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TO FOREIGN PARENTS

HOW ITALIAN SCHOOL WORKS



Initial information to welcome your children

WELCOME

TO THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL "DON ANDREA SANTORO"

This small brochure is to welcome you and to help you to understand how school works in Italy.

You can enroll your children in school right away even if the school has already started.

I want you to know that your children have the right to attend the classes, even if their situation is not in accordance with the rules on residence.

(ONU, Convention of Children's Rights Art. 28)

HOW MANY YEARS SCHOOL

Compulsory schooling lasts 10 years:

- 5 years PRIMARY SCHOOL
- 3 years SECONDARY SCHOOL
- 2 years for the 2ND cycle of the school guidance at the HIGH SCHOOL

Daycare: age from 0 to 3

Kindergarten: age from 3 to 6

Primary school(*) age from 6 to 11

Secondary school(*) age from 11 to 14

Two-year period 2nd cycle(*) age from 14 to 16

HIGH SCHOOL from 16 to 19

COMPULSORY SCHOOLING is free

At PRIMARY SCHOOL books are given for free, parents just buy notebooks, pens, crayons ...

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO ENROLL CHILDREN FOR OUR SCHOOL

- BIRTH CERTIFICATE** (if you haven't got it passport and/or residence permit are ok)
- VACCINATION CERTIFICATES** (An appointment at the health center will be booked and it will certify the good health of your child and will ask for supplement vaccinations if needed)
- SCHOOL DOCUMENTS** (if parents haven't got them they declare on their own responsibility class and kind of school attended in the native country)

When you are enrolling your children for our school you have to fill out these forms :

- choosing the school
- attending the R.E. course
- enjoyment of school meals service
- enrolling for thr pre-school or /and after-school activities
- enjoyment of school transport service)

SCHOOL TIME

In our school parents can choose among these eventualities:

- 1) Primary school and Kindergarten : 40 hours a week from Monday to Friday 8.10 a.m. to 4.10 p.m and children have lunch in the school canteen
- 2) Primary school 28 hours a week from Monday to Friday, but children have school one afternoon a week
- 3) Secondary school 36 hours a week having school three afternoons a week

School starts at 8.00 a.m. for the Kindergarten and at 8.10 for Primary and Secondary school

Children have to be on time

ENJOYING MEALS SERVICE

In almost all schools the Municipality provides the meals service. Students eat in a canteen at school . Their parents pay a school fee for the lunch and this fee is determined by the Municipality.

For religious and health reasons you can ask for a special diet at the time of the application to the school.

IF CHILDREN'S PARENTS GO TO WORK VERY EARLY

To help families with special working times you can benefit from the pre-school service (school opens at 7.45 at the school San Lorenzo)

R.E. OR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL SUBJETS

In Italian schools R.E. is a subject option, at the time of the application to the school you can choose:

- to attend R.E. Course
- to work in group learning activities
- to do research and studying assisted by a teacher
- to leave early

LIVING FAR FROM SCHOOL

You could ask for the school transport (by school bus) paying a price per year.

SCHOOL DIARY

School lasts about 9 months.

It starts in September and ends in June.

School holidays: :

two weeks at Christmas (usually from the 23rd of December to the 6th of January)

one week at Ester (in March or April)

during the school year there are other holidays but you will be aware of them by written notice.

It's really important you always check your children's school diary

ABSENCE

When a child is absent at school his/her parents have to justify it on the own child's school diary .

LEARNINGS / SUBJECTS

Italian

Foreign Languages: English in the Primary school and Kindergarten; English and French in the Secondary School

Maths

Science

Technology (I.T.)

History

Geography

Art

P.E.

Music

EVALUATING THE PERFORMANCE

Every school year is divided in two terms.

In January and in June teachers evaluate the performances of each student and fill out their performance review that will be given to their own family.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

Throughout the school year teachers meet children's parents at school.

These meetings are very useful and important: parents can speak to teachers and be informed about the learning activities and the school curricula.

Children's parents and teachers shall cooperate on the total integration and on the education of their children.

TALKS/INTERVIEWS

Eack teacher can inform the students' parents about the day and the time they can meet to speak about their child, his/her educational needs or learning achievements in a face to face interview.

You can do the same.

INTEGRATION AT SCHOOL

A special project of cultural welcoming will help new foreign students to feel integrated in the new school.

The referent teachers will organize and realize different courses to teach Italian language.

YOU KNOW that if you have questions you can always ask teachers or school staff.