

INTRODUCTION TO THE FRENCH EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

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FRENCH EDUCATION SYSTEM

FRANCE		Âge	
Nursery school	Maternelle	Petite section	3-4
		Moyenne section	4-5
		Grande section	5-6
Primary school	Primaire	CP	6-7
		CE1	7-8
		CE2	8-9
		CM1	9-10
		CM2	10-11
Secondary school	Collège	6ème	11-12
		5ème	12-13
		4ème	13-14
		3ème	14-15
High school	Lycée	2nde	15-16
		1ère	16-17
		Terminale	17-18
Higher education	Études supérieures		

The French School Rhythm

Schedules, Hours, and Holidays



School Hours

French students attend school four to five days a week, with classes generally starting at 8:30 AM and ending around 4:30 PM, depending on the grade level.



School Week

Most schools follow a four-day week, with Wednesdays off or half-days, although some schools now offer classes on Wednesday mornings.



Holidays

The school year is punctuated by several vacation breaks: two weeks each in October (Toussaint), December, February, and April, plus a summer break of about two months.

LAW VS REALITY



Legislative framework: France's laws, such as the 2005 Disability Act, ensure educational inclusion and equal opportunities for all.



Consideration of disability:

- ❖ Creation of a position to support students with disabilities (AESH)
- ❖ Creation of a localized educational inclusion unit system:
 - A reference class
 - A specific program called ULIS
 - There is still a long way to go...



**Lack of specific
training for
teachers**

DISABILITY AND SCHOOL: INCLUSION PATHWAY

 Ordinary way with special education and home care service
 Specialized route

 Pivotal age

03-06 y.o.

Nursery School

6 y.o. 

06-11 y.o.

Primary school
Inclusion AESH | ULIS

11 y.o. 

11-15 y.o.

College
Inclusion AESH | ULIS

15 y.o. 

15-18 y.o.

Vocational High school
Inclusion AESH | ULIS

18 y.o. 

