



# TURKISH EDUCATION SYSTEM



# SOME INFORMATION ABOUT TURKEY

- A bridge between Asian and European continents
- 814.578 square kilometres area
- 2672 kilometres land borders
- Surrounded by the Black sea, the Mediterranean and the Aegean sea
- About 73.000.000 population
- Age groups in population
  - 0 - 14 Ages 29 %
  - 15 - 64 Ages 65 %
  - 65 + Ages 6 %



# SOME INFORMATION ABOUT TURKEY

- Capital city : Ankara
- Language : Turkish
- Political Structure : Parliamentary democracy
- Memberships : Council of Europe, NATO, OECD, BSEC, OIC, and many other international organizations

**NATO: North Atlantic Treaty Organization**

**OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development**

**BSEC: Black Sea Economic Cooperation**

**OIC : Organization of the Islamic Conference**



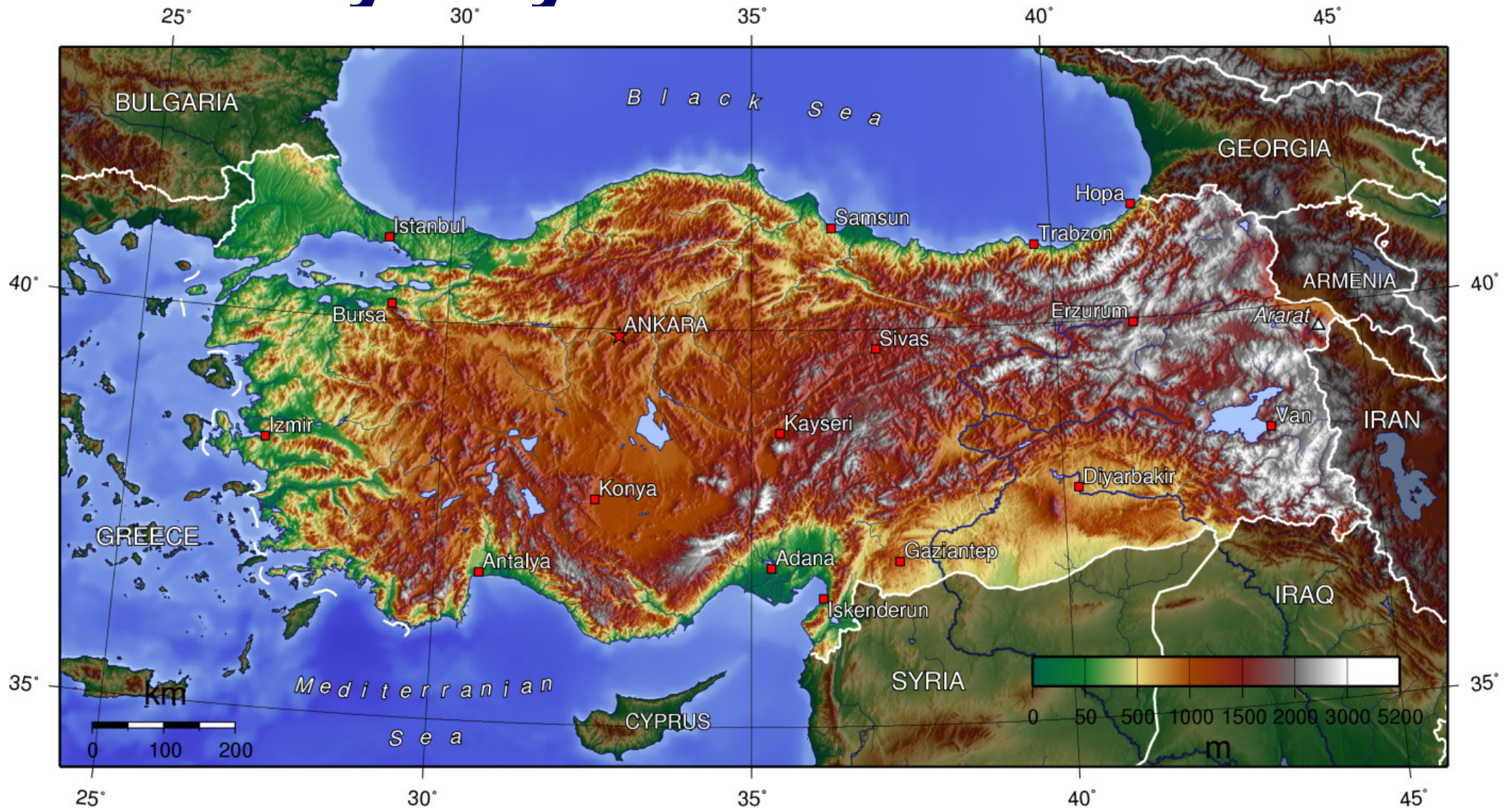
# Turkey-Regional







# Turkey-Physical





# **Organisation of Turkish Education System**



# Organisation of Ministry of National Education

## Ministry of National Education;

- Central Organisation
- Provincial Organisation
- Abroad Organisation
- Related Institutions



# PRINCIPLES REGULATING THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

**The Turkish education system is organized on the basis of;**

- *Constitution of the Turkish Republic*
- *Laws Regulating Education and Instruction*
- *Government Programs*
- *Development Plans*
- *National Education Councils*





**Based on these factors, education principles have been defined as follows;**

- *Education shall be national,*
- *Education shall be Republican,*
- *Education shall be secular,*
- *Education shall have a scientific foundation,*
- *Education shall incorporate generality and equality,*
- *Education shall be functional and modern*

