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EDUCATION SYSTEM IN SAUDI ARABIA

Education remains to be the priority of all nations around the globe. Most countries devote vast resources to guarantee equal education opportunities to all their students. Most education systems are developed to meet the economic and social demands of the country, both locally and globally. As the world's 8th highest education spender, Saudi Arabia initiates an overhaul of the education system.

Saudi government provides free education and health facilities to all citizens and residents.

The education in Saudi Arabia has 5 levels: primary, intermediate, secondary, vocational, and tertiary.

Primary education lasts six years, and children at the age of 6 enter the first grade of primary education. All national schools are day schools and are not co-educational, that to decrease the touch between male and female, according to the Islamic rules. And here they start to learn beginning with the Arabic alphabets. In order to move on to intermediate education, children must pass the 6th grade and obtain the General Elementary School Certificate.

Intermediate education in Saudi Arabia lasts three years. Here the students start learning English and try to improve their knowledge in the language.

Following intermediate education, students have a chance either to join specialized secondary education or general secondary education, offered through technical education.

After successfully completing the secondary education and passing the official tests, students are awarded the General Secondary Education Certificate, which is offered to all schools: private, public and even internationals schools.

After obtaining secondary education, the students are free to enroll for higher education institutions. Most of them apply for public universities. Some students get scholarships awarded by the government of Saudi Arabia for training abroad.

Finally, we can say the Saudi education system has undergone and is still undergoing considerable reforms that are driven by the Ministry of Higher Education. It has done this by offering free and open education for all citizens.