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Belgian school system	
<p>In Belgium (French speaking part) there are three teaching systems :</p> <p>The "official schools" are pluralist because they offer multi confessional courses (Catholic, Protestant, Islamic and Judaic), financed entirely by public money</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "Communauté Française" including secondary schools, some primary schools, Upper Schools (HE) and two universities</li> <li>2. local schools including most of the primary schools, and few secondary schools and Upper School</li> </ol> <p>The free subsidized schools :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. most of them are catholic, and some are laic or Judaic</li> </ol> <p>The latter must look after their own premises and they may count upon personal funds</p> <p><i>N.B. more than half of the French Belgian pupils attend catholic schools</i></p> <p>The curricula are established by the government of the teaching system and they differ slightly from one system to the other</p>	<p><b>The levels (all systems) :</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fundamental school ( kindergarten and primary) from 2,5 years to 12 years</li> <li>2. secondary school from 12 to 18 years, divided into three levels : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> level from 12 to 14 years, the same for all the children</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> level from 14 to 16 years : general, technical and professional</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> level from 16 to 18 years : general, technical and professional</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Tertiary education : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In university : three years bachelor followed by one or two years master ; DEA, "Doctorat"</li> <li>• In Upper Schools (out of university) : three years bachelor followed by one or two years master. We have also Professional Bachelor, in three years, so as teachers called "instituteurs" for the primary school and "régents" who are teaching in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> levels of general secondary school and until 3<sup>rd</sup> level of professional secondary school</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>In Belgium, there is no national exams, final diploma are ratified by a specific commission.</p>

<b>ABPPC : "Association Belge des Professeurs de Physique et Chimie"</b>	
<p>Founded in 1962 by inspectors of physics and chemistry as well as by teachers from all secondary teaching systems (pluralism)</p> <p>At the moment secondary and university teachers are working together in this association</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• publishes a bulletin every three months, which enables exchanges between teachers and favours the information</li> <li>• organizes physics Olympiads, and take part in international and European Olympiads</li> <li>• organizes every year a three day meeting at the end of august</li> </ul>	<p>Its action is limited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• because it depends on voluntary work of the members</li> <li>• its mission is not to discuss about the curricula, the pedagogical methods, teaching training .....</li> </ul> <p>Moreover the Inspectors take part in the work of the association.</p>