

The Education System in Latvia



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Types of Education in Latvia

- **Pre-school education**
- **Basic education**
 - Primary education
 - Vocation oriented education
- **Special Needs Education**
- **Secondary education**
 - General secondary education
 - Vocation oriented profession
- **Higher education**

Grading System

Achievement level	Grade	Meaning	Approx. ECTS grade
very high	10	with distinction	A
very high	9	excellent	A
high	8	very good	B
high	7	good	C
medium	6	almost good	D
medium	5	satisfactory	E
medium	4	almost satisfactory	E/FX
low	3	unsatisfactory	Fail

Organization of Education Process

- school year starts on the 1st of September and finishes at the end of May.
- school year consists of two semesters
- the length of a school year
 - in grade 1, 34 weeks
 - in grades 2 – 8, 35 weeks
 - in grade 9, 37 weeks (2 week exam period)

Holidays

- Autumn holidays (1 week)
- Christmas holidays (2 weeks)
- Summer holidays (summer months)
- Easter (spring) holidays (1 week)

Graduation

By the end of the studies students get corresponding document

- **Certificate of the basic education and a statement of records**
- **Certificate of the secondary education and a statement of records**
- diploma or certificate

Governance of the Education System

- Education system is administered at three levels
 - National
 - Municipal
 - Institutional

Legislation:

- Law on General Education (1999)
- Law on Professional Education (1999)
- Law on Higher Education Establishments (1995, 2000- amended version)

Thank You!

