

1 School population in Flemish education

Full-time education	
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾	
Nursery education	266,379
Special nursery education	1,967
Primary education	432,291
Special primary education	24,645
Total	725,282
SECONDARY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾	
Full-time regular secondary education	419,207
Special secondary education	20,130
Total	439,337
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Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	7,062
Higher vocational adult education ⁽³⁾	16,947
Specific teacher training ⁽³⁾	8,500
University colleges ⁽⁴⁾	120,081
Universities ⁽⁴⁾	108,728

Part-time secondary education	
Part-time vocational secondary education ⁽¹⁾	8,864
Adult education	
Secondary adult education ⁽³⁾	311,779
Adult basic education ⁽³⁾	65,950
Part-time arts education	
Part-time arts education ⁽⁵⁾	178,624

- (1) Elementary and secondary education: number of pupils enrolled (all enrolments) on 1 February 2017.
 (2) Associate degree nursing: number of pupils enrolled on 1 February 2017.
 (3) Higher vocational adult education, specific teacher training, secondary adult education and adult basic education: number of unique enrolments on a programme for the reference period 1/4/2016 - 31/3/2017.
 (4) University colleges and universities: Bachelor's and Master's programmes. Data refer to all active enrolments in a degree contract in an institution for higher education on 30 June 2017. A student may have several enrolments.
 (5) Part-time arts education: number of students eligible for funding. Individuals enrolled on more than one course of study are counted more than once.

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Part-time secondary education						
Part-time vocational secondary education ⁽¹⁾	8,241	8,636	8,867	8,807	8,754	8,864
Adult education						
Secondary adult education ⁽³⁾	322,744	328,087	324,903	325,870	316,860	311,779
Adult basic education ⁽³⁾	45,283	45,780	47,861	52,506	58,850	65,950
Part-time arts education						
Part-time arts education ⁽⁵⁾	173,486	174,102	175,251	175,804	177,798	178,624

- (1) Elementary and secondary education: number of pupils enrolled (all enrolments) on 1 February.
 (2) Associate degree nursing: number of pupils enrolled on 1 February.
 (3) Higher vocational adult education, specific teacher training, secondary adult education and adult basic education: number of unique enrolments on a programme for the reference period 1 April - 31 March.
 (4) University colleges and universities: Bachelor's and Master's programmes. Data refer to all active enrolments in a degree contract in an institution for higher education on 30 June. A student may have several enrolments.
 (5) Part-time arts education: number of students eligible for funding. Individuals enrolled on more than one course of study are counted more than once.

2 Changes in the school population by level of education

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Full-time education						
NURSERY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾						
Regular	262,603	265,953	269,197	268,453	267,756	266,379
Special	1,986	2,023	2,042	2,000	1,984	1,967
Total	264,589	267,976	271,239	270,453	269,740	268,346
PRIMARY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾						
Regular	386,696	392,351	399,729	411,097	422,911	432,291
Special	28,566	28,481	28,307	27,483	25,578	24,645
Total	415,262	420,832	428,036	438,580	448,489	456,936
Total elementary education	679,851	688,808	699,275	709,033	718,229	725,282
SECONDARY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾						
Regular	420,685	418,817	417,469	416,847	418,228	419,207
Special	19,835	20,177	20,495	20,661	20,333	20,130
Total secondary education	440,520	438,994	437,964	437,508	438,561	439,337
TERTIARY EDUCATION						
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	6,255	6,869	7,383	7,402	7,434	7,062
Higher vocational adult education ⁽³⁾	18,235	17,913	17,989	17,862	17,442	16,947
Specific teacher training ⁽³⁾	9,199	9,305	9,425	9,355	8,840	8,500
University colleges ⁽⁴⁾	128,498	132,120	112,360	115,359	117,587	120,081
Universities ⁽⁴⁾	82,113	84,177	108,771	108,896	108,757	108,728

