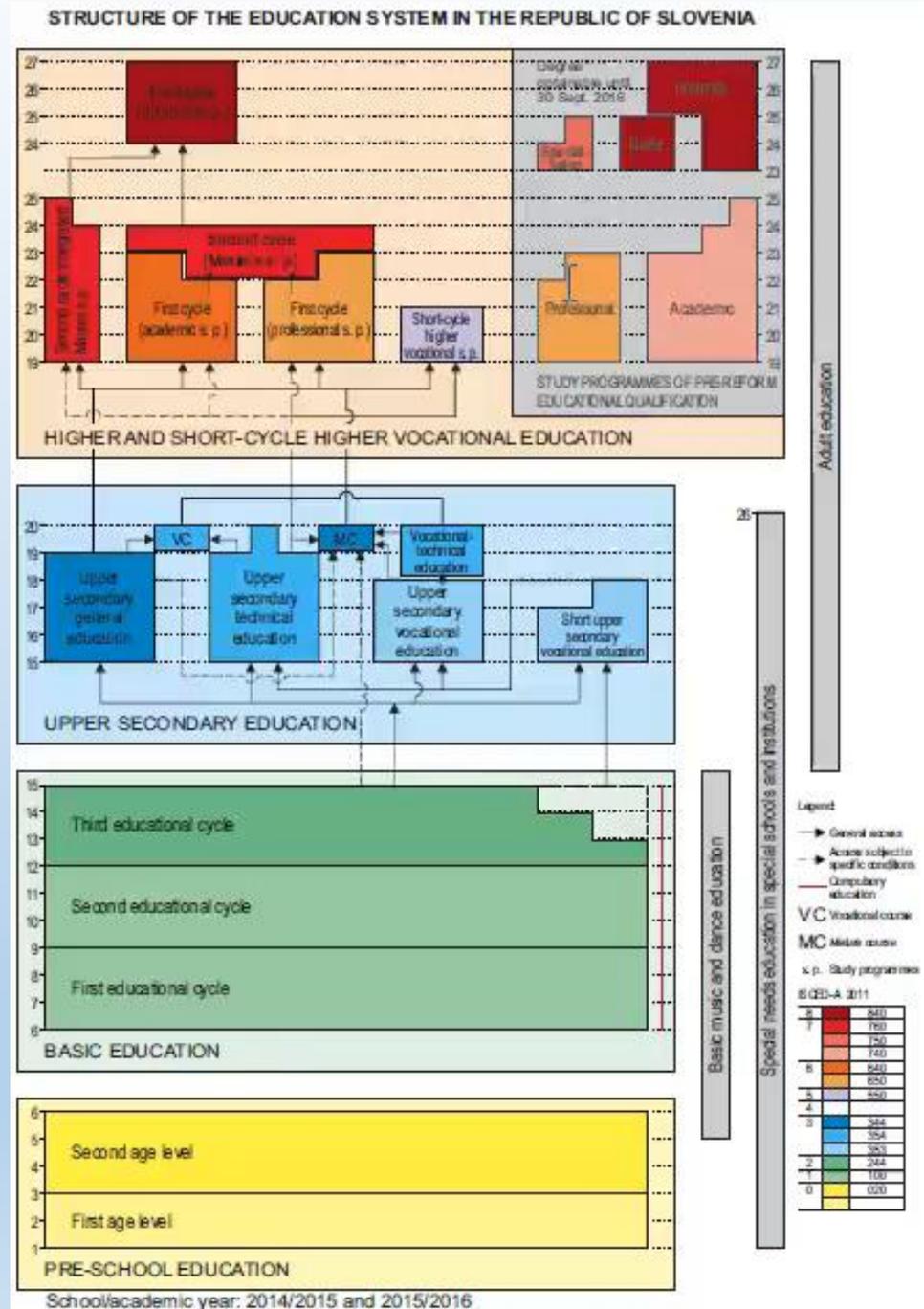




# SCHOOL SYSTEM OF SLOVENIA

**general characteristics**

- Compulsory basic education in Slovenia is organised in a single structure nine-year basic school attended by children aged six to fifteen years.
- Basic education is provided by public and private schools (less than 1% of students are enrolled in private schools, which are 100% financed by the state!) and educational institutions specialising in children with special needs.
- Basic education for adults is provided by folk high schools.



# LEGISLATION AND LEGAL BASIS

In accordance with the [Constitution of the Republic of Slovenia](#), the basic school is mandatory and financed from public funds.

Terms and conditions for the provision of basic school and the management and funding methods are regulated by the [Organisation and Financing of Education Act](#) (in Slovenian).

The [Basic School Act](#) (in Slovenian) defines general basic education objectives; gives parents the right to choose the education method for their child; prescribes components and the scope of compulsory and elective basic school programme; regulates enrolments, rights and responsibilities of pupils, basic assessment and testing rules, conditions for pupils progression to the next year and the reporting on end-of year results.

The act also regulates basic school education for children with special needs, the rights of migrant children, home education and [basic school education for adults](#). The act makes a provision for the Minister to devise detailed rules, instructions, and guidelines for specific areas.

The special [School Meals Act](#) (in Slovenian) regulates organisation, quality of meals, duties of schools to educate pupils to eat healthy food, and subsidised meals.

## BASIC SCHOOL OBJECTIVES

The main basic education objectives include:

- to enable pupils to acquire knowledge and skills in accordance with their abilities and interests;
- to support personal development;
- to develop the ability for life-long learning and further education;
- to develop awareness of belonging to the nation, national identity and cultural heritage, and to nurture general cultural values;
- to develop respect for human rights, tolerance and acceptance of diversity;
- to develop communication skills in the Slovenian language and foreign languages;
- to facilitate sustainable development and to take responsibility for one's actions, one's health, for other people and the environment;
- to develop entrepreneurial skills, innovation and creativity.

Outcomes for specific subjects and knowledge standards are laid down in the curricula.