End of mandatory scholarship

Higher education

De-schooling

Vocational training

Labor market

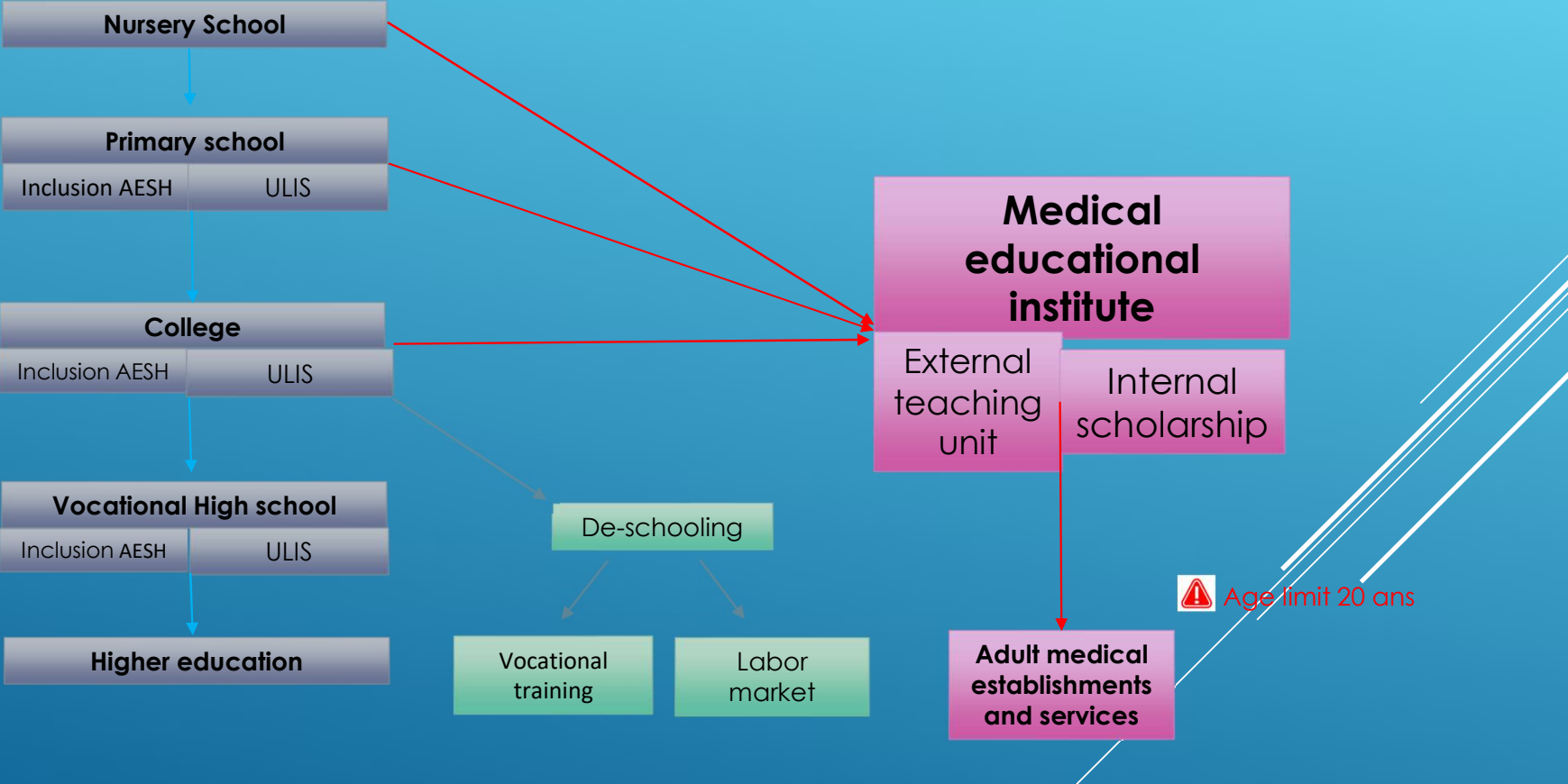
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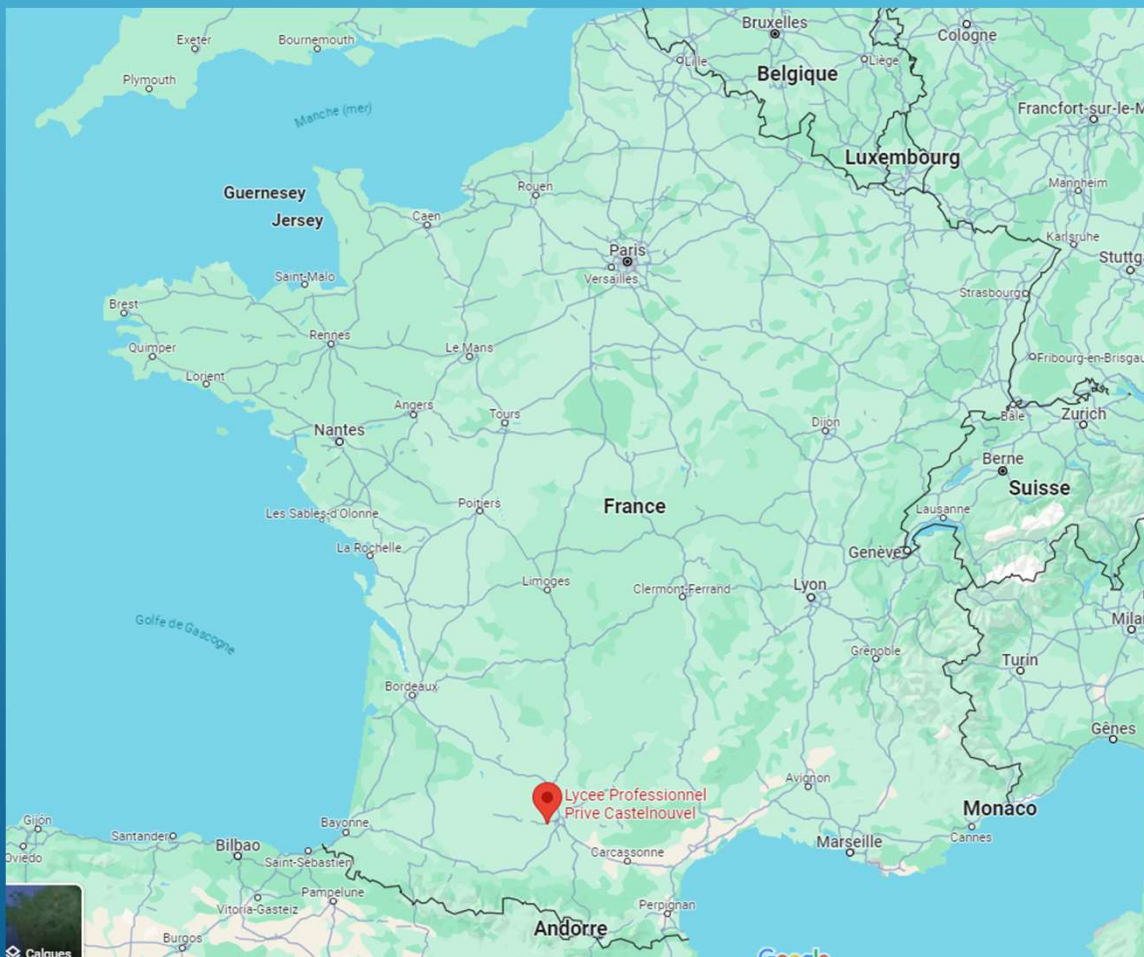
External teaching unit

Internal scholarship

 Age limit 20 ans

Adult medical establishments and services





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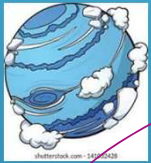


Healthcare
children's
home: MECS

School

Educational
high school

HEALTH CARE CHILDREN'S HOME : MECS DE CASTELNOUVEL



Educational
Groups



Medical
Team

- Pediatric neurologist
- General practitioners
- Infirmary
- Electroencephalogram
- Pharmacist
- Psychologists
- Speech therapist
- Psychomotricians
- Physiotherapists



