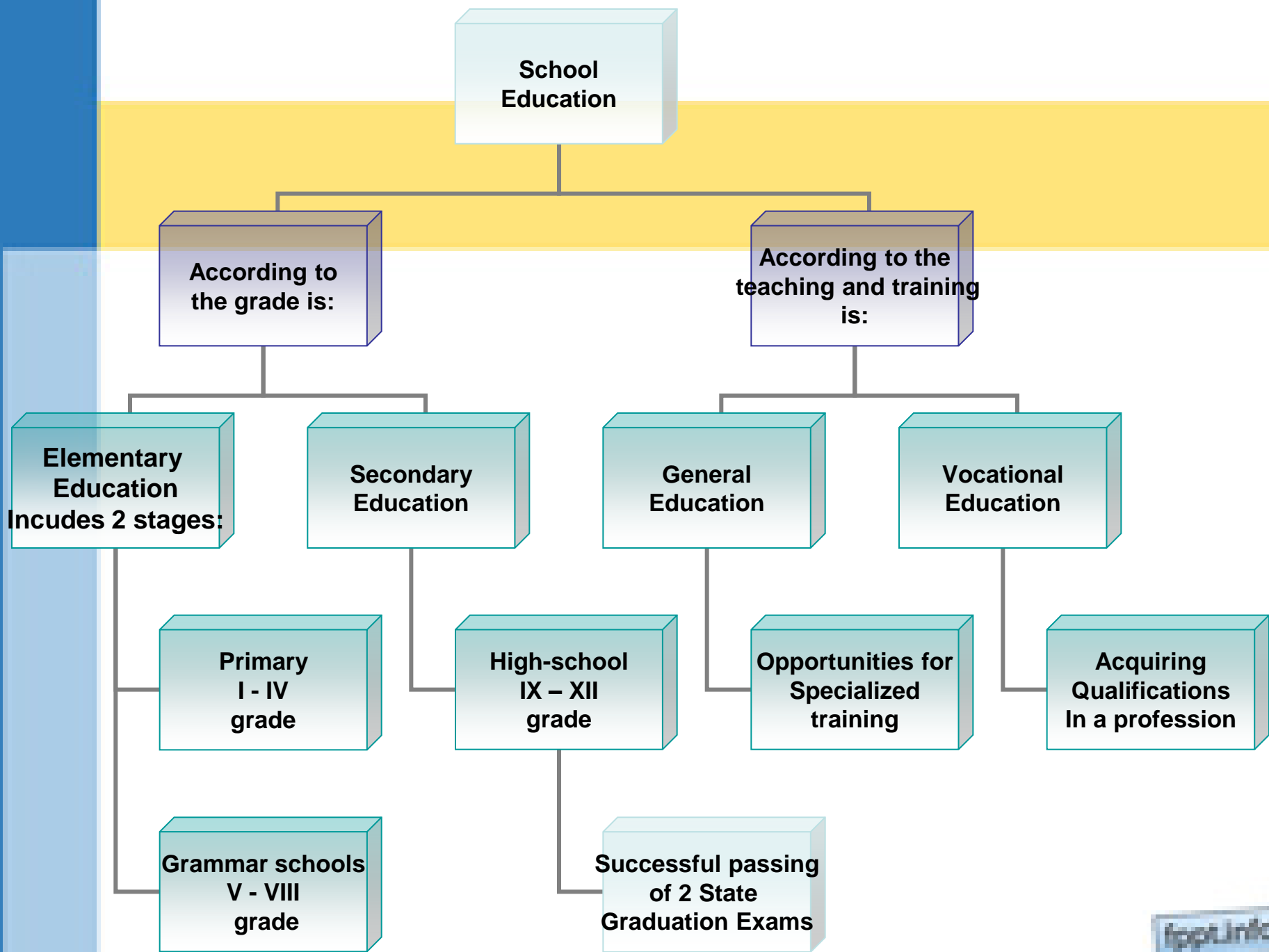
Kindergartens are meant for children at the age of 3 until their entrance in the first grade.

The maintenance of the children in Public and Municipal kindergartens is taken respectively by the Public or the Municipal budget.

The Preschool tuition of the children starts 2 years before their entrance in the first grade but not earlier than the year of completing the age of 5.

The Preschool tuition of the children is realized in preparatory groups in the schools. Parents don't pay a fee for it.







# ***The Schools are:***

- ✓ Primary – ( from I – IV grade inclusive);
- ✓ Elementary – ( from V – VIII grade inclusive);
- ✓ General – ( from I – VIII grade inclusive);
- ✓ High-school – ( from IX – XII grade inclusive);
- ✓ Specialized Secondary School;
- ✓ School of General Education – ( from I – XII grade inclusive);
- ✓ Vocational Secondary School – ( from VIII or IX – XII grade inclusive);
- ✓ Vocational School – (from VII or VIII grade with duration of training up to 3 years; from IX grade with duration of training up to 4 years; Vocational College after the graduation from a Secondary school with duration of training up to 2 years).
- ✓ Sports school;
- ✓ Art school;
- ✓ Specialized school;
- ✓ Culture school.



# ***The Forms of teaching are:***

- + Daily classes;
- + Evening classes;
- + Part-time training;
- + Correspondence form of training;
- + Individual form of training;
- + Individual on a specialized plan.
- + Distance form of training.





# Service Units are:

- ⊕ Science - Informative;
- ⊕ Extra-school Children's Establishments;
- ⊕ Managing International Programmes;
- ⊕ Organizing Recreation and Sports activities;
- ⊕ Managing and financial maintaining of Public Education.

- The school, the kindergarten and the Service unit are managed by a Headmaster.
- The Position of Headmaster of the Public kindergarten, school and Service units is occupied by competition.

# Higher Education

Degree of Education	Period of Education	Institution
Bachelor of Vocation	3 years	College
Bachelor	4 years	College, University
Master	5 years	University

The system of Higher education in Bulgaria consists of different forms of educational programmes after the graduation from the secondary school.

The lawful frame of founding the higher educational establishments (universities) is approved by the Law of the Higher Education.

The Higher educational establishments (universities) can be public or private.

