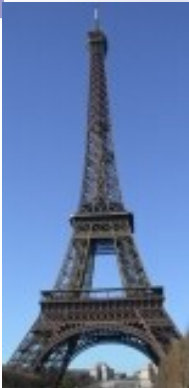




French Educational System



- The Ministry of National Education
- The modern era of French education begins at the end of the 19th century.
- Jules Ferry, a lawyer, is widely credited for creating the modern school by requiring all children (between 6 and 12) to attend school.
 - Instruction in France is free of charge and secular.
 - All educational programmes in France are regulated by the Ministry.
 - All teachers and professors in public schools and universities are state civil servants.

- 30 académies



- France is divided in 30 « académies ».
- Schools depend from them.
- the Head of « the académie » is called « the Recteur ».



The Primary level or First degree

Level

Form

Age

Primary	Cours Moyen 2	10-11
	Cours Moyen 1	9-10
	Cours Élémentaire 2	8-9
	Cours Élémentaire 1	7-8
	Cours Préparatoire	6-7
Kindergarten (optionnal)		2-6



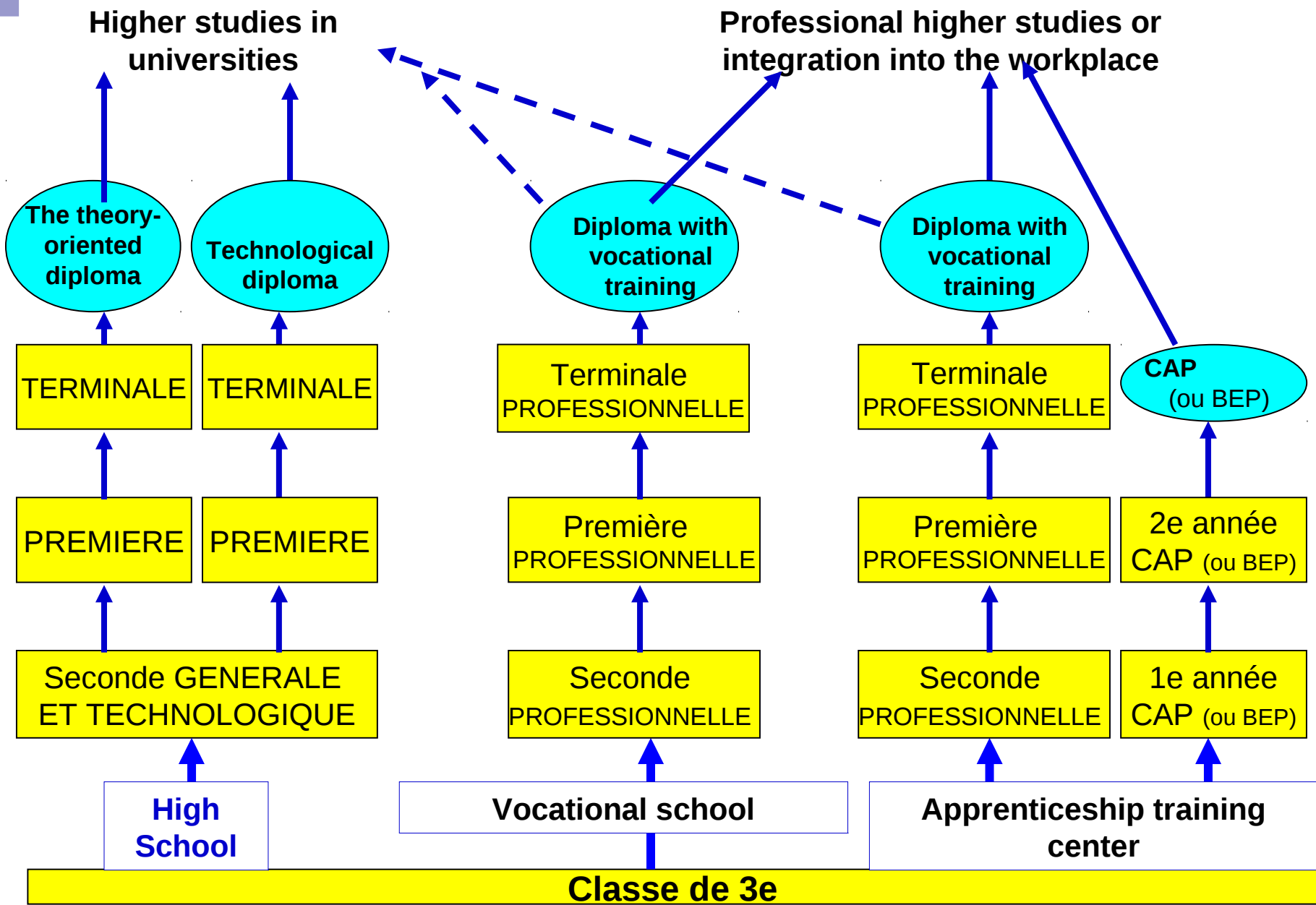
Secondary School

Junior High school

Compulsory
2nd degree
1st level
4 grades

Troisième
Quatrième
Cinquième
Sixième

14-15
13-14
12-13
11-12



2) Vocational schools

- Courses at the vocational school include general academic subjects, theoretical and practical subjects, periods of job training;
- Periods of training in the workplace are compulsory and taken into account in the awarding of the diploma.



3) Apprenticeship

- It combines on the job training with an employer and the courses at the apprenticeship training center.
- The apprentice has a specific employment contract and receives a salary including when he/she is at the center.
- They spend between 60 and 75% of their time in the workplace;
- The number of hours in the center ranges from at least 800 hours to 1850 hours over 3 years.





French Higher Education System :

○French universities themselves normally don't select among candidates : the high school diploma itself opens the doors to higher education.

Type of degrees

▶ **short university-level technical curricula**

- These curricula lasts 2 years after the high school diploma.
- They are short and technology-oriented.
- They lead way to employment.
- The degrees are valid at national level.

▶ ***scientific and technical programs within universities***

- Curricula are divides in 3 levels :
- The first level leads to a diploma after 3 years of studies.
- Second level leads to a Master (2 years of preparation).
- Third level (5 years) with the Doctoral qualifying Degree at the end of the 1st year and the Doctoral degree after 3 more years of research activity.



▶ Long technical studies : the engineering programs

- They differ from one another on several grounds : programmes duration, kind of entrance examination, areas covered.
- The classical model of this system includes 2 stages :
- 2 years of preparatory classes
- 3 years of higher technical education within schools.

Description du dispositif LMD