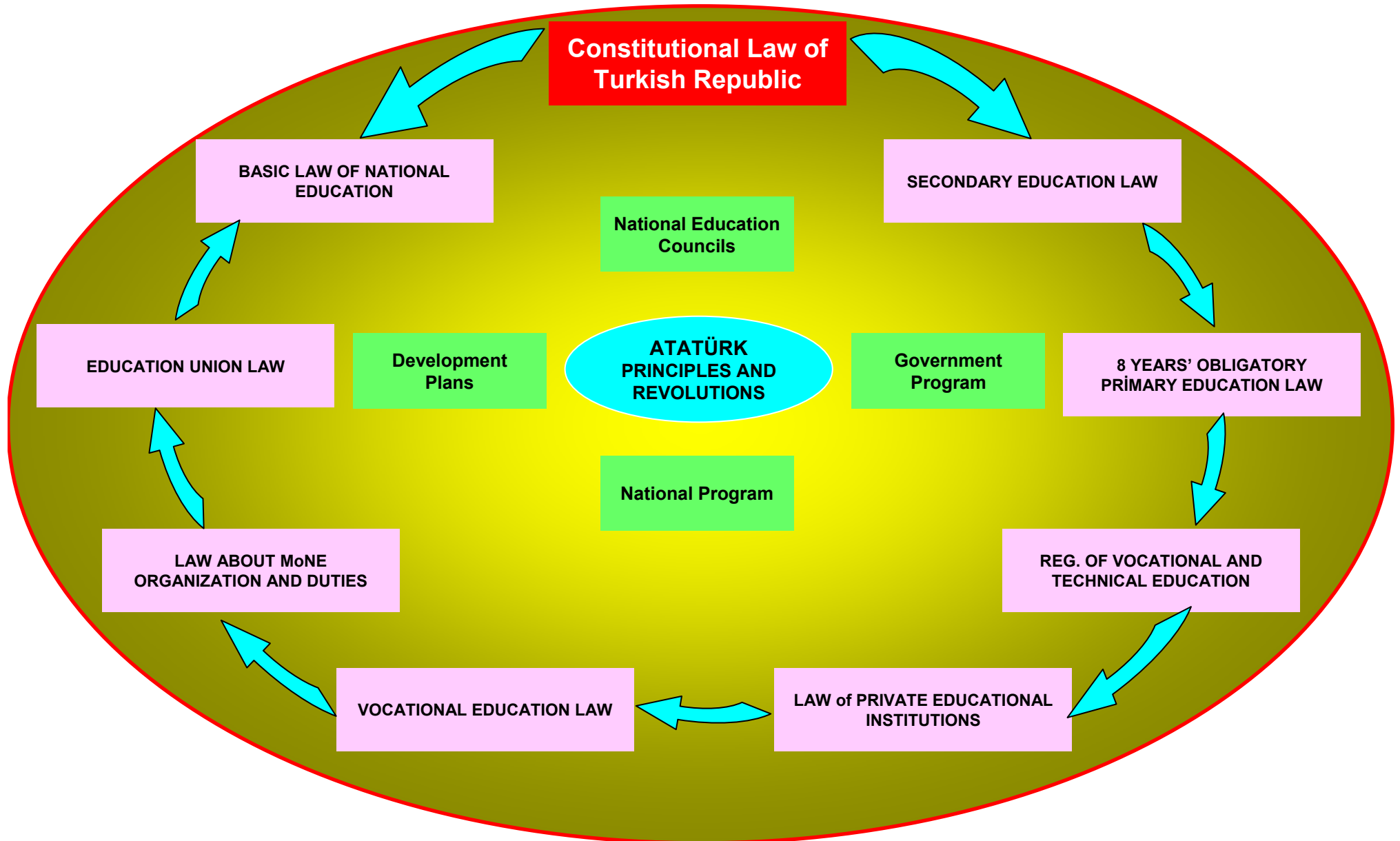


# General Character of the Education System

*Education system has democratic, modern, scientific secular and coeducational characteristics. The purpose of the Turkish Education System is to increase the welfare and happiness of the Turkish citizens and Turkish society, to support and facilitate economic, social and cultural development in national unity and integration and to make the Turkish nation a constructive, creative and distinguished partner in modern civilization.*

