Russian State Schools



Facts and Figures about the Russian Education System



Word List

Quarter - четверть Shift - смена

Accommodate - вмещать

Ethnic minority - национальное

меньшинство

Grade - оценивать

Punishment - наказание

Vocational - профессиональный

Fee - плата

МБОУ СОШ № 1 г.Тимашевск Супрун Любовь Ивановна Children start school when they are 6 or 7. They go to school for eleven years. The years are divided into primary (4 years), secondary (5 years) and senior (2 years).



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 The academic year begins on 1st September and finishes on 31st May. June is when the 9th and 11th forms take their exams. The academic year is broken into terms or quarters with three breaks. The summer holidays start on 1st June and last for three months.



 The school day normally starts at 8:00 a.m. and finishes at 3 p.m. There are some variations from school to school. Schools in big cities often have two shifts, as their buildings are not big enough to accommodate all the students at the same time. The school week is five or six days long. **Young students have** three to four lessons a day while older ones may have up to seven lessons.



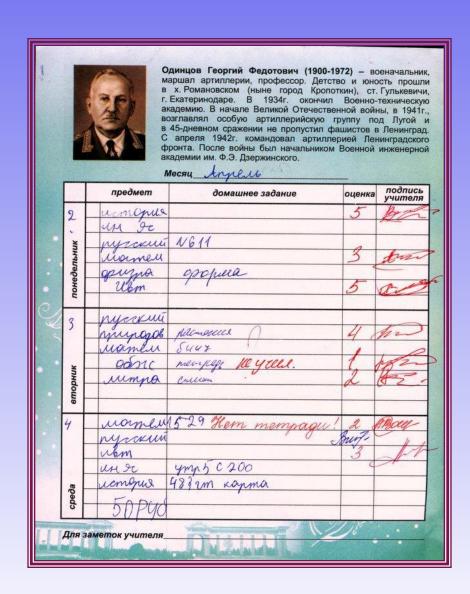
МБОУ СОШ № 1 г.Тимашевск Супрун Любовь Ивановна The main school subjects are: Russian, Literature, Mathematics, and History. Russian is a compulsory subject, but ethnic minorities have the right to teach in their own languages. English is the most popular foreign languages studied in school. Other languages taught are German,



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Class size is usually 20 to 30 students. Primary teachers teach all subjects while subject specialists teach secondary and senior classes. Students are graded from 2 (unsatisfactory) to 5 (excellent). On rare occasions the mark 1 is given as a punishment. If a student has unsatisfactory results at the end of the year, they will be held back and asked to repeat the year.



 Some Russian state schools specialise in a group of subjects, e.g. Maths & Physics, **Biology & Chemistry.** There are also vocational schools where children are trained for their future jobs (ballet dancers, musicians etc.) and have general education lessons alongside their training. Nowadays more and more schools use modern communications and media technologies as part of the courses.



 Last but not least is the subject of fees. Until the 1990s all schools were run by the state and were free of charge. Now, however some of them are private and charge fees.





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Speaking

Translate the graduation certificate into English. Then, present the student and his grades to your class.

