



The Greek Education System

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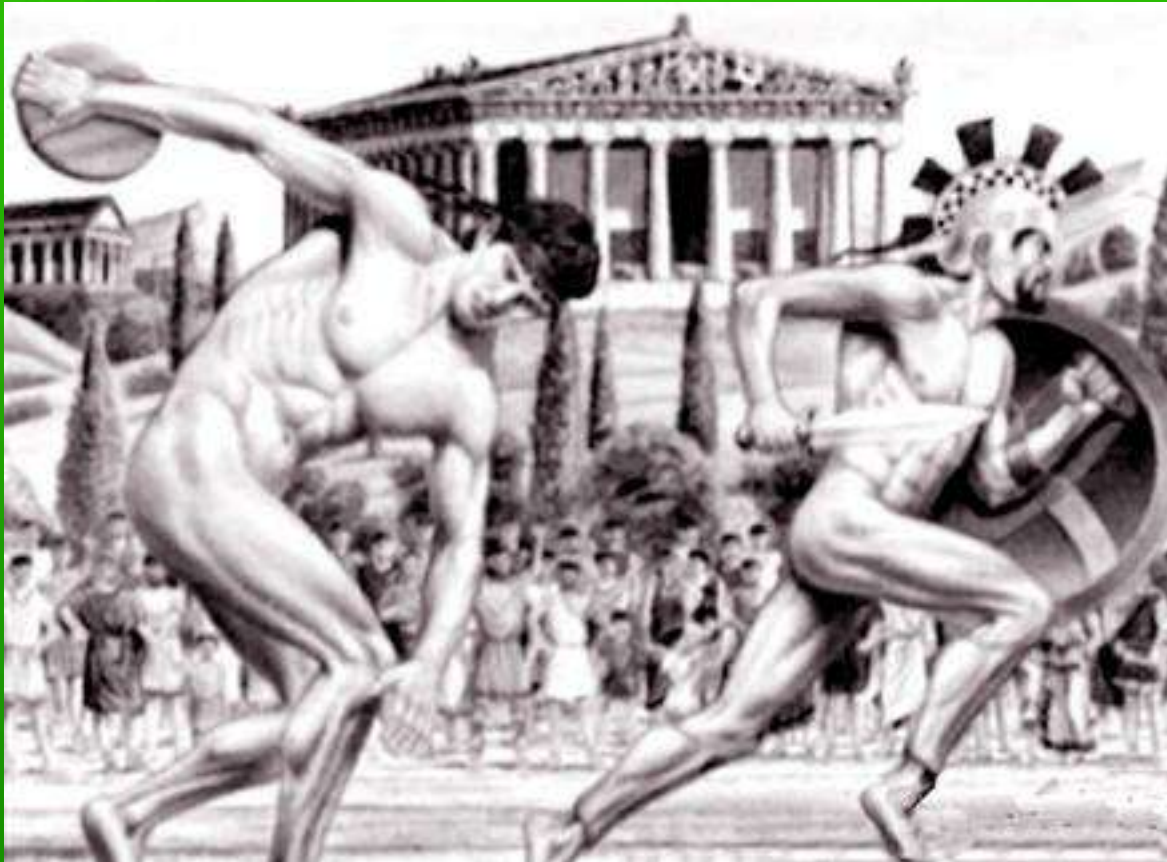
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Greece today seems to be like this...