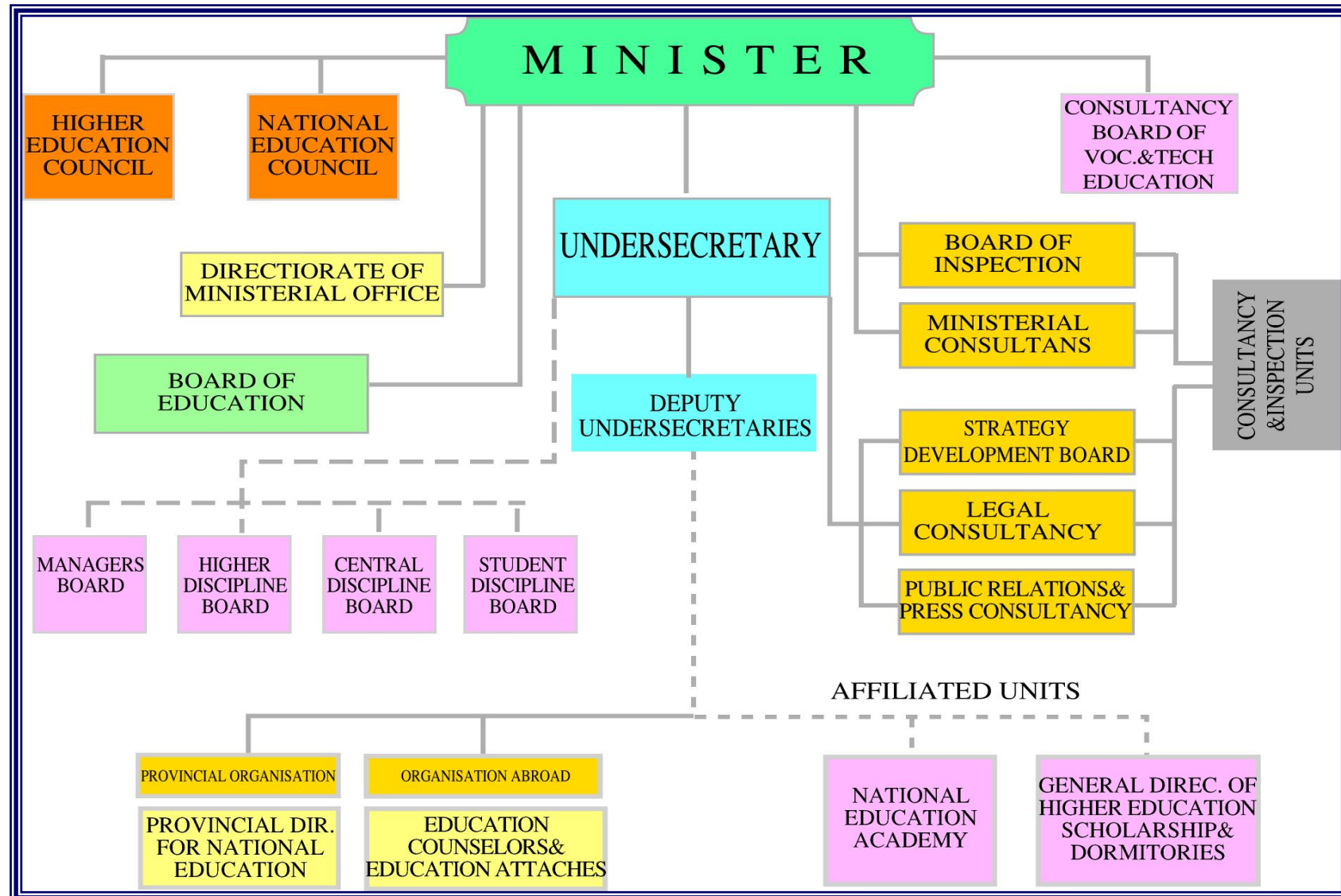


# PRINCIPLES REGULATING THE EDUCATION SYSTEM





# MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CHART





# MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION ORGANISATION CHART







# STRATEGIES AND POLICIES

## Policies:

- developing an up to date curricula and instruction,
- improving teacher training and quality of teachers,
- building information and communication technology infrastructure.
- improving physical capacity and facilities and access to education



# STRATEGIES AND POLICIES

## EU Accession process:

- Strategic goals laid down by Lisbon European Council
- EU Legislation (acquis) in education
- EU Education and Youth Community Programs
- EU Funded Education and Training Project





# General Structure of Turkish National Education System

Turkish National Education System has two main parts:

- **Formal Education**
- **Non-formal Education**



# Formal Education

Formal education is the regular education of individuals in a certain age group and given in schools at the same level with programs prepared for definite purposes. In Turkish National Education System, formal education is formed of four parts as:

- **Pre-School**
- **Primary**
- **Secondary**
- **Higher Education**





# PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION

- Pre-Primary education includes the optional education of children between 36-72 month who are under the age of compulsory primary education. Pre-Primary education institutions, independent nurseries are opened as nursery classes and practical classes within formal and non-formal education institutions with suitable physical capacity. The purpose of Pre-Primary education is to ensure physical, mental and sensory development of children and the acquisition of good habits, to prepare children for primary education, to create a common atmosphere of growth for those living in inconvenient circumstances and to ensure that Turkish is spoken correct and well.



# PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION

- " Nurseries
  - " Kindergarten
  - " Practical classes
  - " Nurseries within private Turkish, Foreign, Minority, International schools
  - " Other institutions (Society for the Protection of Children, and other institutions and organizations opened as per article 191 of Law no 657



# Pre-School Education

*Non-compulsory programs for children from birth to the age of 72 months*

## Three sub-categories:

1. Day nurseries (kres and yuva) (0-36 months)
2. Kindergartens (anaokulu) (37-60 months)
3. Pre-school classes (anasinifi) (60-72 months)



# Pre-School Education (PSE)

*Ministry of National Education* provides pre-school education for children from the age of 36 to 72 months in kindergartens and pre-school classes. Private nurseries, day care centers, and kindergartens provide care and education for 0-72 age group.



