

Description of the structures of
the education systems from
pre-primary to
higher education (ISCED 0 to 5)

School year 2007/08

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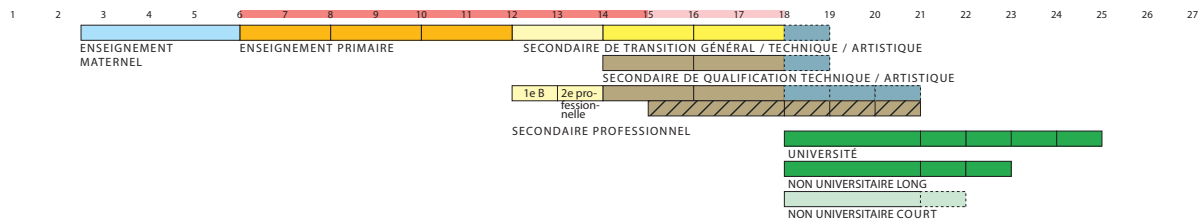
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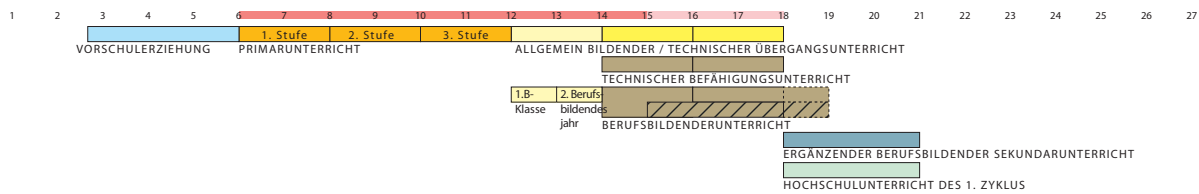
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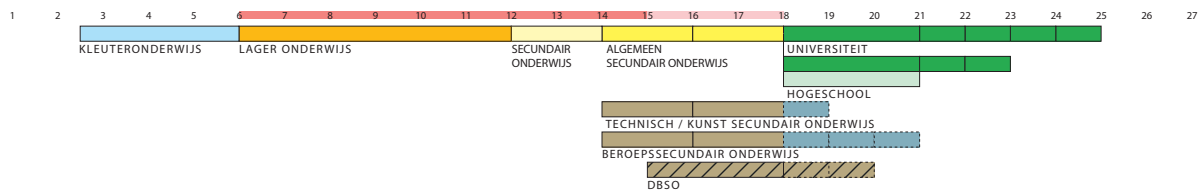
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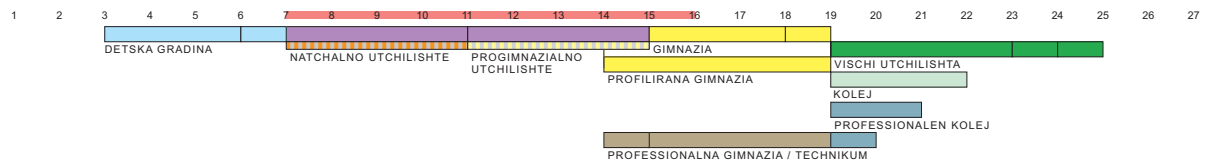
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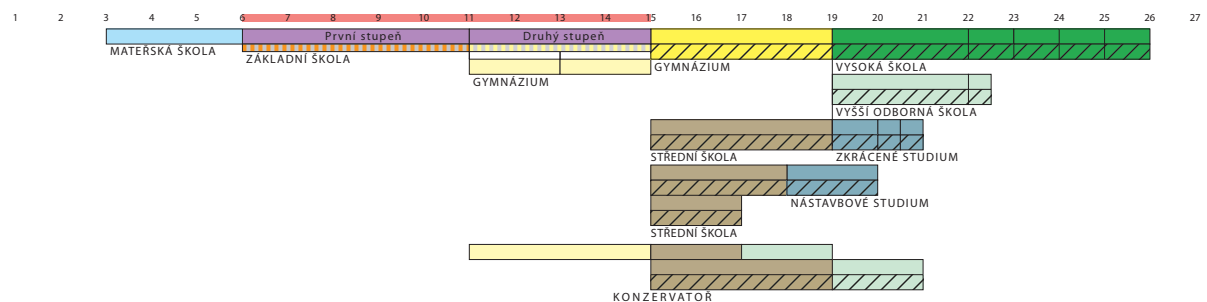
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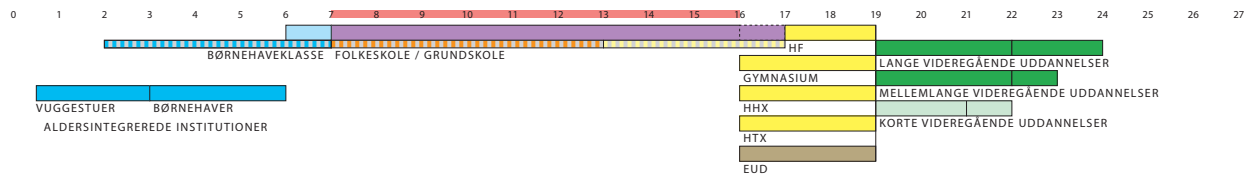


