

SINGAPORE

Overview

In Singapore, the education system is at the core of economic and national development, and educators held in high regard by the public. Singaporean schools are tightly linked to research done by the National Institute of Education, which operates on the notion that the demand and supply of education should match up. The aim of education is to produce citizens with the skills needed in the future economy.

The school year is divided into two semesters: The first semester begins at the beginning of January and ends in May, and the second begins in July and ends in November.

In Singapore, preschool (kindergarten or nursery school) is not mandatory. They are available for up to three years before elementary school, and are mostly run by the private sector; community foundations, religious, civic or business groups. The Ministry of Education however runs about 10 preschools and plans on adding 15 more by the end of 2016.

Singapore also has a large number of international schools and some Islamic schools, (Madrasahs)

1. 6 years Primary Education:
 - a. 4 year foundation of Common Curriculum including English, mother-tongue, Math and science introduced in 3rd grade.
 - b. Civics, Moral Education, Social Studies, Health, Physical Education, Art and Music are taught too
2. 4-5 years Secondary Education:
 - a. Flexibility in courses, and different tracks
 - b. Express Academic
 - c. Normal Academic
 - d. Normal Technical
3. 2 years Junior College/Polytechnic/Institute of Technical Education
 - a. Specialized academics geared towards sharpening skills for college, jobs or technical training.
4. 4 year college

\$12.1 billion annual budget in 2015, about 20% of the national annual budget.

Opportunities

Teachers

Researchers

Policy advisers

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

SENIOR MANAGEMENT

- Permanent Secretary (Education)
- Permanent Secretary (Education Development)
 - Director-General of Education
 - Professional Wing*
 - Deputy Director-General of Education (Schools)
 - Director of Schools
 - Deputy Director-General of Education (Professional Development) and
 - Executive Director, [Academy of Singapore Teachers](#)
 - Deputy Secretary
 - Services Wing*
 - Deputy Secretary
 - Policy Wing*
 - Deputy Director
 - Internal Audit*

HOW TO APPLY

On the Singapore Ministry of Education website, <http://www.moe.gov.sg/careers/teach/> there is a detailed section on vacancies and the application processes.

Careers at Ministry of Education

- [Teaching Positions](#)
- [Executive and Administrative Positions](#)
- [Allied Educators Careers](#)
- [Careers in Pre-School Education](#)

The most updated vacancies are usually posted on the Ministry of Education website.

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