



# Education in Suriname



**Population: 558,368 people in 2016**

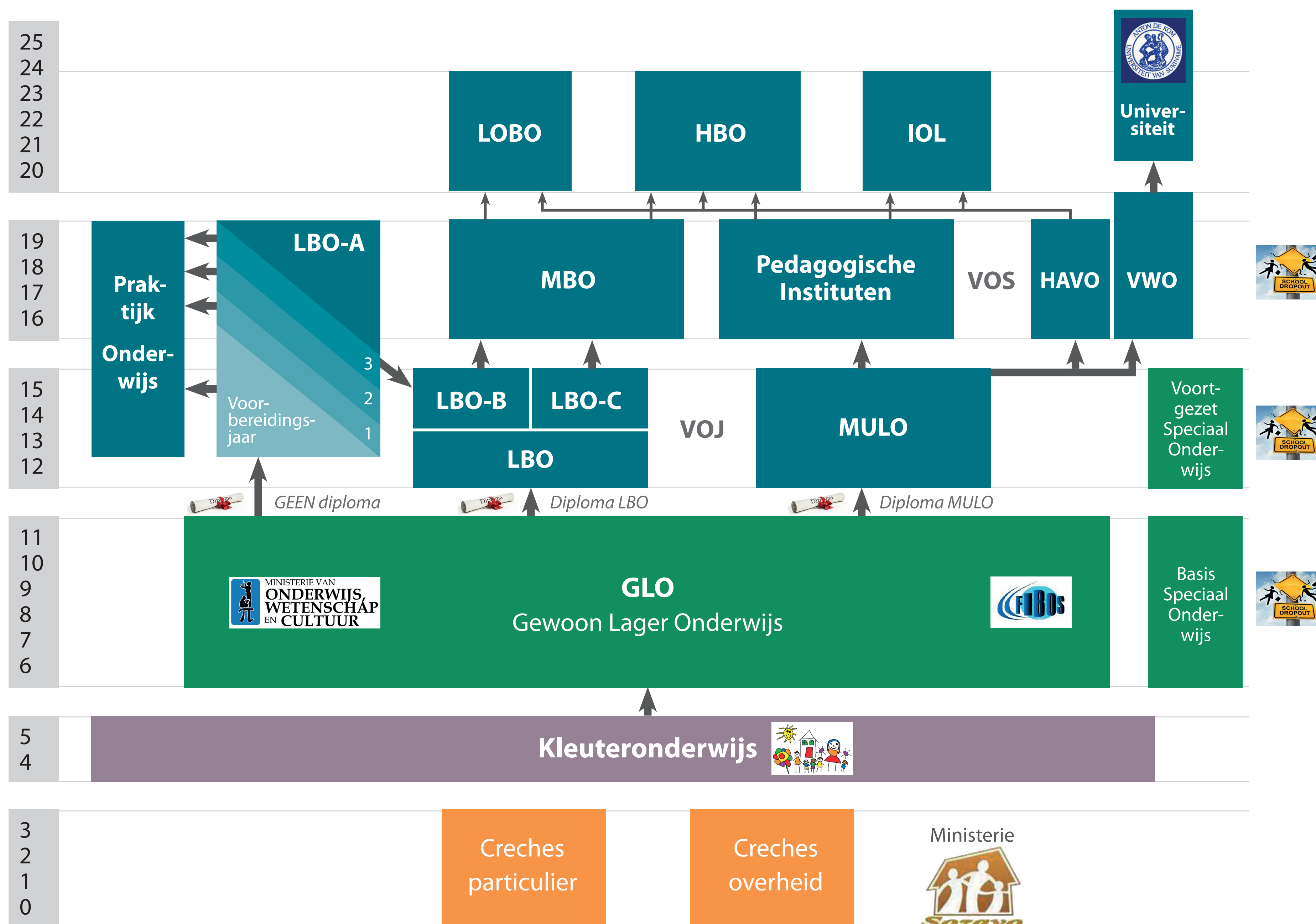
## Ministry of Education, Science and Culture

### Since 2010:

- Directorate Education with seven Head Departments:
  - Head Department Education, responsible for implementation and school inspection in general
  - Head Department Administrative Services, responsible for human resources and finance
  - Head Department Development Service, responsible for innovation in education
  - Head Department Technical Services, responsible for technical support of the implementation of education activities
  - Head Department Learning Resources, Production and distribution
  - Head Department Vocational Training
  - Head Department Educational Student Shelter
- Directorate Culture
- Directorate Science (Since April 2015)



## The education system



## School calendar 2016-2017

**Open** 2 October  
**Close** 18 August

Autumn holiday 19 August – 1 October  
Christmas holidays 24 December – 4 January  
Easter holiday 13 April – 30 April  
Whitsun weekend 3 June – 6 June

### National holidays

Eid al-Adha 12 September 2016  
Day of the Marron 10 October 2016  
Divali 30 October 2016  
Independence Day 25 November 2016  
Christmas Day 25 December 2016  
2nd Christmas Day 26 December 2016  
New Year's Day 1 January 2017  
Chinese New Year 28 January 2017

Revolution Day 25 February 2017  
Holi Phagwa 13 March 2017  
Good Friday 14 April 2017  
First Easter Day 16 April 2017  
Second Easter Day 17 April 2017  
Labour Day 1 May 2017  
Keti Koti 1 July 2017  
Eid al-Fitr 26 June 2017  
Day of the Native 9 August