1 Educational institutions in Flemish education

Full-time education		Part-time secondary education	
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ^{(1) (2)}		Part-time vocational secondary education ⁽⁴⁾ 48	
Autonomous nursery schools	162		
Autonomous primary schools	250		
Schools providing nursery and primary education	2,191		
Total	2,603		
SECONDARY EDUCATION		Adult education	
Full-time regular secondary education ^{(3) (4)}	939	Secondary adult education ⁽⁵⁾	99
Special secondary education ⁽²⁾	119	Adult basic education	13
Total	1,058		
TERTIARY EDUCATION		Part-time arts education	
Associate degree nursing ⁽³⁾	20	Part-time arts education	168
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training ⁽⁵⁾	33		
University colleges	16		
Universities	6		

- (1) Autonomous nursery schools organise nursery education only. Autonomous primary schools organise primary education only.
- (2) Excluding the so-called 'type 5-schools'. These schools organise special education of type 5 only (for pupils with long-term illness). In special elementary education, 6 schools organise nursery and primary education. In special secondary education there are 5 schools organising type 5-education. In order to avoid double counts, the pupils enrolled in special education type 5 are not included in the figures.
- (3) 16 of the 939 schools organising full-time regular secondary education also organise the courses for the associate degree in nursing. Beside these schools, 4 schools only organise the courses for the associate degree in nursing. In the table above, the 16 schools referred to in this footnote are reported under both full-time regular secondary education and associate degree nursing.
- (4) 42 of these 939 schools also organise part-time vocational secondary education. There are 5 schools that only organise part-time vocational secondary education. In the table above, the 42 schools referred to in this footnote are reported under both full-time secondary education and part-time vocational education.
- (5) During reference period 1/4/2016-31/3/2017 there were 117 centres for adult education, 99 of which offered secondary adult education and 33 of which offered higher adult education. This means some centres organized secondary as well as higher adult education.

1 Staff by level of education expressed in number of persons

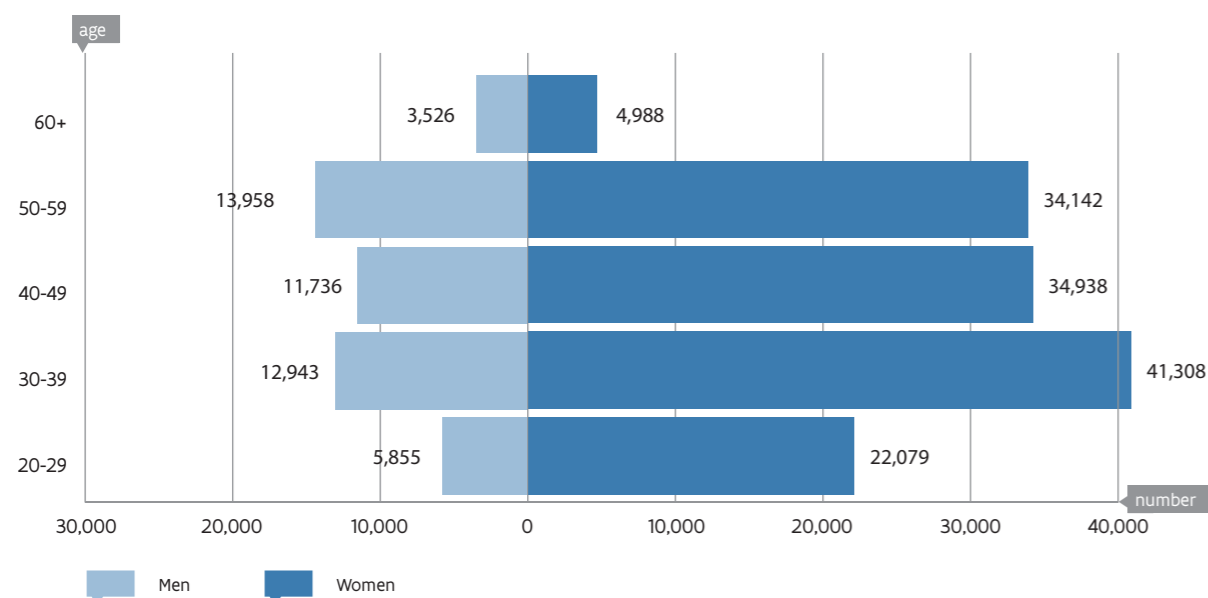
	Tenured posts			Temporary posts			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Elementary education	7,115	47,483	54,598	2,615	18,537	21,152	9,730	66,020	75,750
Secondary education ⁽¹⁾	20,172	36,643	56,815	7,025	12,219	19,244	27,197	48,862	76,059
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	153	993	1,146	65	349	414	218	1,342	1,560
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	244	312	556	364	308	672	608	620	1,228
University colleges ⁽³⁾	2,441	3,706	6,147	1,983	2,631	4,614	4,424	6,337	10,761
Secondary adult education	1,138	2,833	3,971	959	1,845	2,804	2,097	4,678	6,775
Adult basic education ⁽⁴⁾	-	-	-	192	1,118	1,310	192	1,118	1,310
Part-time arts education	1,600	2,418	4,018	710	1,026	1,736	2,310	3,444	5,754
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools, ...	903	3,348	4,251	339	1,686	2,025	1,242	5,034	6,276
Total	33,766	97,736	131,502	14,252	39,719	53,971	48,018	137,455	185,473
Universities ⁽⁵⁾							n/a	n/a	n/a

