

## 20. - MINISTRY PRESENTATION

On behalf of all the people who work in the Aragonese Educational System: welcome to you and your family!

Education has a very important role for each person, and also for society. It helps you to build your personality, to maximise your abilities, to understand reality...

For society, education is the means to transmit and renew culture and moral values, to make living together in democracy possible, and also to respect differences, to encourage solidarity.

A quality education is the best form of enrichment and the prime resource for a country and its citizens.

In Spain, education is dealt with by the central government and, also, by the regional governments. Thus, both the subjects and the diplomas are equally valid in every school in Spain while, on the other hand, each local government foments teaching about its own area so that you get to know better where you live.

Compulsory Secondary Education is very important. Its main aim is that, when finished, every pupil has the education to live in a plural, democratic and multicultural society and it allows a continuation into higher levels of studies. These objectives can make it a most complicated time especially if you have moved to another country, and you have to study in a language different from your own. At the beginning it is difficult to understand how the school works, what you have to do in each subject...

Classrooms, with boys and girls from different countries, give us the chance to get to know each other, and learn together and they are a challenge. To make things a little smoother, there are many people working hard everyday: teachers and staff counsel you; the Local Education Authority in Aragon sets aside funds to train and support teachers and schools, to create teaching materials...

This video can help you to understand how your school works, and also to get to know your educational community, your rights and duties, your chances to keep on being education and learning.

Studying in a foreign language is rather difficult. We know that it can be a handicap in your studies. Don't give up when you encounter difficulties; remember that many boys and girls like you are being successful at it.

*Come on and experience secondary education!*