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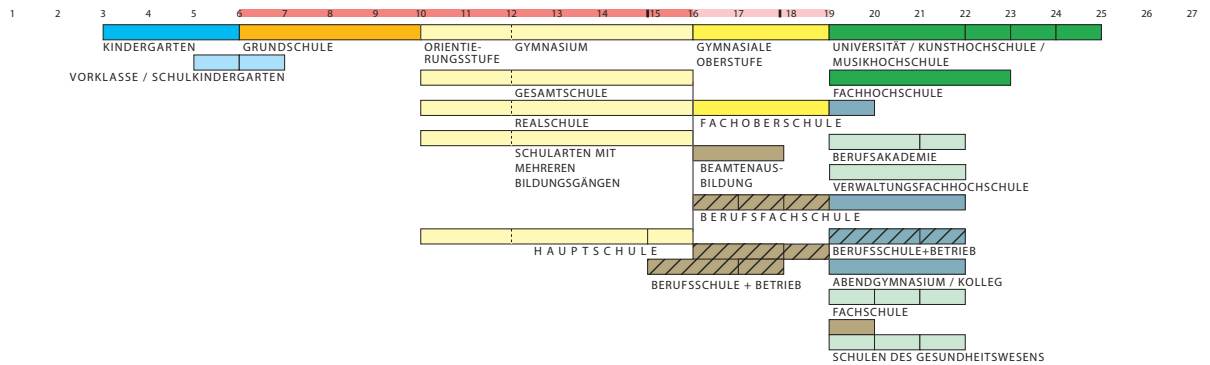