2 Staff by level of education expressed in number of full-time equivalents

	Tenured posts			Temporary posts			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Elementary education	6,641	41,055	47,696	2,222	15,493	17,715	8,863	56,548	65,411
Secondary education ⁽¹⁾	19,035	31,763	50,798	6,285	10,759	17,044	25,320	42,522	67,842
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	124	835	959	42	276	318	166	1,111	1,277
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	187	247	434	170	202	372	357	449	806
University colleges ⁽³⁾	2,156	3,028	5,184	1,236	1,894	3,130	3,392	4,922	8,314
Secondary adult education	952	2,255	3,207	623	1,337	1,960	1,575	3,592	5,167
Adult basic education ⁽⁴⁾	-	-	-	156	824	980	156	824	980
Part-time arts education	1,382	1,909	3,291	392	601	993	1,774	2,510	4,284
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools, ...	821	2,672	3,493	295	1,341	1,636	1,116	4,013	5,129
Total	31,298	83,764	115,062	11,421	32,727	44,148	42,719	116,491	159,210
Universities ⁽⁵⁾							n/a	n/a	n/a

- (1) Staff in full-time and part-time secondary education.
- (2) The nursing courses at the 4th stage of vocational education became associate degree (HBO5) programmes in 2009-10.
- (3) In the data on the university colleges, visiting professors and mandate fees are not included in the number of full-time equivalents.
- (4) Since 1 September 2008 the staff members working at adult basic education centres have been paid directly by the Education and Training policy area. The Education and Training policy area functions as a third-party payment provider for staff members who have an employment contract with the adult basic education centre but are not paid through any other channel. This third-party payment scheme was introduced on the basis of the Decree on Adult Education (15 June 2007).
- (5) The data for February 2017 were not yet available at the time of publication.

3 Staff by age group and gender ⁽¹⁾



(1) Excluding staff employed by universities.

4 Changes in staff by level of education expressed in number of persons

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Regular elementary education	60,377	62,203	63,171	64,013	64,793	65,838
Special elementary education	9,620	9,712	9,799	9,907	9,889	9,912
Regular secondary education ⁽¹⁾	69,507	68,527	67,973	67,419	66,809	66,830
Special secondary education	8,296	8,472	8,801	9,020	9,151	9,229
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	1,203	1,291	1,399	1,498	1,537	1,560
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	1,308	1,261	1,245	1,248	1,243	1,228
University colleges ⁽³⁾	12,592	12,705	11,142	10,637	10,607	10,761
Secondary adult education	6,331	6,417	6,511	6,585	6,627	6,775
Adult basic education ⁽⁴⁾	899	914	950	1,077	1,194	1,310
Part-time arts education	5,708	5,728	5,755	5,761	5,737	5,754
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools, ...	6,270	6,269	6,282	6,228	6,248	6,276
Total	182,111	183,499	183,028	183,393	183,835	185,473
Universities ⁽⁵⁾	12,169	12,405	15,085	15,346	15,487	n/a

