

# School system in Russia

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# The 1<sup>st</sup> of September

- In Russia children start school at the age of 6 to 7. Their first academic year begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. For the next 11 years of their lives the 1<sup>st</sup> of September will be a very special day for them – back to school, studies, meeting their classmates, getting acquainted with new teachers and subjects.



# Schools in Russia



- School in Russia is divided into **primary school** (grades 1 - 4), **junior secondary school** (grades 5 - 9) and **senior secondary school** (grades 10 - 11).
- Kids study for 5 days a week in primary school and 5 or 6 days in junior and senior secondary school.





# Terms or a trimester system

- In most of the Russian Federation the academic year is divided into 4 terms with 1 or 2 week breaks between them and longer summer holidays. Some schools use a trimester system which divides the academic year into three terms.



# Exams



- Exams are an important part of school life. Students have to take them after their 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> years of study.
- Students completing junior secondary school take final examinations called the General State Examination (GSE) and if they pass the exams, they get **the certificate**. The certificate grants students access to further studies. They may continue education in senior secondary school or go to a college.



# Exams



- At the end of their 11<sup>th</sup> year at school students take the Unified State Examination (USE). If they pass the exams, they can apply to university.



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			School	Age
			Kindergarten	3–6
1	9 years COMPULSORY EDUCATION		Primary school	7
2				8
3				9
4				10
5		Secondary school	Secondary junior school	11
6				12
7				13
8				14
9			State attestation (GIA)	15
10				Secondary senior school State Exam (EGE)
11	17			
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