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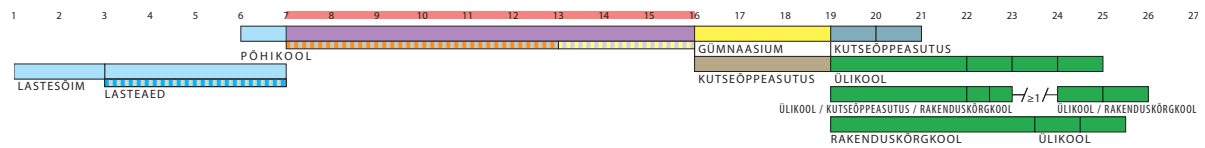
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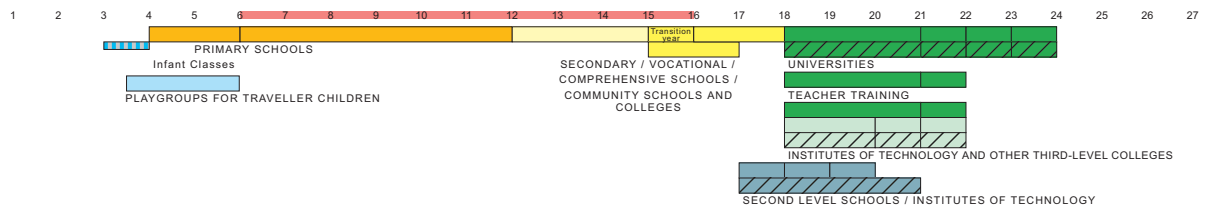
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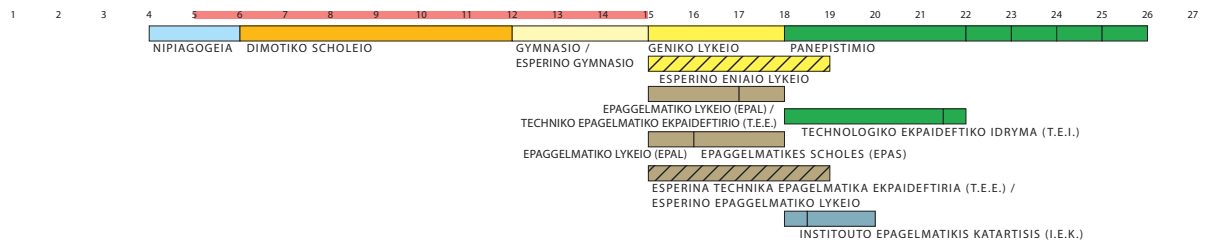
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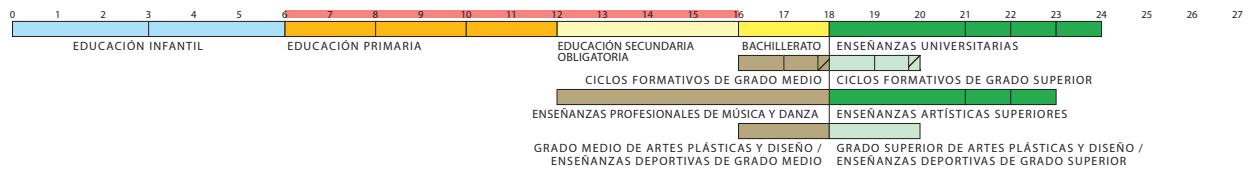


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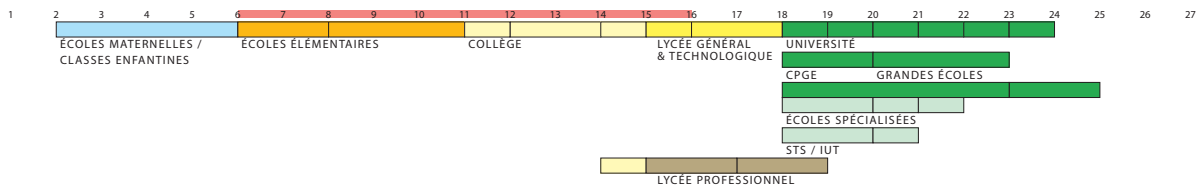