5 Changes in staff by level of education expressed in number of full-time equivalents

	2011-2012 ⁽⁶⁾	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Regular elementary education	51,122	53,868	54,546	55,334	56,242	56,863
Special elementary education	8,312	8,468	8,520	8,596	8,623	8,548
Regular secondary education ⁽¹⁾	61,593	61,079	60,513	60,078	59,793	59,580
Special secondary education	7,416	7,661	7,944	8,110	8,245	8,262
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	978	1,047	1,143	1,233	1,262	1,277
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	805	786	791	811	821	806
University colleges ⁽³⁾	9,831	9,923	8,643	8,282	8,280	8,314
Secondary adult education	4,832	4,918	4,983	5,071	5,117	5,167
Adult basic education ⁽⁴⁾	672	692	707	812	899	980
Part-time arts education	4,237	4,259	4,270	4,314	4,305	4,284
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools, ...	5,144	5,149	5,152	5,147	5,153	5,129
Total	154,942	157,850	157,212	157,788	158,740	159,210
Universities ⁽⁵⁾	8,618.20	8,690.06	10,420.47	10,503.44	10,528.87	n/a

(1) Staff in full-time and part-time secondary education.

(2) The nursing courses at the 4th stage of vocational education became associate degree (HBOS) programmes in 2009-10.

(3) In the data on the university colleges, visiting professors and mandate fees are not included in the number of full-time equivalents.

(4) Since 1 September 2008 the staff members working at adult basic education centres have been paid directly by the Education and Training policy area. The Education and Training policy area functions as a third-party payment provider for staff members who have an employment contract with the adult basic education centre but are not paid through any other channel. This third-party payment scheme was introduced on the basis of the Decree on Adult Education (15 June 2007).

(5) The data for February 2017 were not yet available at the time of publication.

(6) The number of full-time equivalents in January 2012 may be lower than normal due to a strike. This strike is not taken into account in the calculation of the budgetary full-time equivalents.

1 Overall education budget (in thousands of euros)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Changes in the Flemish education budget	10,386,131	10,649,922	10,876,663	10,810,834	11,122,196	11,370,673
The education budget as a percentage of the Flemish budget	38.63%	38.50%	38.84%	28.60%	27.50%	25.88%

2 Distribution of the education budget by educational level



3 Changes in the education budget by educational level (in thousands of euros)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Elementary education	3,467,787	3,641,127	3,711,241	3,737,469	3,874,401	3,921,519
Secondary education	4,097,863	4,138,240	4,209,647	4,145,601	4,183,404	4,204,167
Tertiary education	1,644,017	1,683,145	1,746,645	1,707,300	1,753,481	1,883,323
Adult education	370,347	374,996	388,591	393,344	426,183	432,795
Part-time arts education	224,098	228,895	232,842	232,296	238,933	238,312

1 Approved subsidy amounts and approved subsidy applications by educational level in 2016 ⁽¹⁾

	VGO		OGO		Total	
	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications
Regular elementary education	99,563,776	1,090	44,304,087	64	143,867,863	1,154
Special elementary education	5,978,302	60	1,418,910	3	7,397,212	63
Full-time regular secondary education	68,526,226	614	5,595,137	21	74,121,363	635
Special secondary education	9,107,998	44	1,061,432	3	10,169,430	47
Part-time vocational secondary education	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult education	8,276,637	43	65,415	1	8,342,053	44
Part-time arts education	46,698	2	-	-	46,698	2
Pupil guidance centres	1,315,372	20	-	-	1,315,372	20
Boarding schools	2,086,263	57	-	-	2,086,263	57
Total	194,901,272	1,930	52,444,981	92	247,346,253	2,022