SCHOOL



External
Teaching Unit
6 – 12 years old

Purple Class
From 6 years old

Green Class

Red Class
Until 15 years old

Therapeutic Unit
for Young Children
6 - 11 years old

Orange
educational class
12 – 16 years old

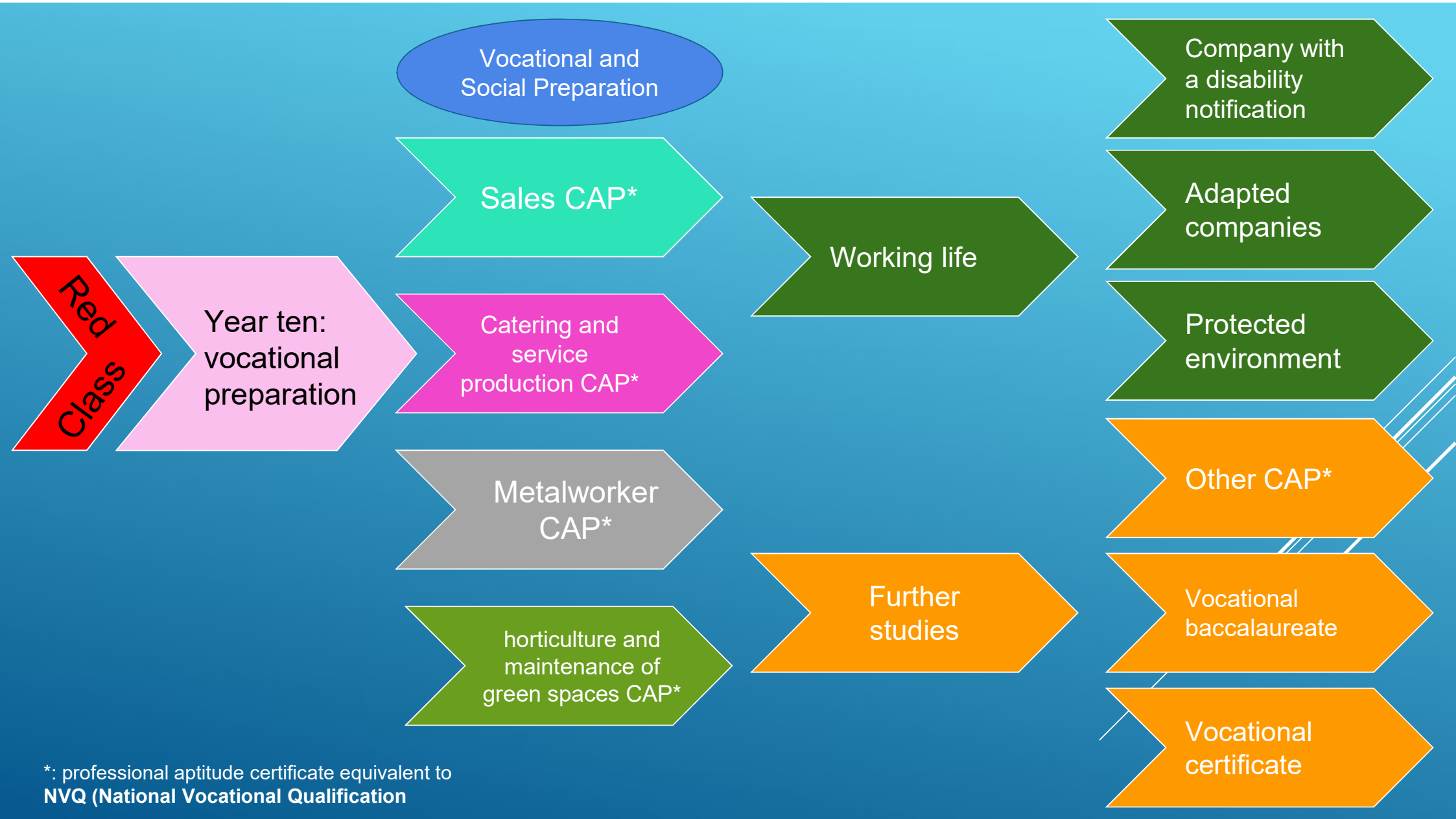
Apricot
educational class
15 – 21 years old

Yellow
educational class
15 – 21 years old

Inclusion: school, high school

HIGH SCHOOL





*: professional aptitude certificate equivalent to NVQ (National Vocational Qualification)

OUR STRENGTHS



- **Specialized staff training:** teachers received training on epilepsy management, so they can respond effectively during seizures,
- **Personalized learning strategies:** adaptations of the lessons matching student's specific needs and learning paces,
- **Multidisciplinary work:** for a student, there are medical, educational, and school professionals

OUR STRENGTHS



Small classes: we have small classes of 8-10 students. In an ordinary environment, there are between 25 and 35 depending on the course.

Professional aptitude certificate in 3 years: In ordinary high schools, it's two years. There are 22 hours of lessons vs 30 hours per week.

Project pedagogy: to give meaning to learning