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I. Name of School

1. There are state, private schools, religious Sunday schools. (Catholic, Orthodox, etc.)
2. State-99.99 Private-0.01
3. Religious schools are independent and free.

II. Curriculum & Evaluation

State Schools

1. It is organized centrally but regions may add some optional courses .
2. It is obligatory and detailed but there is a number of optional courses which may be chosen by pupils.
3. The National Institute for Education under the supervision of Ministry of Education. The most experienced and creative teachers take part in the drafting of textbooks. The teachers are free to choose the methods of teaching within the frame of the Curriculum.
4. Current Evaluation--regional Institutions of Education-quality monitoring. The Special Quality Governmental Department -licensing, accrediting. (approximately once in 4 years).
5. The regional inspectorate has an advisory role.
6. The results are known at schools under evaluation, they are discussed at regional or ministry meetings.

Private Schools

1. No, they can't. Only optional courses on higher level of learning at the request of parents. Religious Sunday Schools have their own Curriculums and books.
2. The process of evaluation of these schools is the same as that of state schools.
3. The teachers of private schools have more freedom within the frame of the Curriculum.

III. Financing

State Schools

State schools are financed by the state budget.

Private schools are financed by parents

State schools are financed by global budgets.
Per-child packages are in projects.

IV. Parental Rights

State schools

1. Parents can choose every state school freely wherever they live (if there are vacancies).

If there are not enough place for all ,the ptiriority is given to pupils living near the school region.

For the pupils of the 5th and 9th grades there are special entrance tests.

The pupils for art and musical schools are chosen according to their capabilities of art and music.

2. Parents form special committee which take an active part in school life.

Private Schools

1. If parents are able to pay money for studying there is no financial or religious restrictions for them.

2. They are very active participators and co-determinators of the whole school process.

V. Homeschooling

1. It is allowed only in particular cases- medical necessity, participation in national competitions, olimpiads, etc.

The teaching is conducted by professional teachers.

2. Mainly, but if there are some medical restrictions the state curriculum is adjusted to the abilities of a pupil.

3. Free learning is allowed for exceptionally bright pupils. They have their individual programme .

4. Financial support is given to people who adopt several children, they need special pedagogical training and get their salary as an educator.