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105th Primary school of Thessaloniki

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM OF GREECE



4 yrs old	5 yrs old	6 years old	7 years old	8 years old	9 years old	10 years old	11 years old	12 years old	13 years old	14 years old	15 years old	16 years old	17 years old	18 years old	
		Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12		
	Kindergarden	Compulsary Education													
		Primary Education Elementary School "Dimotiko"						Secondary Education Junior High School "Gymnasio"		Secondary Education High School "Lycium"		Tertiary Education University "Panepistimio"			
										Technical Vocational Education		Technical Education Institution "T.E.I."			



A short introduction

The Greek Educational System consists of three successive levels: **Primary**, **Secondary** and **Tertiary** education level.

Education in Greece is compulsory for all children 5-15 years old; namely, it includes Kindergarden, Primary (Dimotiko) and Lower Secondary (Gymnasio) Education.

The school life of the students can start from the age of 2.5 years (pre-school education) in institutions either private or public called "nursery schools" (crèches).

Attendance in Kindergartens (**Nipiagogeia**) (**ISCED 0**) is optional in first year (4years old) and obligatory at the age of five. Lasting one or two years, Kindergarten serves as a preparatory stage which contributes to integrating the children in the Primary school system. Nipiagogeia operate either independently or share premises with Primary Schools. Most Nipiagogeia are state-run, but there are also private ones. Attendance in state Nipiagogeia is provided free of charge. At the same time, All-day Kindergartens operate with an extended timetable (at least 8 hours per day).

Primary level

Primary Education (ISCED 1) is provided in Primary Schools (**Dimotiko**), public or private. Public Primary Schools exist all over the country even in the most remote regions. Attendance at Primary Education (Dimotiko) is compulsory, lasts for six years (corresponding to six grades), and children are admitted at the age of 6. Public education and schoolbooks are provided free of charge. All-day primary schools are also in operation, with an extended timetable and an enriched Curriculum.

The basic goal of the Dimotiko (Primary school) is to ensure the children's all-round, harmonious and balanced mental and physical development.

Besides there are **special schools** and induction courses for children with special education needs. Finally, since 1996 is adopted **Multicultural Education** designed to meet the educational needs of social groups with a particular social, cultural or religious identity.

Primary school comes to an end on completion of the sixth class and the pupils are given a study certificate which is forwarded to the local Gymnasium by official channels so that they can continue their education there.

Secondary level

Secondary Education in Greece is divided into two levels: **compulsory** (lower) Secondary Education and **post-compulsory** (upper) Secondary Education.

Compulsory Secondary Education (ISCED2) is provided in **Gymnasio**. Attendance in **Gymnasio** lasts for 3 years and addresses 12-15 years old pupils. Education at Gymnasio level is designed to promote the pupils' all-round development with reference to the abilities which they have at that age and the demands which life puts on them.

Assessment is based on day to day oral tests and the general involvement of the pupil in the learning process, on short written tests, on written tests given without warning during the school year and, finally, on written examinations at the end of the school year. At the end of the school year pupils who fail certain subjects must take a repeat examination in September. Pupils leaving the Gymnasiums are given a leaving certificate which entitles them to move on to higher-level secondary education.

Post-compulsory (Upper) Secondary Education (ISCED 3) according to the reform of 1997, involves two types of schools: **Eniaio Lykeio** (Unified Lyceum) and **TEE** (Technical Vocational Educational School). The duration of studies in Lykeia is three years and in the Technical Vocational Educational Schools (TEE) two years (a' level) or three years (b' level). Mutual student transfer from one type of school to the other is possible, while mutual shifts from one type to the other do occur. Apart from day Secondary Schools there is also **Esperino** (Evening) Gymnasio, Lykeio and TEE.

The Ministry of Education has overall responsibility for course development and approval, and also supervises most of these schools. Certain TEE is supervised by the Ministry of Health and Welfare, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Development. These TEE provide vocational training and education in specializations corresponding to the relative ministries. There is also private TEE.

In parallel with ordinary primary and secondary level education schools there are also **special pre-school, primary, lower level secondary and higher level secondary education schools** for special groups of

students, 26 intercultural schools operate for foreigners and ex-patriates pupils, 232 minority schools for pupils from the Muslim minority of Thrace and around 250 independent special schools operate for children with special needs. In the upper levels of secondary education there are equivalent “Pilot” schools in operation (in co-operation with universities), “Music” schools (with emphasis on music) and “Ecclesiastical” schools (with emphasis on religious education) and “Sports Departments” (with emphasis on sports).

In State compulsory and post-compulsory Secondary Education schools, attendance is free of charge and text books are distributed free of charge by the state.

Post-compulsory Secondary Education also includes the **Vocational Training Institutes (IEK)**, which provide formal but unclassified level of education (**ISCED 4**). These Institutes are not classified as an educational level, because they accept both Gymnasio (lower secondary school) and Lykeio (upper secondary school) graduates according to the relevant specializations they provide.

Compared with courses at Technical Vocational Schools (TEE), IEK courses are work oriented and linked to the demands of the labor market. They are designed by tripartite teams of experts (state, employers and employees). Trainees are provided with a certificate of vocational training, which gives them the right to participate in the final accreditation examinations.

Tertiary level

Tertiary education (ISCED 5) is provided in two parallel sectors: the university sector and the higher technological sector. Courses at tertiary level institutes last for 8-12 semesters. Students are admitted to these Institutes according to their performance at national level examinations taking place at the third grade of Lyceum. **Postgraduate courses (ISCED 6)** are also available at Tertiary education level.

