



Italian Curricula in ARTS

In Italy the Ministry of Education is responsible for setting the national curriculum and for the cultural axes.

While Schools operate in observance of general education standards issued by the Ministry of Education and in Italy each primary school produces its own Plan of Educational Offer (POF) or education action plan. Since 2015 the plan is presented every three years (PTOF).

The general aim of the Italian schools is the harmonious and comprehensive development of the individual, in keeping with the principles of the Italian Constitution and European cultural tradition, that should be achieved through the promotion of knowledge, respect for individual diversity and the active involvement of students and their families.

Arts is mentioned in official education documents and creativity is included in the curricula of the pre-primary school while music, art and image are established as compulsory school disciplines in primary schools, and "Arts education" is compulsory in lower secondary schools.

There are lower secondary schools (11-14 years; ISCED 2) specialized in music, where pupils learn to play an instrument. Entry to the lower secondary school specializing in music is by parental choice. During the first cycle of education (6-14) (ISCED 1-2) the aims (goals) and objectives of the disciplines **Music** and **Art** and is education in taste and aesthetic sensibility and development of critical and creative capabilities. A detailed description of the skills development goal are described in the document:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education%20/Eurydice/documents/thematic_reports/118EN.zip

The time devoted to arts education in the first cycle (6-14 years; ISCED 1-2) is on average two hours per week. There is no evidence in the national laws of cross curricular activities using different art forms and it is up to each school educational offer plan (PTOF) to link art activities to other school subjects

The Italian curricula in pre- primary and primary schools

Pre-primary school for children from 3-5 years old , the pre-primary school is optional in Italy

- The self and the other
- The body and movement
- Languages , creativity , expression
- Speeches and words
- Knowledge of the world

Primary School for children from 6-11 years old . The Primary school is compulsory.

- Italian
- English language and second foreign language

- history
 - geography
 - mathematics
 - sciences
 - music
 - art and image
 - Sport science
 - technology
- Religion is optional