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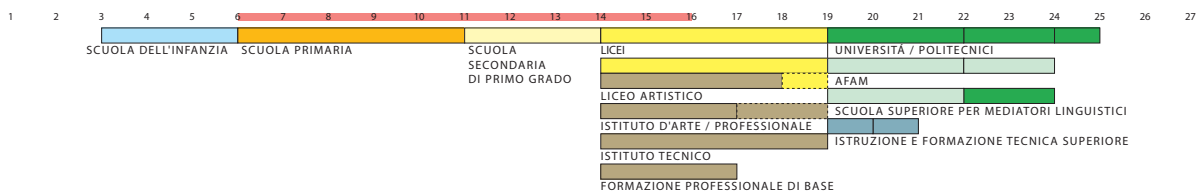
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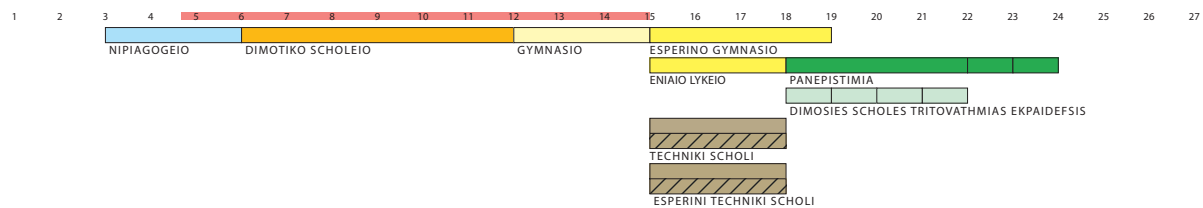
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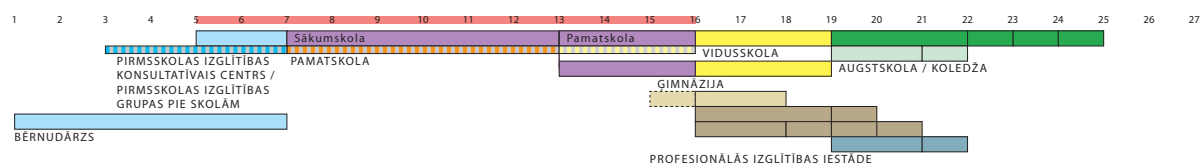
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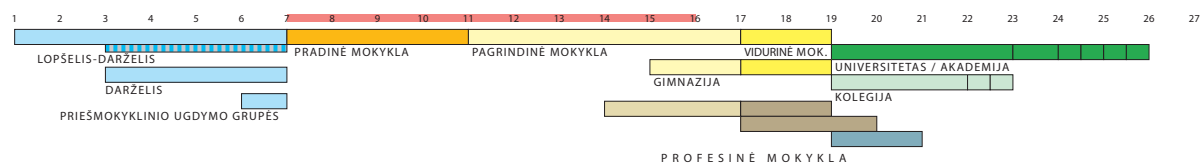
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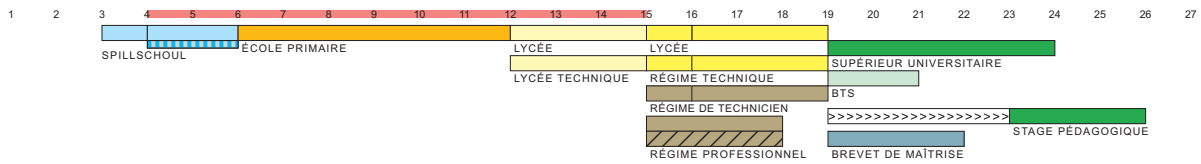


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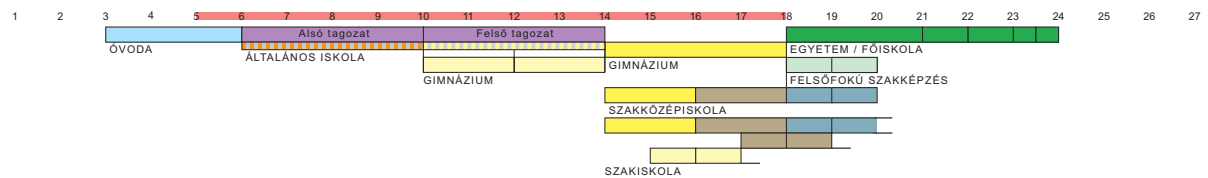