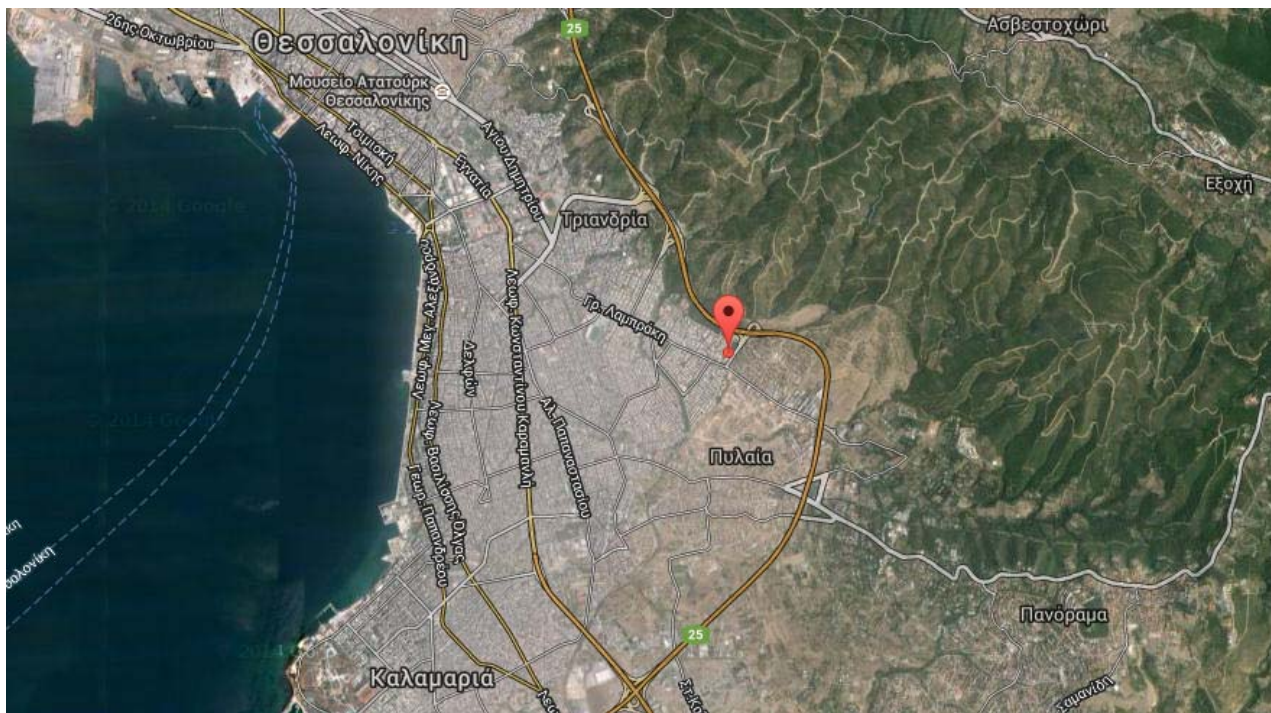
University Education: The mission of University Education is to ensure a high level of theoretical and all-round training for the future scientific workforce. The University Education system includes the Universities (AEI), the Polytechnics, the Higher Fine Arts Institute and the Hellenic Open University.

Higher Technological Education: The role of Higher Technological Education, which includes Technological Education Institutes (TEI), is to contribute to the country's development and to progress in the fields of science and applied research. The focus is on the absorption and transfer of scientific data into the production process. The courses are more practically oriented than in the Universities. Higher Technological Education also includes ASPAITE, the Higher School of Pedagogical and Technical Education. Graduates of a Master course or a diploma study are entitled to enrol in doctoral studies at universities.

Higher Education (non University): The Higher Education System also includes various institutes which provide vocational training in the field of religion, art, tourism, the navy, the army and public order. More specifically, these include the Higher Ecclesiastical Institutes, the Merchant Marine Academy, the Higher Institute of Dance and Dramatic Art, the Higher Tourist Training Institutes, the Higher NCO Institutes of the Ministry of National Defence, and the Police Academy.

Our School – 105th Primary School of Thessaloniki

Our school is the largest school in the city of **Thessaloniki** (in number of students) and it's located at the north-east part of the city in the suburb of Ano Toumpa, next to the Seih-sou forest, below ring road of Thessaloniki at Exit 10, at latitude 40.61 north and longitude 22.98 east (<http://105dim-thess.thess.sch.gr/map.htm>)



Established in 1986 as a six class school, nowadays operates with 18 classes (3 in each Grade) in morning school, 2 integrated classes (students with disabilities) and 3 classes in afternoon school.

Front view of our school



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School Year - Holidays

School year in Greece starts on **September 1st** (September 11th for students) and finishes by the **end of June** (June 15th for students)

Christmas Holidays: two weeks (from Dec 24 to Jan 7)

Easter Holidays: two weeks

Summer Holidays: July 1st to August 31st

The school

The school operates during weekly days:

- 07:00 to 08:00 Early morning zone (1 class)
- 08:00 to 14:00 Classic school (18 classes)
- 14:00 to 16:15 Afternoon school (3 classes)

385 pupils study in **18** classes (3 in each Grade) and **2** integrated classes.

From 6 years old (**Grade 1**) to 12 years old (**Grade 6**)

35 teachers teach in these classes as follows: 20 *class teachers*, 2 *teachers* in *integrated classes* - specialised in learning disabilities-, 1 *teacher* in *afternoon school*, 3 *gymnasts*, 5 *foreign language teachers*-3 for English, 1 for French and 1 for German-, 1 *ICT teacher* and 3 *arts teachers*-for drama, music and painting-

The subjects that are taught in school are: *Language, Maths, Study Environment, Science, History, Geography, English, Arts* (drama, music, and painting), *2nd Foreign Lang.*, *ICT, Gymnastics, Religion Studies, Flexible Zone, and Citizenship*