2 Approved subsidy amounts and approved subsidy applications by province in 2016

	VGO		OGO		Total	
	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications
Antwerp	39,317,570	466	32,820,753	38	72,138,323	504
Flemish Brabant	25,282,721	259	7,976,758	9	33,259,479	268
BCR	11,529,793	60	442,744	6	11,972,537	66
West Flanders	45,437,046	437	3,867,150	8	49,304,195	445
East Flanders	52,315,892	470	7,336,104	30	59,651,996	500
Limburg	21,018,250	238	1,471	1	21,019,721	239
Total	194,901,272	1,930	52,444,981	92	247,346,253	2,022

1 School and study allowances by educational level

	Number of applications	Number of allowances granted ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Percentage of allowances granted	Total amount of allowances granted (in euros)	Average allowance (in euros)
Nursery education	79,380	49,234	62.02%	4,589,101	93.21
Primary education	161,706	104,385	64.55%	13,800,571	132.21
Secondary education of which	181,786	115,455	63.51%	50,333,256	435.96
- Full-time secondary education	175,794	112,621	64.06%	49,534,631	439.83
- Part-time secondary education	5,992	2,834	47.30%	798,626	281.80
Associate degree nursing	3,642	1,587	43.57%	2,047,574	1,290.22
Syntra	852	474	55.63%	120,986	255.25
Tertiary education of which	78,959	43,566	55.18%	74,199,325	1,703.15
- University colleges	48,139	28,129	58.43%	46,058,101	1,637.39
- Universities	27,823	15,111	54.31%	27,313,551	1,807.53
- Unknown ⁽³⁾	2,997	326	10.88%	827,672	2,538.87
Total	506,325	314,701	62.15%	145,090,813	

(1) As known on 20/08/2017.

(2) School allowances are awarded to pupils in nursery, primary and secondary education; study allowances are awarded to students in higher education.

(3) The type of tertiary education is not known (because the student is studying abroad or in another Community of Belgium).

Note:

The data above are not yet final as a number of applicants are still under consideration (47,148 applicants) for the school year 2016-2017. Due to this, the number of allowances granted may increase further.

1 Number of applications in 2016

	Number of applications
Equivalence	79
Higher education: level equivalence	645
Higher education: full equivalence	1,442
Secondary education: level equivalence	1,453
Secondary education: full equivalence	218
Certificates	258
Professional recognition	119
Referrals/rejections	153
Legal precedents	1
Total	4,368

2 Number of decisions in 2016 ⁽¹⁾

Procedure	Positive ⁽²⁾	Negative ⁽³⁾	Other ⁽⁴⁾
Higher education: level equivalence	303	7	41
Higher education: full equivalence	512	58	331
Secondary education: level equivalence	986	5	8
Secondary education: full equivalence	49	11	1
Total	1,850	81	381

(1) A file needs to be completed before a final decision can be taken. For this reason incomplete files are not taken into account.

(2) The person concerned receives the equivalence (s)he applied for or for which the file was initially examined.

(3) In case of a negative decision equivalence is not granted.

3 Top 10 countries of origin of applicants in 2016

Country	Number
The Netherlands	537
Syria	419
Belgium	256
Iraq	229
Morocco	217
Romania	139
Poland	129
Russia	112
Ukraine	93
Germany	91

A Elementary education

1 Number of participants to obtain a certificate of elementary education by province in 2016 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

	Number of participants	Number of passed
Antwerp	121	96
Flemish Brabant	14	13
West Flanders	8	5
East Flanders	7	5
Limburg	4	2
Total	154	121

(1) A participant is a candidate who has passed at least 1 examination.

(2) The data by province refer to the province of the schools (where the examination takes place).

