

Hellenic educational system in special needs area Erasmus

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- As a school counselor for special education I had the responsibility of teaching special education elementary and secondary schools in east Macedonia and Thrace as well as parts integration and the parallel support of education in this region

8th SEN AREA

- 8th region of Special Education and training (SEN)
- In the region there are 28 special schools for primary and secondary schools, 6 Public Diagnostic Assessment and Support Centers(ΚΕΔΔΥ)

What we have to do

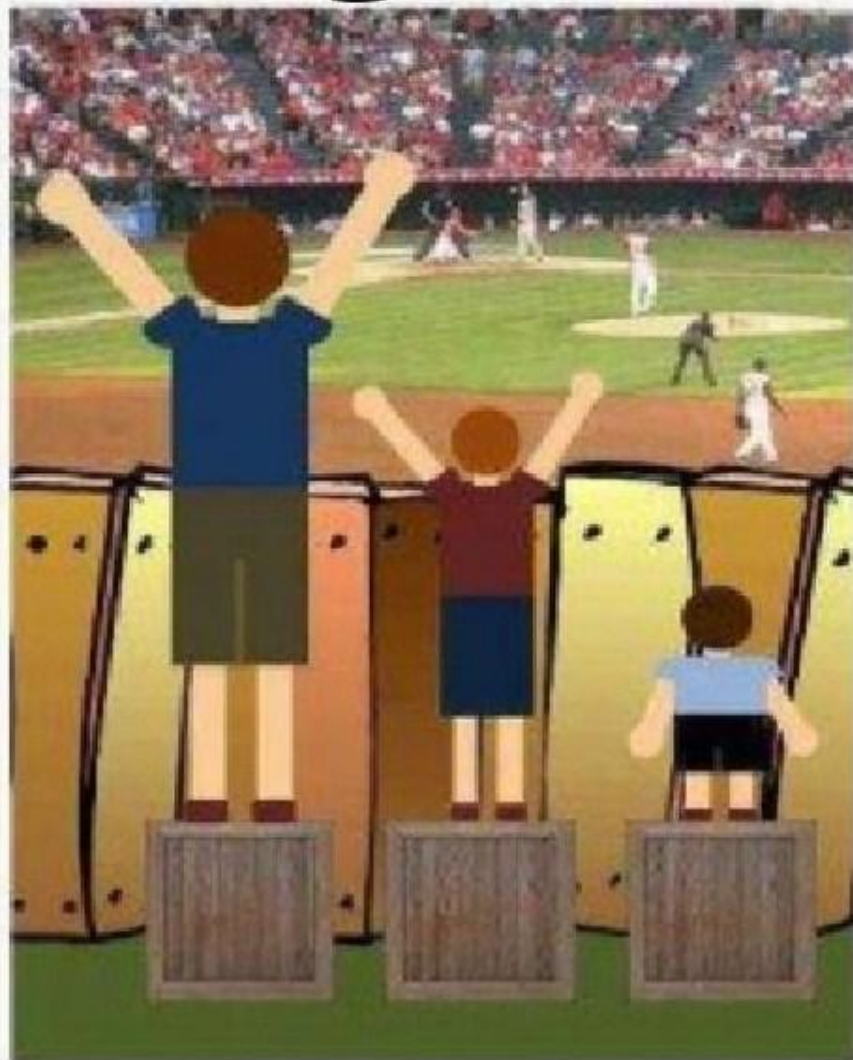
- A few words about special educational system in Greece
- Working in groups find out some similarities and differences about SEN systems
- Let's have some presentation about similarities and differences between countries of participants

Special Education in Greece

- Greek Ministry of Education intends to change the general school to a school for all the children so the children with special needs to be educated with non-disabled children.
- When it is necessary special education is offered in special schools, at home or at children's hospitals.