...but Greece is also this



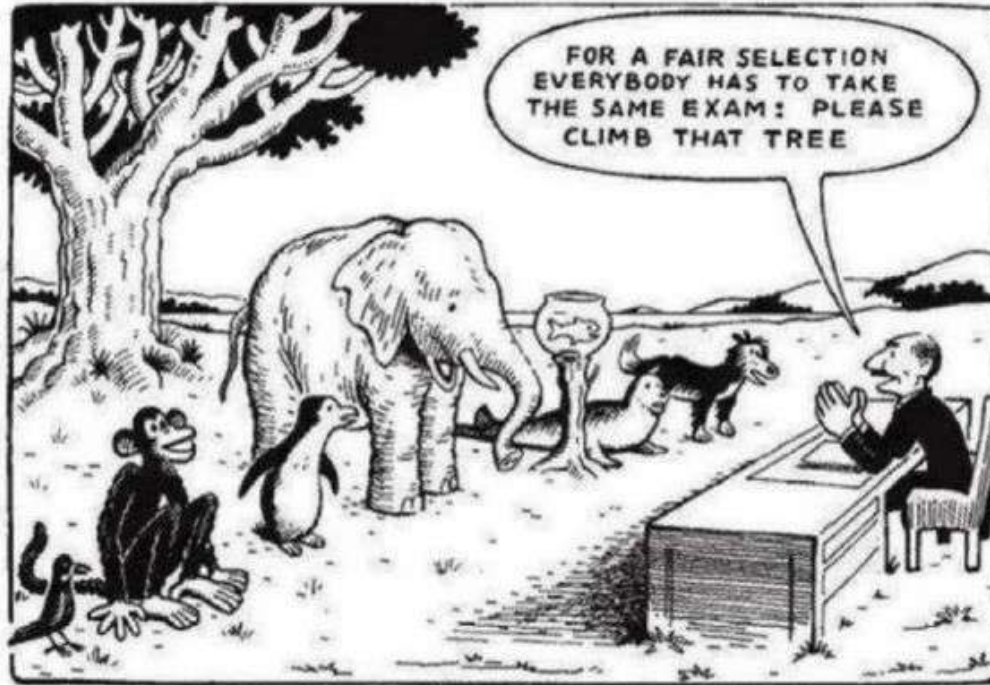
...and this



...and this!



In Education...we try not to be like
this...



Education System

Our education system is like
the following:



THE STRUCTURE OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

- ◆ Education in Greece is compulsory for all children 6-15 years old; it includes **Primary (*Dimotiko*)** and **Lower Secondary (*Gymnasio*)** Education. The school life of the students, however, can start from the age of 2.5 years (pre-school education) in institutions (private and public) called "*Vrefonipiakoi Paidikoi Stathmi*" In some *Vrefonipiakoi Stathmoi* there are also *Nipiaka Tmimata* (nursery classes) which operate along with the *Nipiagogeia* (kindergartens).



- ◆ Attendance at Primary Education (*Dimotiko*) lasts for six years, and children are admitted at the age of 6. Along with the regular kindergartens (*Nipiagogeia*) and the Primary Schools (*Dimotika*), **All-day primary schools** are in operation, with an extended timetable and an enriched Curriculum.



Compulsory Education

**Junior
High
school (3 years)**
(General, Musical, Ecclesiastical, Physical Education, Special)

**Elementary School
Primary school (6 years)**
(mainstream, All-day, Special)

**Kindergarten
(1 year)**
(mainstream, All-day, Special)



After Junior High School

Lyceum –Senior High school
(scientific subject)
3 years

Vocational Senior
High school (EPA.L)
(scientific and technological subject)
3 years

◆ Junior High school -3 years

There are two option:

- student may register at the Senior High School (Lyceum)
- They may register at the Vocational Senior High School (EPA.L)