B Secondary education

1 Number of registrations, enrollments and participants in 2016

	Number of registrations	Number of enrolments	Number of participants
Male	2,448	2,179	2,919
Female	2,038	1,875	2,452
Total	4,486	4,054	5,371

The figures above reflect the number of unique candidates who in 2016 were effectively enrolled in and paid for a course of study (enrolments) after they registered (registrations) at an information session.

2 Success rate by stage and type of secondary education in 2016

For 67% of all individual exams held by the Examination Board of the Flemish Community the candidate gained at least 50% of the marks. Subdivided according to **type of education** the success rate proved highest in vocational secondary education, followed by secondary education in the arts and technical secondary education. In general secondary education only slightly more than half of the candidates passed the examination.

	Number of exams	Passed	Failed	% passed
Examination Board	35,276	23,538	11,738	67%
		Passed	Failed	% passed
Per stage	1st stage	359	161	69%
	2nd stage	894	466	66%
	3rd stage	22,285	11,111	67%
		Passed	Failed	% passed
Type of secondary education	1st stage	359	161	69%
	General	3,772	3,092	55%
	Vocational	15,759	5,867	73%
	Arts	288	176	62%
	Technical	3,360	2,442	58%

3. Study certificates awarded by the Examination Board in 2016

Certificate 1st stage	23
Certificate 2nd stage	31
Diploma Secondary education	1,447
Total	1,501

1 Number of subsidised/financed boarding schools and boarders ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

	Number of boarding schools	Number of boarders				Total number of boarders
		Nursery education	Primary education	Secondary education	Associate degree nursing	
GO	31	32	361	1,821	4	2,218
VGO	104	65	814	6,702	130	7,711
OGO	4	7	58	78	31	174
Total	139	104	1,233	8,601	165	10,103

(1) Count date: 1 February 2017.

(2) Boarding schools with fewer than 30 boarders for two consecutive school years are not included, as they cannot be financed or subsidised.

(3) The following pupils and students are not reported in the data: 51 boarders in university colleges, 16 boarders in universities and 24 boarders in European schools.

1 Number of pupil guidance centres by educational network

	GO	VGO	OGO	Total
Pupil guidance centres	24	43	5	72
Permanent support units	1	1	1	3
Total	25	44	6	75

2 Staff of pupil guidance centres by legal status and gender (full-time equivalents)

	Tenured posts			Temporary posts			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
GO	60	408	468	16	181	197	76	589	665
VGO	178	1,155	1,333	39	498	537	217	1,653	1,870
OGO	26	129	155	2	82	84	28	211	239
Total	264	1,692	1,956	57	761	818	321	2,453	2,774

3 Changes in staff of pupil guidance centres (full-time equivalents)

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Tenured posts	2,040	2,001	2,004	1,964	1,975	1,956
Temporary posts	702	748	735	775	778	818
Total	2,742	2,749	2,739	2,739	2,753	2,774

1 Number of transported pupils by educational level and educational network

	GO ⁽¹⁾	VGO	OGO	Total
Regular elementary education	1,063	853	257	2,173
Special elementary education	7,027	16,021	4,062	27,110
Total elementary education	8,090	16,874	4,319	29,283
Regular secondary education	38	92	-	130
Special secondary education	5,143	11,522	2,099	18,764
Total secondary education	5,181	11,614	2,099	18,894
Total	13,271	28,488	6,418	48,177

2 Number of transported pupils by transport mode

	GO ⁽¹⁾	VGO	OGO	Total
Pupils transported collectively ⁽²⁾	11,114	21,994	4,966	38,074
Pupils transported individually ⁽³⁾	2,157	6,494	1,452	10,103
Total	13,271	28,488	6,418	48,177

(1) For Community education only pupils within the zones are taken into account.

(2) A collectively transported pupil is a pupil using a special transport service with a minimum capacity of 7, financed or subsidised by the Flemish Community. Since 1 September 2001 this transport has been organised by the Flemish public bus company.

(3) An individually transported pupil is a pupil using public transport or a transport service with a capacity lower than 7, for which the Flemish Community contributes to the transport costs based on official public transport fares.