### THE POLISH EDUCATION SYSTEM



### THE NEW STRUCTURE INCLUDES

- Pre primary school
  - 8-year primary school,
- general secondary school,
- 5-year technical secondary school,
- 3-year sectoral VET school (stage I),
- 2-year sectoral VET school (stage II),
- 3-year special school preparing for employment
- Post secondary school
- Higher education

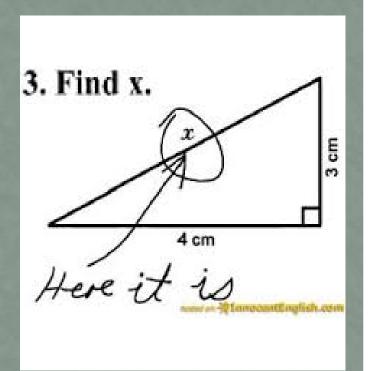
### **COMPULSORY EDUCATION**



Starting 2017 a new structure of school education is being implemented in which full-time compulsory education will last for 9 years (the last year of preschool education and 8 years of primary school education).

### Marks:

- 6 excellent,
- 5 very good,
- 4 –good
- 3- satisfactory
- 2 acceptable,
- 1 unsatisfactory



## PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION



(16902 institutions)

Kindergartens (3-6 years old)

Pre-primary classes attached to primary schools

(compulsory for 6-year-old children)

### Admission

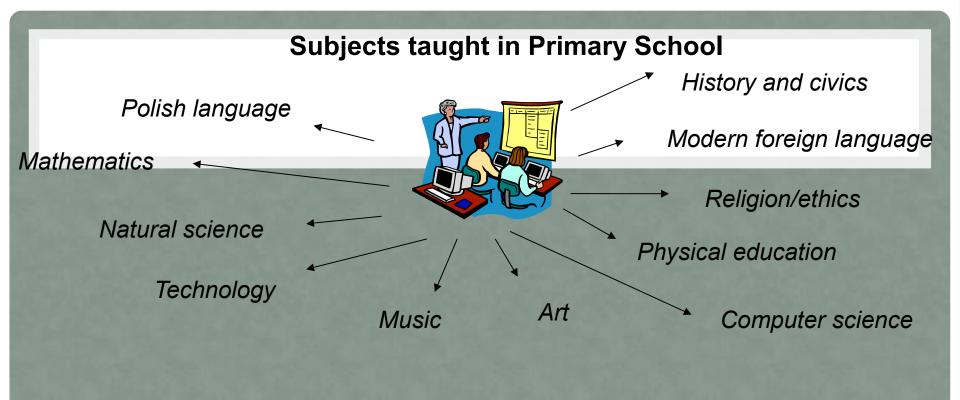
The enrolment in public kindergartens is provided on the free access basis. Most kindergartens work around 9 hours a day and are open 5 days a week. There are still not enough pre-primary institutions in Poland.

# PRIMARY EDUCATION

Obligatory for all 6-yearold pupils; 5-year-old children can go to primary school after 1 year of preschool preparation

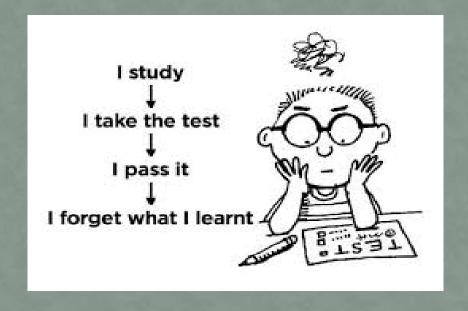
School year max.38 weeks, min. number of school days - 178 The beginning of the school year is on the 1st of September and the end around the 25th of June (it varies)





### FINISHING PRIMARY SCHOOL:

compulsory external exam will take place in grade 8 of primary school and its results will influence admission to secondary schools.



### FINISHING SECONDARY EDUCATION

Students of vocational schools – basic vocational schools and technical upper secondary schools – may take exams confirming vocational qualifications in a given occupation during the course of study or upon completion of school to receive a diploma confirming their vocational qualifications.

Graduates of general upper secondary schools and technical upper secondary schools may take the external upper secondary school leaving examination (egzamin maturalny) to obtain the Matura certificate, which gives access to higher education.

#### **HIGHER EDUCATION**

There are two types of Higher Education Institutions:

- U university-type (uczelnia akademicka),
- ① non-university-type (*uczelnia zawodowa*). Degrees:
- (equivalent of Bachelor's degree) –
- 3-4 year programmes,
- \*\*Dinzynier\*\* (equivalent of Bachelor's degree) 3.5-4 year programmes.

The Master's degree after 5 or 6 year programmes

(magister or its equivalent) entitles its holder to practice a given profession and provides access to third-cycle studies.

### University LIFE:



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