The new system of vocational training

Vocational school
(practice)
2 years

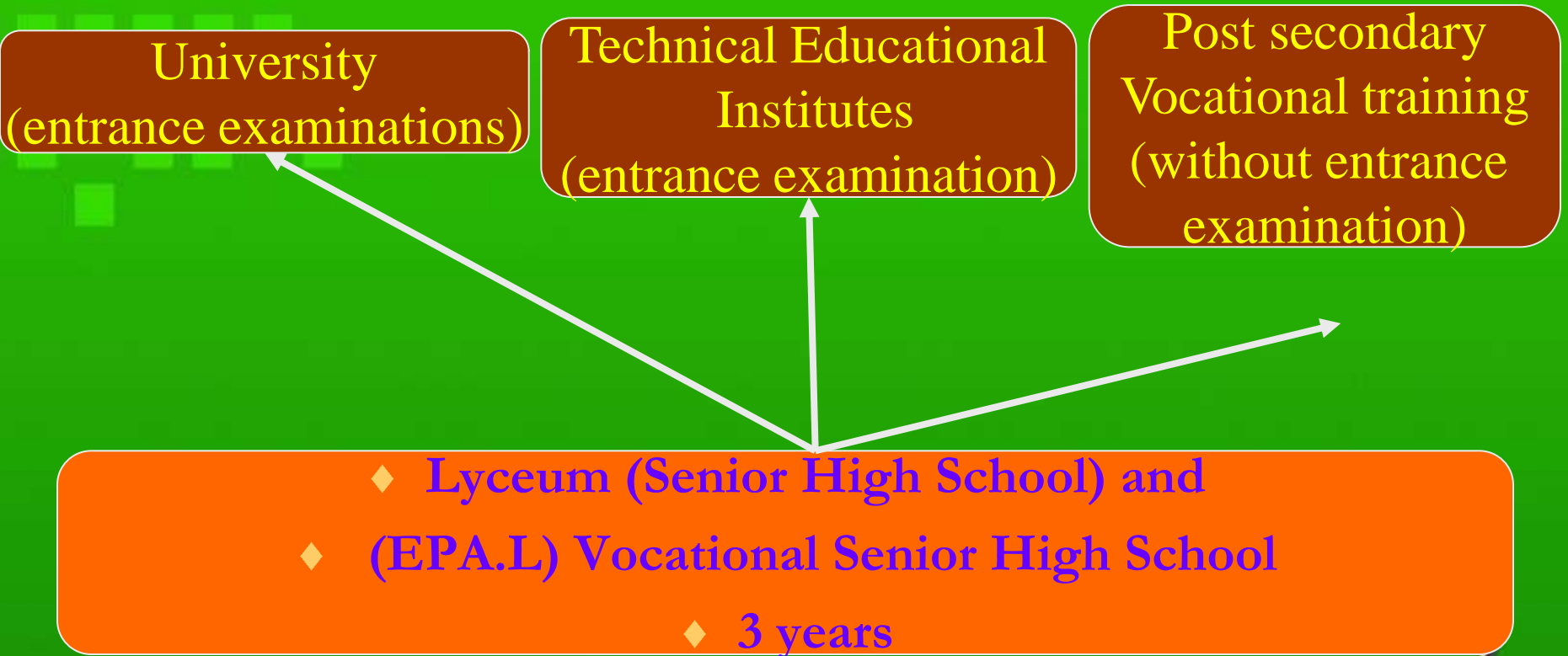
Vocational Senior
High school (EPA.L)
(technological subject)
2 years

Vocational Senior High school (EPA.L)
(after 1 year)

After 1 year in EPA.L there are two options:

- Students may continue EPA.L for another 2 years
- They may register at the Vocational School (EPA.S). After 2 years they get a 3rd level diploma and they can't attend upper secondary education

After Secondary Education



Student from **Lyceum** (senior high school) and EPA.L (Vocational Senior High School) should take entrance exams in order to attend:

- **Universities** or **Technological Institutions**
- **Military Academies** or **Marine Academies**
- **Post-secondary schools** without entrance exams



STAGES/ TYPES

- ◆ Minority schools (enter all students whose parents are Muslims, residents of the area where the school is located and want their children to attend those schools)
- ◆ Cross - cultural schools (for foreign, repatriated, Roma and expatriate pupils)
- ◆ Special Schools (for people with special educational needs, aged between 4 – 22 years old)



- ◆ Adult Education Centres (their educational programs address to all adult citizens, 18 years and over)
- ◆ Second Chance Schools (for citizens 18 years and over who have not completed compulsory lower secondary education)