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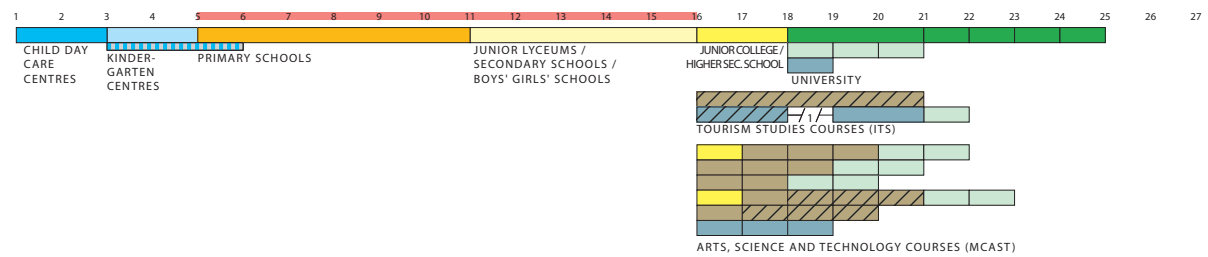
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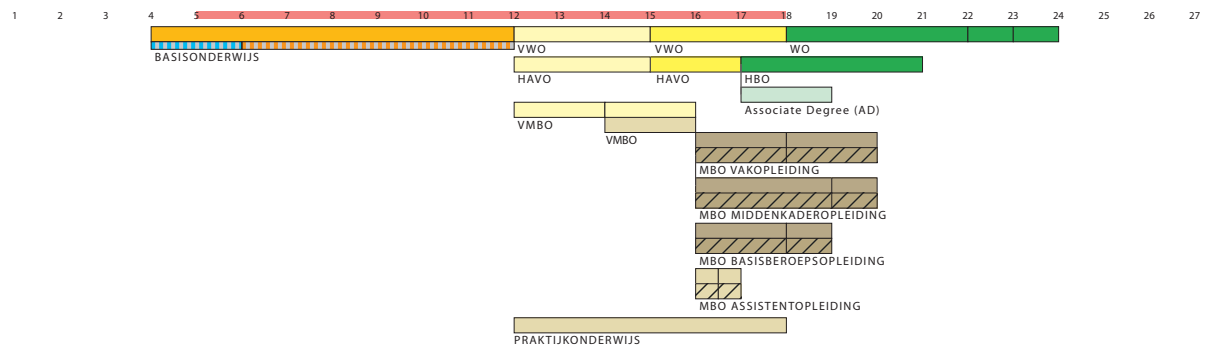
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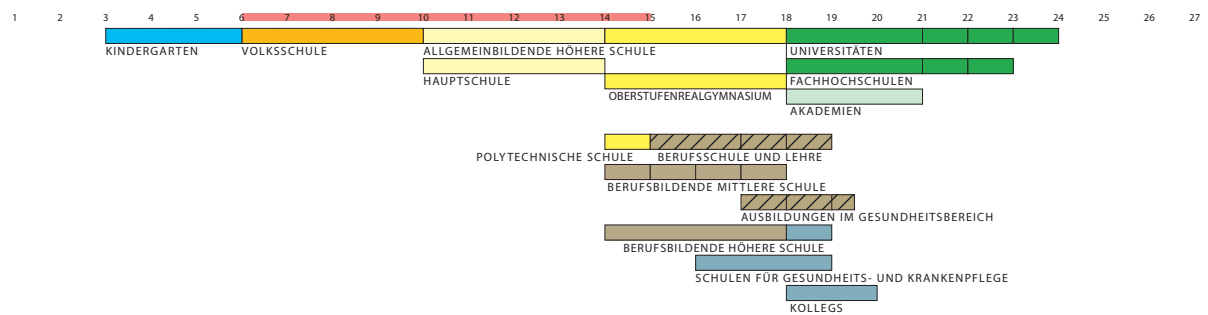
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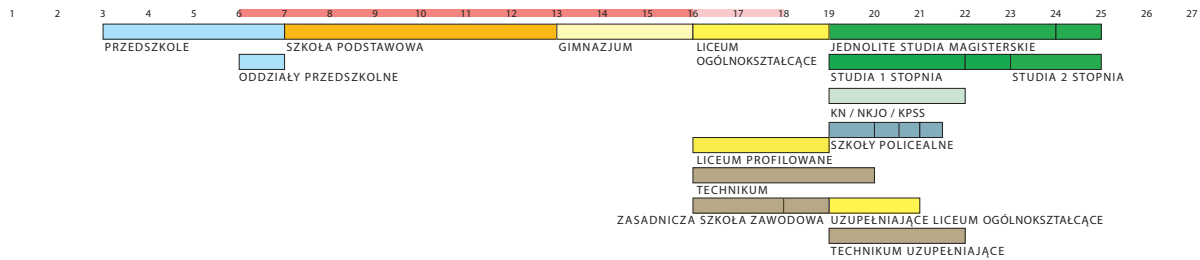