# PRIMARY EDUCATION

- The purpose of primary education is to ensure that every Turkish child acquires the basic knowledge, skills, behaviors, and habits to become a good citizen, is raised in line with the national moral concepts and is prepared for life and for the next education level parallel to his/her interests and skills.
- Primary education is compulsory for all citizens, boys or girls, and is given free of charge in public schools.
- Primary education institutions are schools that provide eight years of uninterrupted education, at the end of which graduates receive a primary education diploma.



# PRIMARY EDUCATION

## ■ " Primary schools

- " Regional Boarding Primary Schools
- " Boarding Primary Education School
- " Primary schools for the Hearing-Impaired
- " Primary schools for the Visually-Impaired
- " Primary schools for the Orthopedically Disabled
- " Primary schools for the Mentally Retarded
- " Private Turkish, Foreign, Minority, International Primary schools





# Primary Education

## Compulsory Education:

Age of Entry : 6, Age of Exit: 14

Structure of School System : Basic / Primary

Type of School : Basic (Primary) Education School

Length of program in years : 8

Diploma Awarded: Basic Education Diploma



# Primary Education

*The primary education program includes:*

Turkish language and literature, mathematics, social studies, science, civics and human rights, the history of the Turkish Republic and Atatürk's reforms, a foreign language (English, French or German), individual and group activities, religious culture and ethics, art/handicraft, music, physical education, traffic safety and first aid, career guidance, and elective courses.



# Primary Education

*Ministry of National Education* and private firms prepares students' textbooks, teacher's books, worksheets, and teaching aids. The approval of *MoNE* is required for all materials.

Teachers at this level are trained at university faculties of education and complete at least one year of teaching on provisional/probationary status prior to appointment as regular teachers



# SECONDARY EDUCATION

## General Secondary Education

### Secondary schools

- " Science schools
- " Anatolian schools
- " Anatolian Fine Arts schools
- " Anatolian teacher training schools
- " Foreign language school Vocational and



# SECONDARY EDUCATION

- **The purpose of secondary education is to give students a minimum common culture, to identify individual and social problems, to search for solutions, to raise awareness in order to contribute to the socio-economic and cultural development of the country and to prepare the students for higher education, for profession, for life and for business in line with their interests and skills.**



# SECONDARY EDUCATION

## Technical Secondary Education-1

### Vocational schools for industry

- " Technical schools
- " Anatolia technical schools
- " Anatolia Vocational schools
- " Vocational schools for girls
- " Technical schools for girls
- " Anatolia Vocational schools for girls
- " Anatolia Technical schools for girls



# SECONDARY EDUCATION

## Technical Secondary Education-2

### Anatolia Vocational Schools for Commerce

- " Anatolia Vocational Schools for Communication
- " Anatolia Vocational Schools for Hotel Management and Tourism
- " Vocational Schools for Commerce

### Religious High Schools

- " Anatolia Religious High Schools





# SECONDARY EDUCATION

## Technical Secondary Education-3

- " Multi-program high schools for the Hearing impaired
- " Vocational Schools for orthopedically disabled
- " Multi-program high schools
- " Vocational Schools for Health
- " Anatolia Vocational Schools for Health



