



Education in Flanders



Population: 11,268,000 people in 2016

- 6 478 000 people in the Flemish region
- 1 188 000 people in the Brussels region
- 3 602 000 people in the Wallonia region

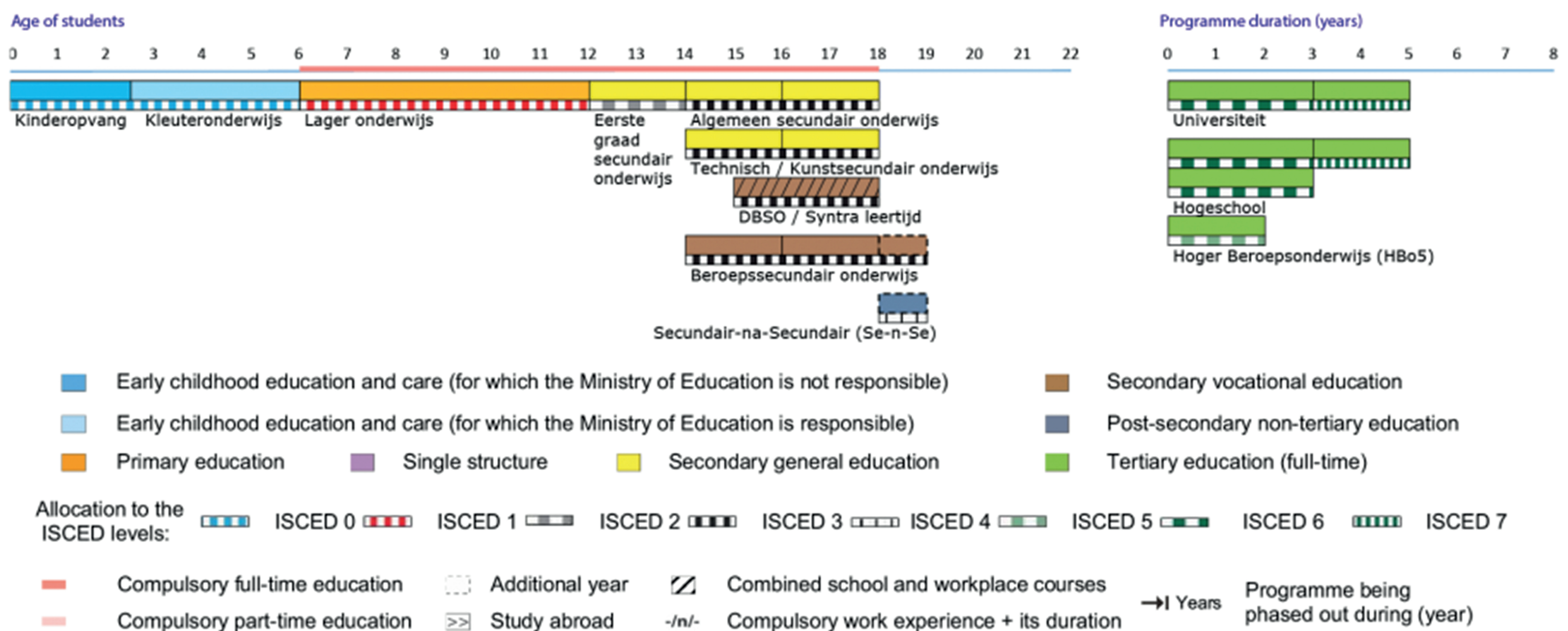
Flemish Education Administration

- Department of Education and Training responsible for policy making
- Agencies that implement policy:
 - Agency for Higher Education, Adult Education, Qualifications and Bursaries
 - Agency for Infrastructure in Education
 - Agency for Education Services (early childhood and primary education, secondary education, part-time arts education, centres for pupil guidance, school inspection and guidance)
- School Inspection

The Department, Agencies and School Inspection function autonomously, with in the lead the Secretary-General in the Department, the Administrator-General in an agency and an Inspector-General in the Inspection

- The Flemish Minister of Education
- The Flemish Education Council, the strategic advisory Board of this policy domain

The education system



Some general principles

- School instruction language is Dutch
- Compulsory education for all children from six to eighteen
- Control of education costs until the end of compulsory education
- Freedom of education
- 3 educational networks:
 - GO! education of the Flemish Community
 - Publicly funded, publicly run education: municipal education (organised by local authorities) and provincial education (organised by provincial authorities)
 - Publicly funded, privately run schools organised by a private person or private organisation: Catholic Education, protestant, Jewish, orthodox, Islamic,... schools and 'method schools' (Montessori, Steiner, Freinet)
- Autonomy of education providers with local accountability at every level of education

Equity in education

- Right to enrolment
- Local consultation platforms
- Extra support for additional needs provision in schools with additional teaching hours
- SEN act (road to inclusive education)

School calendar 2017-2018

Open	1 September
Close	30 June
Autumn holidays	30 October - 5 November 2017
Armistice day	11 November 2017
Christmas holiday	25 December 2017 - 7 January 2018
Crocus holiday	12 until 18 February 2018
Easter holiday	2 until 15 April 2018
Labour Day	1 May 2018
Ascension Day	10 - 11 May 2018
Whit Monday	21 May 2018
Summer holiday	1 July until 31 August 2018