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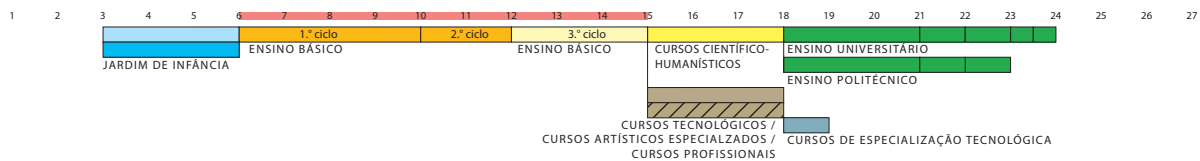


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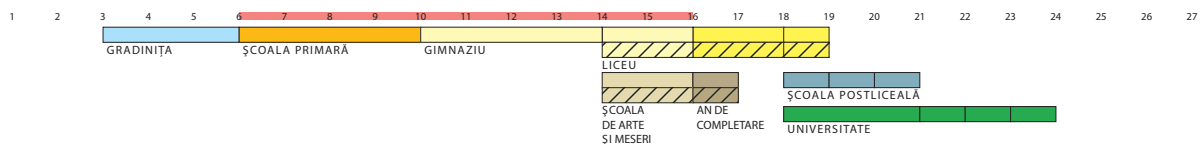
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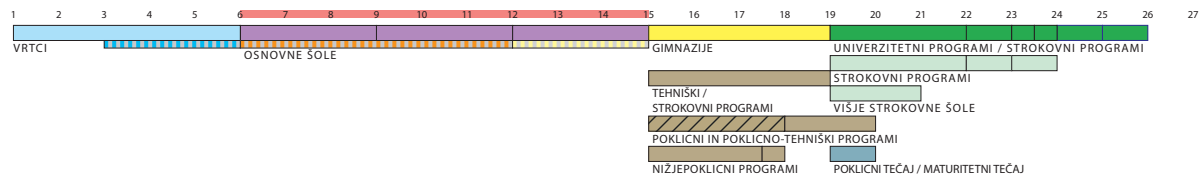
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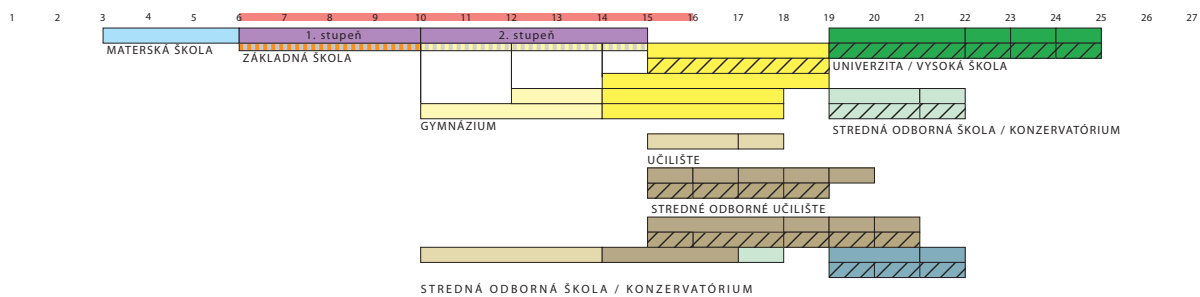
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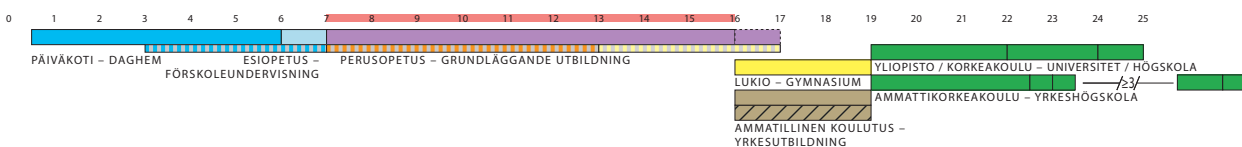
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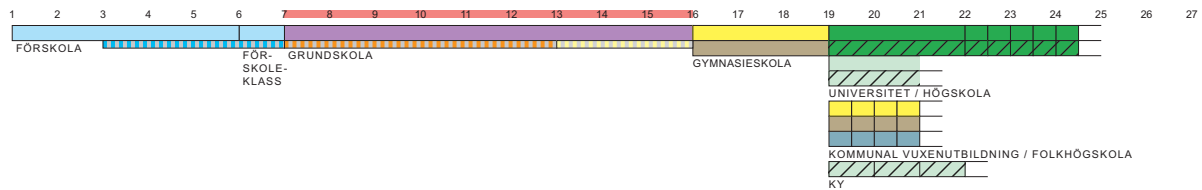