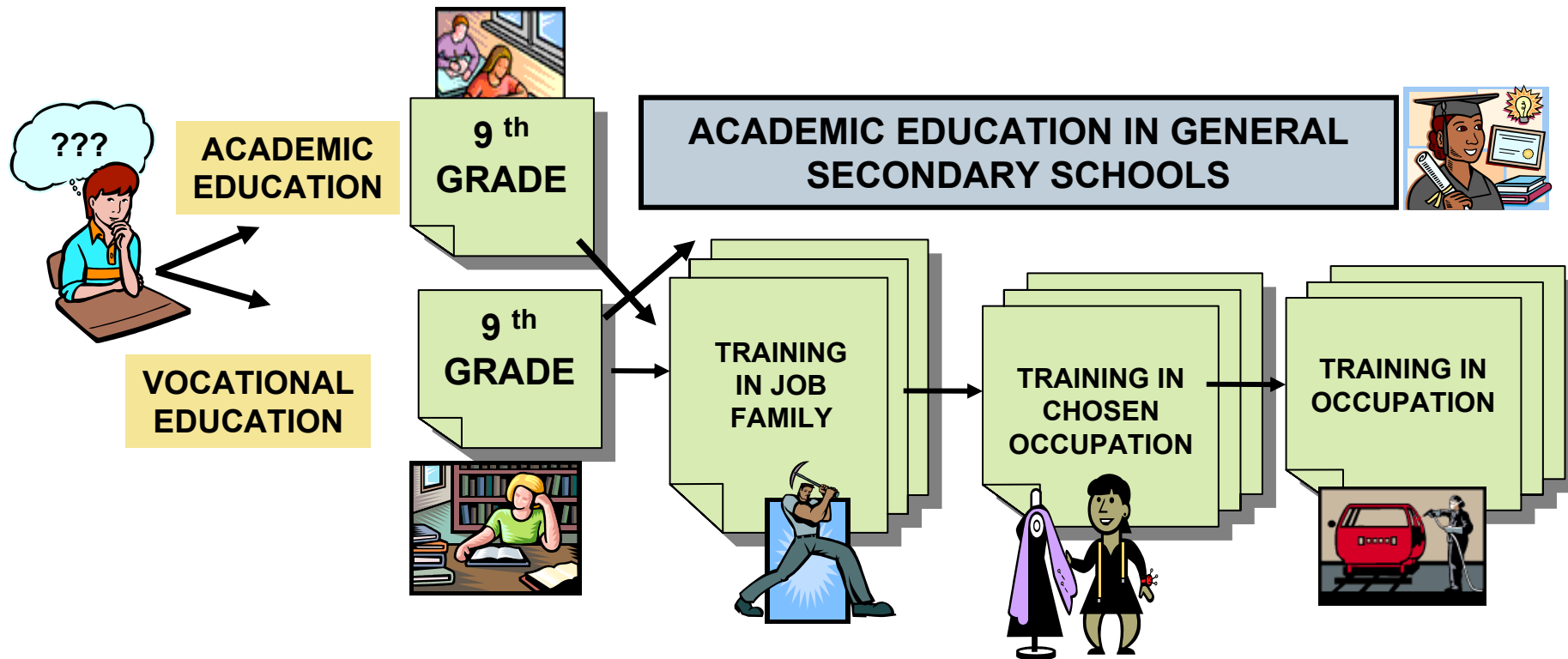
# SECONDARY EDUCATION

*General and VET Secondary Schools:*

- Length of programs in years : 4
- Age level from : 14 to 18
- Diploma Awarded : High School

