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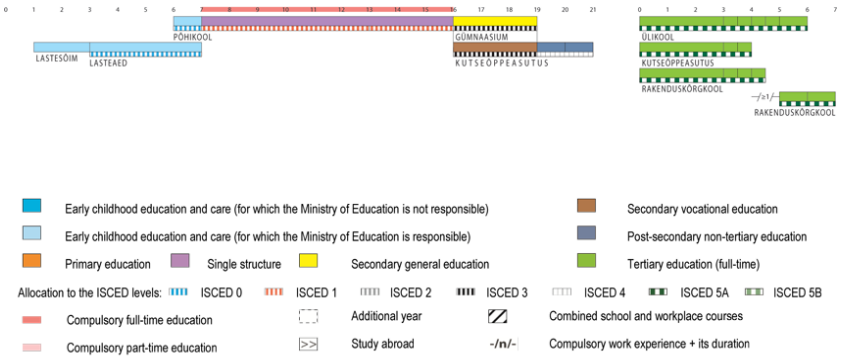
In Estonia the education system is centrally managed by the Ministry of Education and Research. Early childhood education and care is managed by local authorities, and is not part of the State's responsibilities. Primary and lower secondary education is organised as a single structure system, beginning at the age of 7 and consisting of nine years of compulsory schooling. Upper secondary education is not compulsory, but the vast majority of the population participates.

Higher education is provided by universities and institutions of professional higher education.Adult education enables acquiring formal education at all levels of education, participating in work-related training as well in non-formal education.

For a brief description of the different levels of the education system and other related topics such as teachers and special needs education, please read the Eurydice National System Overview.

[1]While Eurypedia provides comprehensive and comparable information on the Estonian education system, further information may also be found on the websites of the Ministry of Education and Research as well as the Statistics Estonia.

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- National Student Fee and Support Systems
- Organisation of the Academic Year in Higher Education
- Organisation of School Time in Europe (Primary and general secondary education)
- Recommended Annual Taught Time in Full-Time Compulsory Education in Europe (Presented by grades/stages for full time compulsory education as well as by subject and country.)
- Teachers and School Heads Salaries and Allowances in Europe (Salaries and allowances of teachers and school heads at pre-primary, primary, lower secondary and upper secondary education levels.)