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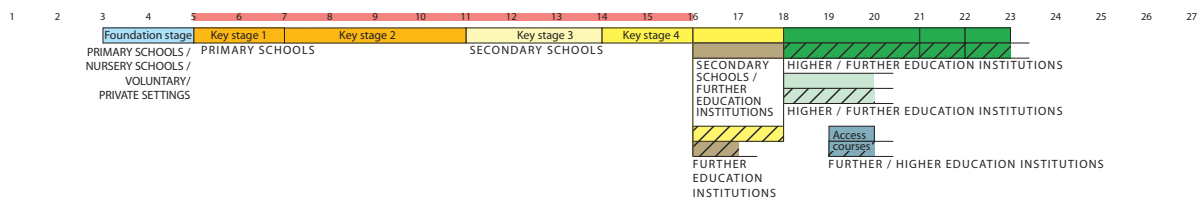


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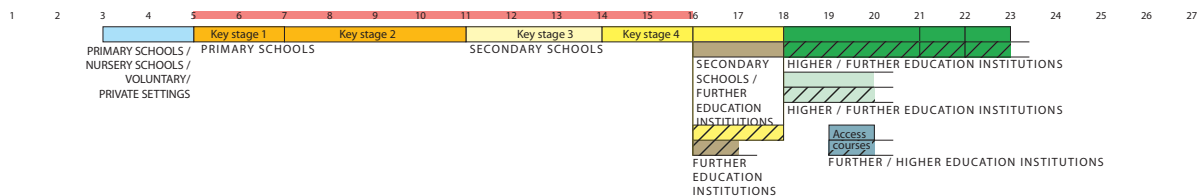
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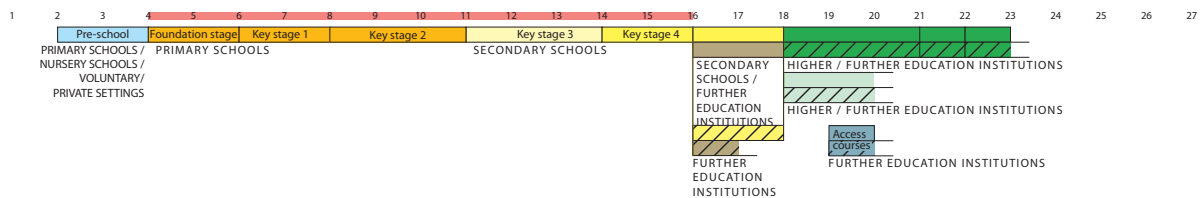
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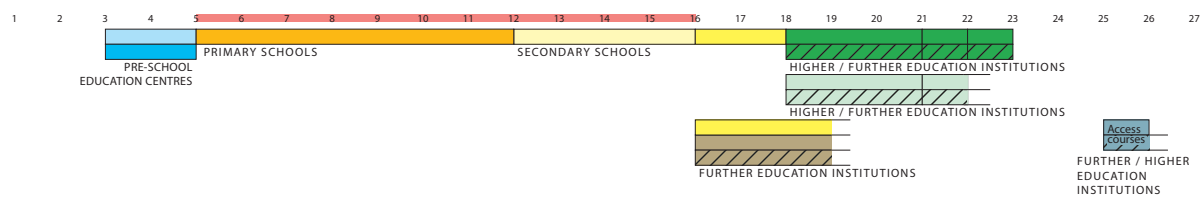
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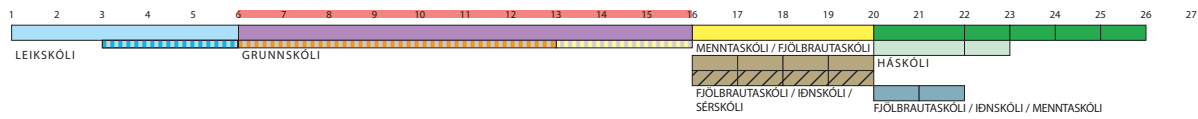


