



# Ukraine Education System

Pre-School → Elementary School → Basic Secondary  
(Middle School) → Upper Secondary Education  
(Specialised Secondary Education)

## Pre-school Up to the age of 6



- Children can attend pre-school up to the age of 6 in Ukraine.
- Not all children have access.
- Provision is a mix of public and private pre-schools.

## Elementary School 4 years duration: ages 6 - 9

- Ages 6 to 9 years: Grade 1 to Grade 4.
  - *Phase 1: Grade 1 and 2 - Age 6 & 7 years*
  - *Phase 2: Grade 3 and 4 - Age 8 & 9 years*
- The curriculum includes reading, writing, mathematics, physical education, nature, art, and music. The curriculum is delivered through play-based pedagogy during *Phase 1*.
- Pupils take state examinations at the end of Grade 4 - Ukrainian (or another native language), reading and mathematics.



## Basic Secondary (Middle School) 5 years duration: ages 10 - 14



- Ages 10 to 14 years: Grade 5 to Grade 9.
- The general core curriculum includes subjects like Ukrainian language and literature, foreign language, history, mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, physical education, music and art.
- Students take state examinations at the end of Grade 9 - certificate of completed basic secondary education.

## Upper Secondary (Specialised Secondary Education) 3 years duration: ages 15 - 17

- Ages 15 to 17 years: Grade 10 to Grade 12<sup>1</sup>.
- Students cover a general academic core curriculum and have a choice between an Academic stream or Vocational stream.
  - *Students completing the Academic stream at the end of Grade 12 can transfer to bachelor degrees in higher education following standardised tests that are externally assessed by the Ukrainian Center for Educational Quality Assessment.*
  - *A smaller number of students follow the Vocational stream which is often linked to completing a junior bachelor degree or specialist qualification.*
- Students take three mandatory state examination subjects at the end of Grade 12 - Ukrainian language and literature, mathematics or history of Ukraine, and one subject of choice. Some take more than three; other optional subjects are available. All graduates who pass the final state examinations receive a certificate of completed general secondary education.



<sup>1</sup> The 12 Year Grade model is currently being introduced and most students will not have completed 12 years.