Intégration

Inclusion



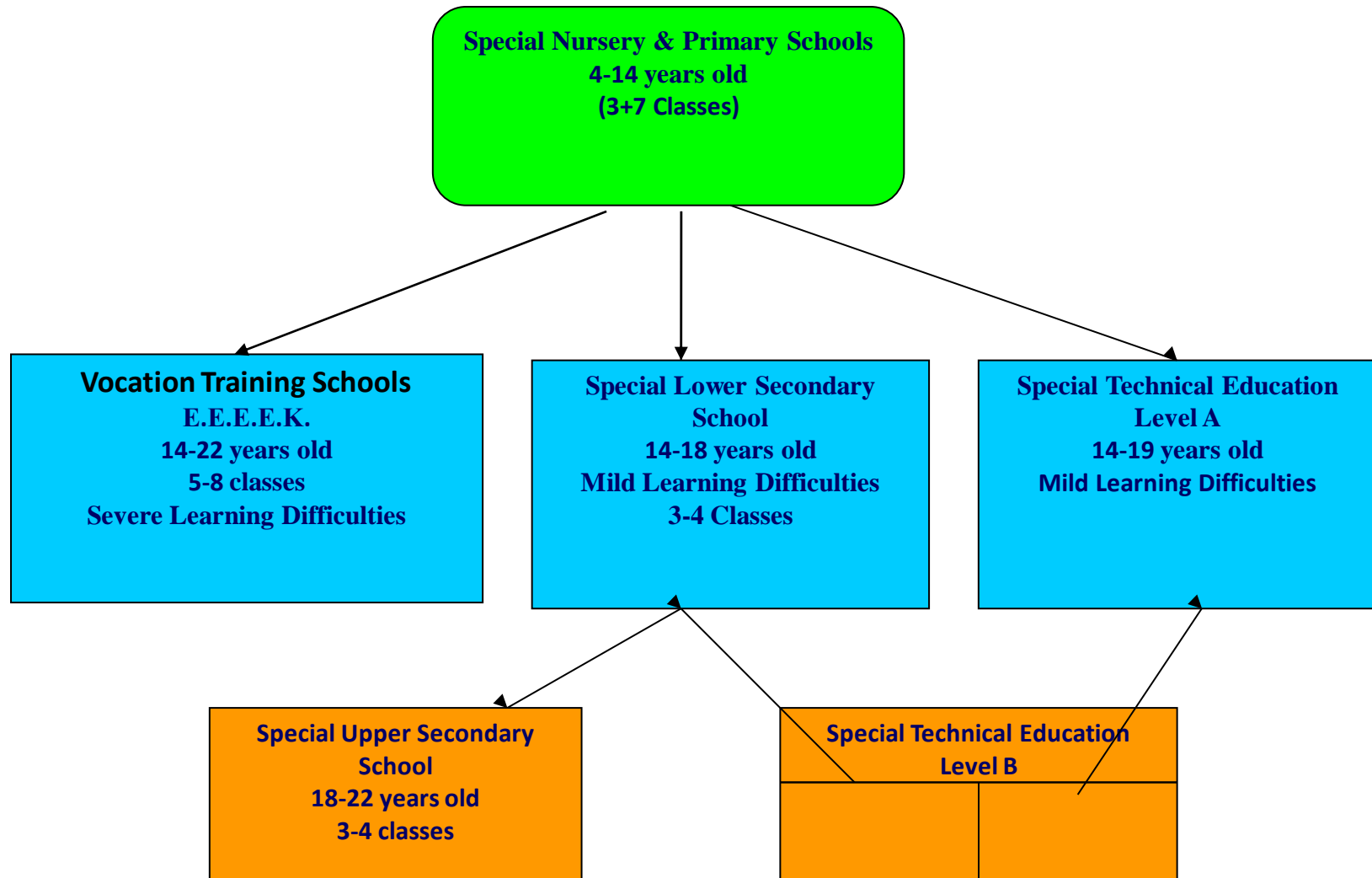
- People with SEN aged from 4 to 22 can attend regular or special nursery, primary, lower-secondary, upper-secondary, technical high schools and special vocational training schools, according to their age

One school for all

- Special Education which is considered to be part of General Education is provided to children with disabilities in:
 - General Class (Mainstreaming Class)
 - Supporting Teacher in general Class
 - Inclusion Class (Special Class)
 - Special Schools (Nursery, Primary, Secondary, Vocation Training Schools and Hospital)
 - Home
 - Teachers and Parents are supported by “Diagnostic Assessment and Support Centre”

Special Schools in Greece (4-22 years old)

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Schools SEN categories

- Nursery school for SEN
- Primary for SEN
- High schools for SEN a) Special Lower Secondary Schools (SEN Gymnasia) and b) Special Unified Upper Secondary Schools (SEN Lycia)
- Special Technical Vocational Education schools (SEN EEEEEK)

diagnosis

- KEDDY is named the office, which is responsible giving the right educational(the right school) way for SEN pupils
- The Diagnostic Assessment and Support Centers provide services to people with special needs

Inclusion of students with SEN in mainstream schools

- Pupils with SEN do not face very severe difficulties and they can follow the curriculum of the school providing they receive assistance from a special educational teacher

Inclusive classes in mainstream schools

- Pupils have SEN and they need a systematic support for a few hours per day or per week from a special education teacher in order to follow the curriculum of their school

Inclusion classes

- Inclusion classes for pupils with learning disabilities
- The pupils follow the regular program of the school
- Usually have some periods in math or in language
- Special programmers are established at different educational levels

Alternative support

- In any case the support can give the support teacher in the same class as a cooperative teacher

Special education schools

- when their special needs are considered to be particularly serious and consequently need special assistance provided by educators and specialists within special schools and with the appropriate infrastructure

Parents' duty to decide

- It is a parent's right to decide which school is appropriate for his/her child. Even if a diagnostic and supportive public center may suggest the type of a given education to a child, it is on parents' duty to decide.
- The only restriction is that the school should be in the same district and as close as possible to family's residence

Evaluation of students' achievement

- The evaluation for students with eye, hear and kinetic problems follow the same criteria with the mainstream education.
- Students with special needs in the mainstream primary and secondary schools are evaluated with the same way as the non-disabled students.

- Thanks for your attendance.