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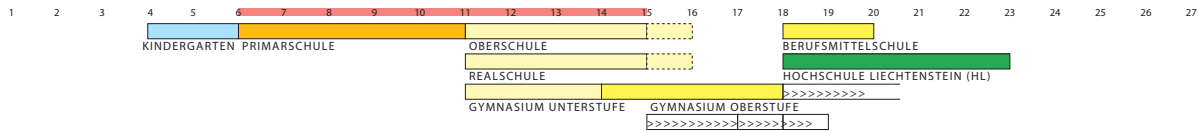


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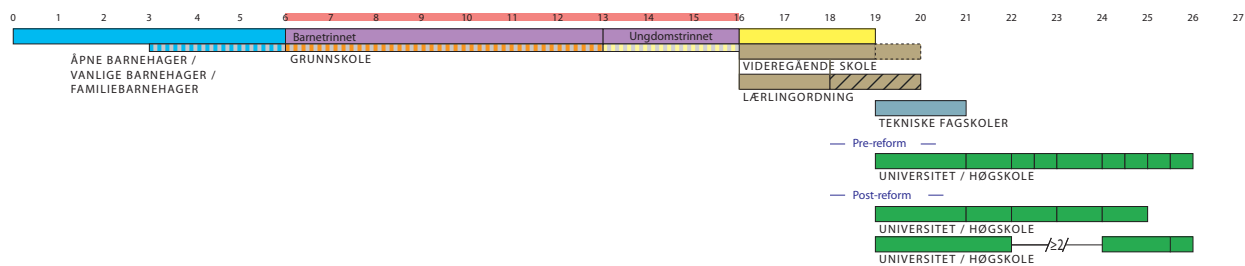
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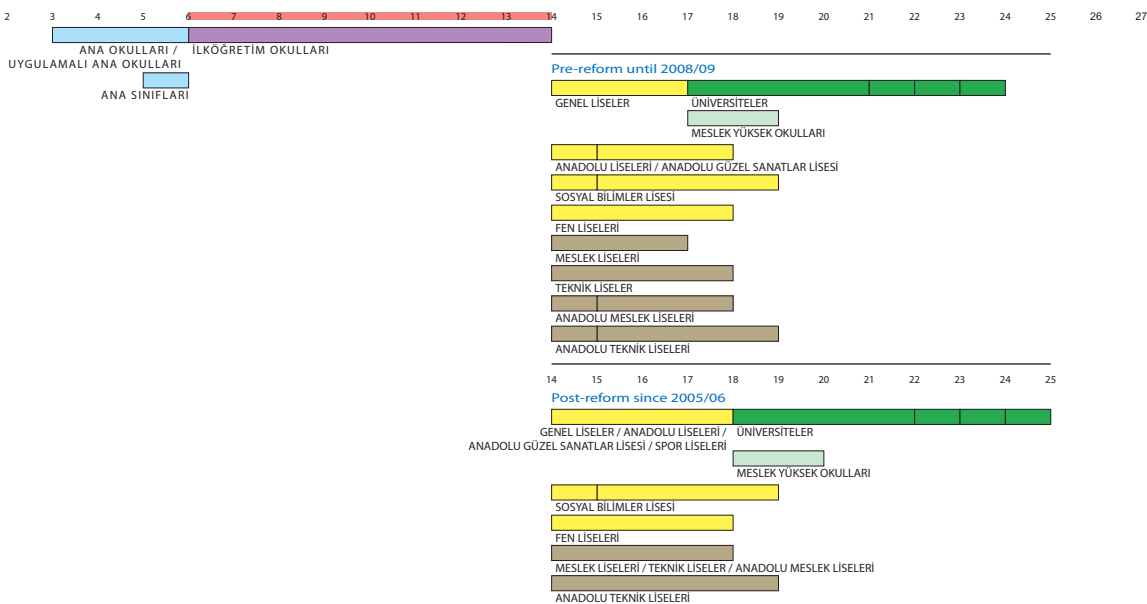


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