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IRAN EDUCATION SYSTEM

The education system in Iran is currently highly centralized. It is divided into higher education and k-12 education. It is the Ministry of Education that works with the supervision of the Ministry of Science and Technology that controls the k-12 education in the country. The higher education institutes are both private and publicly owned.

The education system in Iran is divided into two main levels: primary education and high-school education. All children spend six years of their lives at primary level from ages 6 to 12 and attend high school from ages 12 to 18.

The history of the Iranian education system showed change as the ideological values of the country shifted with each new systems change in the mid-twentieth century. Iran, as a country, went from the country focused on modernization and secularization under the Reza Shah, to the country focused on traditional Islamic values under the new government established after the Islamic Revolution of 1977. These changes shifted the very purpose of education.

The pre-university year is a preparatory year for students who plan to take Iran's standardized university entrance examinations, the Konkur (or Concours), required for admission into most university programs. The pre-university year originally evolved prior to 2012, and will eventually be incorporated into the new 12-year 6+3+3 system, so that graduates can sit for entrance examinations without first completing an additional year of pre-university study. For now, however, the additional year is still a requirement for anyone who wants to sit for the Konkur.

During the pre-university year, students specialize in a specific field of study (math, experimental sciences, humanities, art, or Islamic culture).

Students are taught at pre-university centers administered by the Ministry of Education. They are graded by continuous assessment and by final examination (accounting for 75 percent of the overall grade). Successful students are awarded the Pre-University Certificate and entitled to sit for the Konkur for university admission.

And that was a brief summary of how students begin their education starting from school till graduating from the university.

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