

Common educational terms

Primary School: State school for infant education (3-5 year-olds) and primary education (6-12 year-olds).

IES: State secondary education school

Tutor: Teacher overseeing the welfare of a group of children.

Head Teacher: In charge of the daily running of the school and encourages parental involvement.

AMPA: Parent-teacher association

Immigration Reception Centre: This is the reception centre for immigrant pupils under 18 and their parents. It provides information on our education system and the resources and facilities available to help them in their schooling.

Cultural Mediator: Establishes contact between peoples of different cultures and promotes the integration of student groups belonging to minority cultures.

DO: State school Department of Orientation

SPE: Child psychology service covering a school area

Child and Learning Psychologist: Specialises in DO and SPE and is in charge of pupils with special needs and difficulties of adaptation and learning and provides guidance for children and parents.

Speech therapist: A specialist in the treatment of speech disorders and difficulties.

PT: Teacher in charge of remedial education

Social worker (also known as Social Assistant): Provides information and help for families with special difficulties and needs.

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Educational Information Academic Year 2007-8

Helping to school your child: some useful guidelines.

How is education organised in the Autonomous Region of Valencia?

Pupils are entitled to be educated in schools, where their integrity and convictions will be respected, where they will be encouraged to take part in the running of the school and where they will be able to make the most of the facilities to cater for any special needs and possible difficulties, etc.

In the Autonomous Region of Valencia, as in the rest of Spain, schooling is compulsory between the ages of six and sixteen. Children and youngsters of these ages must attend a primary or a secondary school.

Our region is bilingual, and both official languages, Valencian and Spanish, are taught in schools. Pupils are expected to have mastered both languages by the end of secondary education.

Our system is co-educational. This means that both boys and girls in primary and secondary education share lessons, classrooms and activities.

Compulsory education is free and financial assistance is available for buying materials such as textbooks, exercise books and stationery.