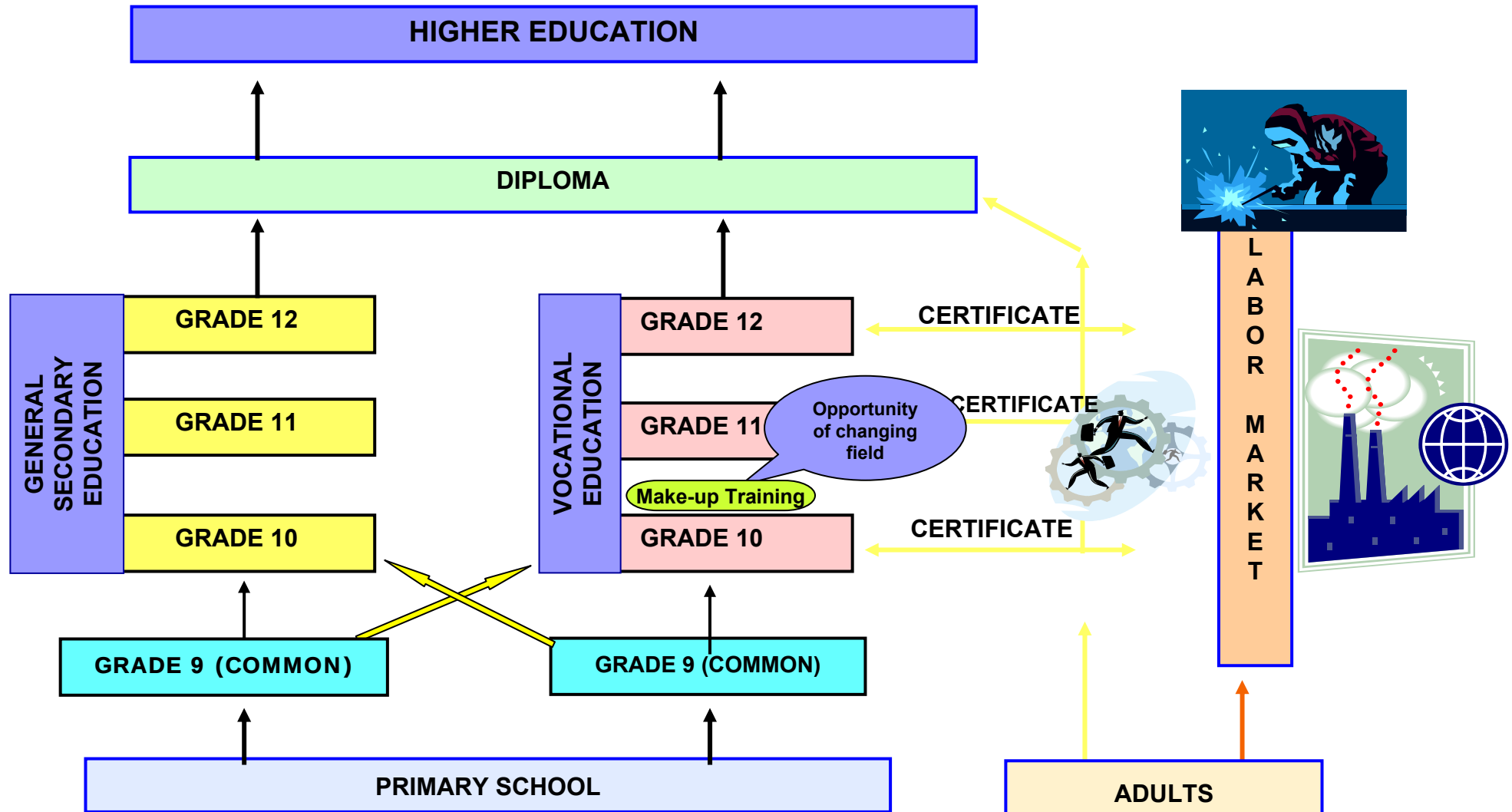


## STUDENTS' GUIDANCE AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROCESS





# EDUCATION SYSTEM AND TRANSITIONS





# HIGHER EDUCATION

## Universities

- " Faculties
- " Institutes
- " Higher education schools
- " Higher Vocational education schools
- " Conservatories



# INFORMAL EDUCATION

- " Practical Arts Colleges for Girls
- " Maturation Institutes
- " Technical education centres for adults
- " Public education centres
  - Reading-writing courses
  - Vocational courses
  - Social-cultural courses
- " Vocational training centres
- " Professional education centres
- " Science and Art centres
- " Guidance and research centres



# INFORMAL EDUCATION

- **" Private education**
  - Private courses
  - Private classes
  - Private motor vehicle driving courses
  - Private student training centres vocational courses Remote Education
  - Open education primary schools
  - Open education high schools
  - Vocational and Technical Open education schools



## ONGOING STUDIES IN TURKISH NATIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEM



- **Updating the curricula**
- **Increasing schooling rate**
- **Providing additional facilities**
- **Using Information and Communication Technologies**
- **Improvement of teachers' qualities and status**
- **Effective counselling and guidance services**