The following diagram outlines the structure of the Greek Educational System

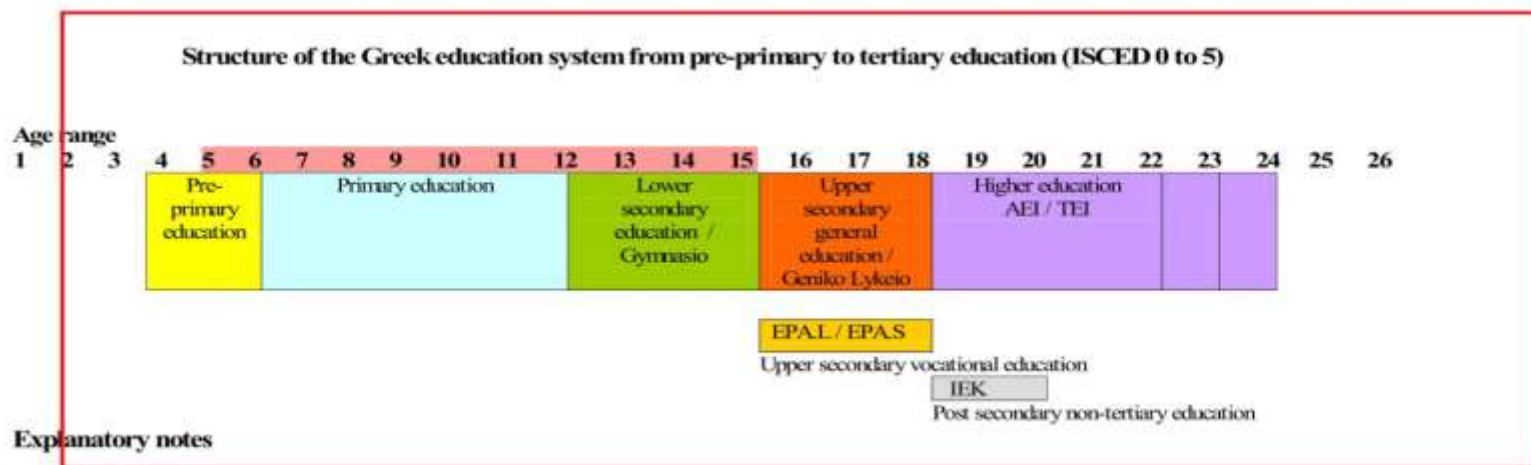

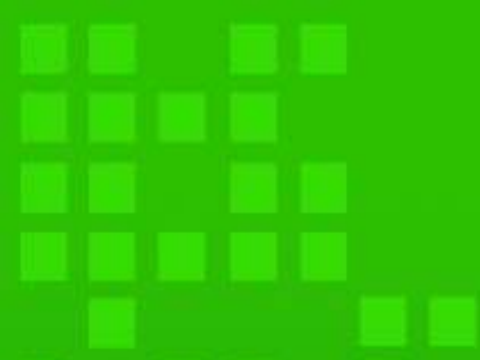


Diagram 1. Structure of the Greek Education System

Source: Eurydice, 2007.

GENERAL ASPECTS

- ◆ Formal education is characterized by a fixed length of study, repetition and – when finishing – a degree which is officially recognized by the Greek State
 - ◆ Students receive a certificate at the end of each year
 - ◆ The curriculum is drawn up by the Institute of Educational Policy (ex.Pedagogical Institute) and approved by the Ministry.
 - ◆ School or local authorities do not have the right to change this curriculum.
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- A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a yellow pencil, writing on a white sheet of paper. The background is a solid green color, matching the slide's theme.



◆ The length of the school day/week/year is:
195 days between September and June
40 to 50 minutes per lesson
5 days per week

◆ Primary classes must have between 15 and 25 students

At secondary level, classes must have up to 30 students.



Innovations

- ◆ The last years there have been great efforts in order to modernize the whole educational system
- ◆ New material, new books and a whole new way for teachers to teach and approach pupils
- ◆ New curriculum (at a pilot stage)
- ◆ Emphasis and priority is given to the student

