

# QUICK PRESENTATION OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN FRANCE

*The public school is free, laic and obligatory*

Organised in three different branches

- 1 pre-primary and primary education
- 2 secondary and upper secondary education
- 3 higher education

## Pre-primary and primary education

Cours moyen 2 **CM2**

Cours moyen 1 **CM1**

Cours élémentaire 2 **CE2**

Cours élémentaire 1 **CE1**

Cours préparatoire **CP**

**Primary school**

Grande section 5/6 ans

Moyenne section 4/5 ans

Petite section 2/4 ans

**Pre-primary school**

### Effectifs :

- 2,2 millions pupils in pre-primary
- 3,3 millions pupils in primary
- 24 hours/week
- No career advisor but school psychologist

### Financement :

- Teachers are civil servants recruited and paid by State
- The construction and all taking off are the responsibility to the commune

## Secondary education

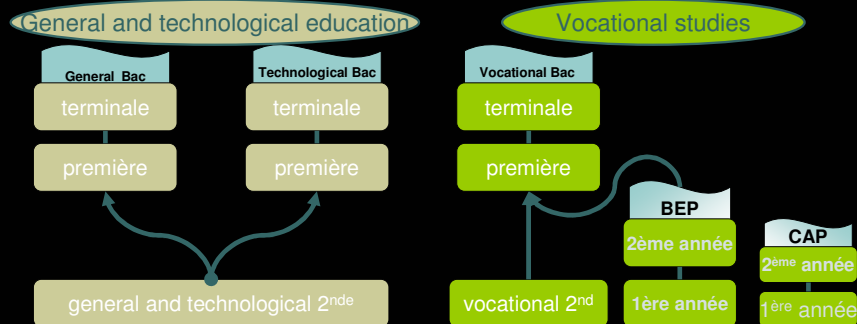


Section For Adapted Vocational Education is a structure within colleges for pupils with severe learning difficulties after primary school

- **Effectifs :**
  - 2,6 millions pupils
  - 4924 collèges
  - 27 hours/week

- **Financement :**
  - Teachers are civils servants recruited and paid by State
  - The construction and maintaining all taking off the responsibility to the departement

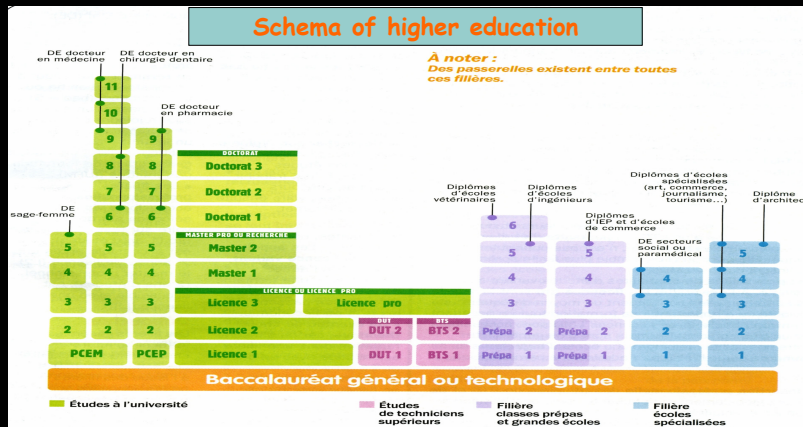
## Upper secondary education



- **Financement :**
  - Teachers are civils servants recruited and paid by state.the constructionand maintaining all taking off the responsibility to the region

- **Effectifs :**
  - 1,2 millions pupils in GTE
  - > 1429 colleges
  - 540 000 pupils in VS
  - > 1141 colleges

# Higher education



## Guidance and counselling in France and career advisers

- 1 Guidance and counselling system
- 2 Guidance counsellor
- 3 Missions of CA
- 4 The methods of CA

## **The guidance system**

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- The college admits all pupils having finished primary schools, schooling from the sixth to the third ,the college is organised into three pedagogical cycles
- **The Bac is the first stage in university education, since it gives access to higher education**

## **Guidance counsellor**

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- **Number : 4400 career advisers**
- **Recruitment : a competitive recruitment examination after they have done a licence of psychologie and then 2 years formation in state institut**
- **Place : affectation in information and advice center .**

## **Mission of career advisor**

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- Have in load to help the young people with the construction of their project
- **They take care about 1400 pupils reparteted on 2 or 3 colleges and lycee**
- They provide impartial information, advice and guidance primarily to pupils but also to adults.

## **Methods of career advisers**

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- **Mostly work with people individually**
- Collective informations
- **Classes counsils**
- Collective or individual psychométric tests (WISC IV)
- **Interest and ability tests**
- Taking classes and leading group discussions

## **Francis DAVID, career adviser in information and advice centre**

- 1 Advise centre in his environment
- 2 The operation of advice centre
- 3 My standard week
- 4 My work tals

## **The advice centre of Beauvais**

- **Beauvais :  
département Oise,  
région Picardie  
(North west of  
Paris)**
- **18 A.V. in Picardie,  
6 in Oise**
- **16 C.A., 1 director,  
4 administratifs**



## Operation of advice centre



- **Center resource documentary**
- **A assured permanence all days, for every public reception (including adults and private education).**

## Operation of advice centre(2)

- **All the C.A. find thuesday morning for a meeting of synthesis or for visits establishments school or compagnies**
- **Each C.A. has one or two establishments has to deal with**



## My standard week

- **Monday**  
*collège Saint-Exupéry*
- **Tuesday**  
*advice centre*
- **Thursday**  
*lycée Condorcet*
- **Friday**  
*collège Maupassant*

I work 28 hours per week



## My work tools

- Psychometric and other interest and ability tests, to support the guidance process ( WISC IV if necessary)
- **Specialized booklets (ONISEP)**
- **Software**
  - Atlas des formations
  - Les fiches métiers
  - Parade
  - Imadu
- **Internet sites**
  - [www.planetemetiers.picardie.fr](http://www.planetemetiers.picardie.fr)
  - [www.onisep.fr](http://www.onisep.fr)
  - [www.ac-amiens.fr](http://www.ac-amiens.fr)