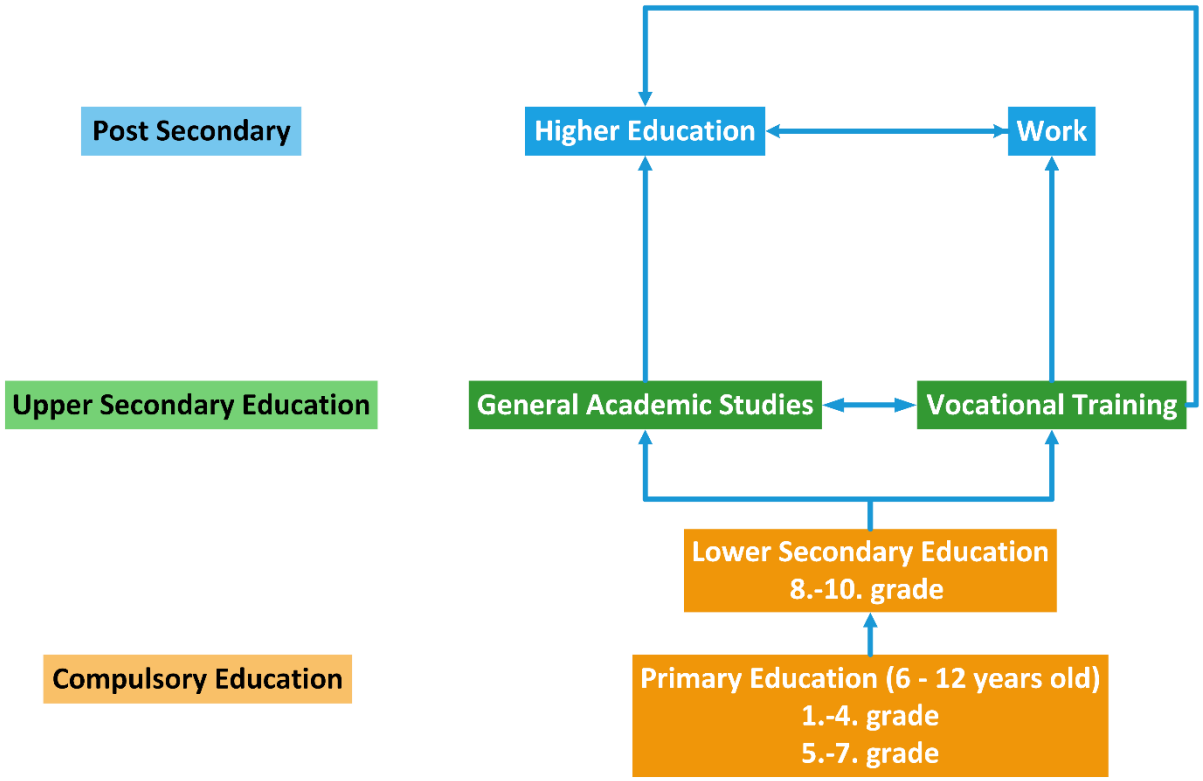
# Norwegian education system

*Early childhood education and care / Kindergarten (1-5 years old)*
Kindergarten is a voluntary service where children can stay while their parents are at work. There is a fee for the child to attend kindergarten. In kindergarten, the child should have the opportunity to learn through play, care, and various educational activities.

*Compulsory education (6-15 years old)*
All children must attend primary and lower secondary school. Public schooling is free. Norwegian compulsory education is divided into two main levels: primary education (grades 1-7) and lower secondary education (grades 8-10). If a child resides in Norway for more than three months, they have the right and obligation to attend school. This right should be fulfilled as soon as possible and no later than within one month.

*Upper secondary education (15-18 years old, age may vary)*
Young people who have completed primary school or equivalent have the right to three years of upper secondary education. Three years of upper secondary education can lead to:

- Study competence - You can proceed to a university or college after completing upper secondary education.
- Vocational competence - You can work in a practical profession after completing upper secondary education.

Upper secondary education is free, but students may need to pay for necessary equipment.