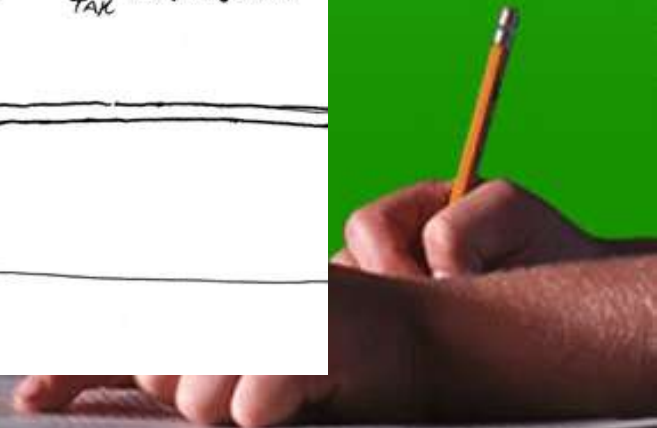
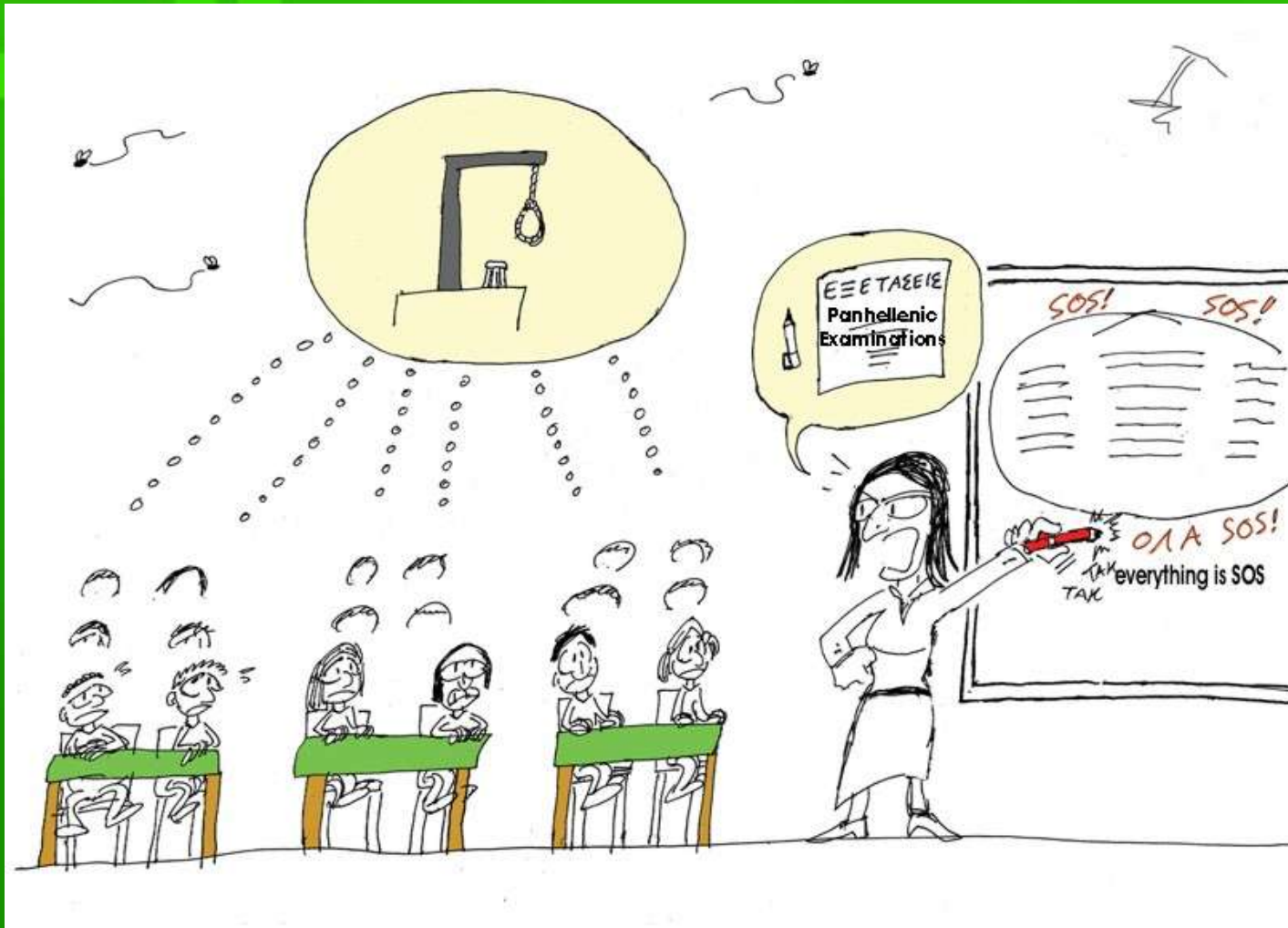


BUT:

- ◆ It seems that from the first years of attending students are being prepared for the exam nationwide and membership in a senior or higher education...
- ◆ Children become especially competing to one another
- ◆ Strong examinations to University



Strong examinations to University



◆ **Thank you for your attention!**

