# Formal education

## Definition

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**Formal education** is a **structured, organized system of learning** that usually takes place in schools, colleges, or universities.

## Key points about formal education:

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* **Planned & structured** → follows a set curriculum or syllabus.
* **Levels or stages** → primary school, secondary school, higher education.
* **Certified** → usually leads to diplomas, degrees, or certificates.
* **Professional teachers** → learning is guided by trained educators.
* **Time-bound** → follows schedules, terms, or academic years.

## Example:

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* A child attending elementary school.
* A student studying engineering at a university.
* A person doing a certified language course at an institute.

It’s different from **informal** (learning through everyday experiences) and **non-formal education** (like short courses or workshops without strict certification).