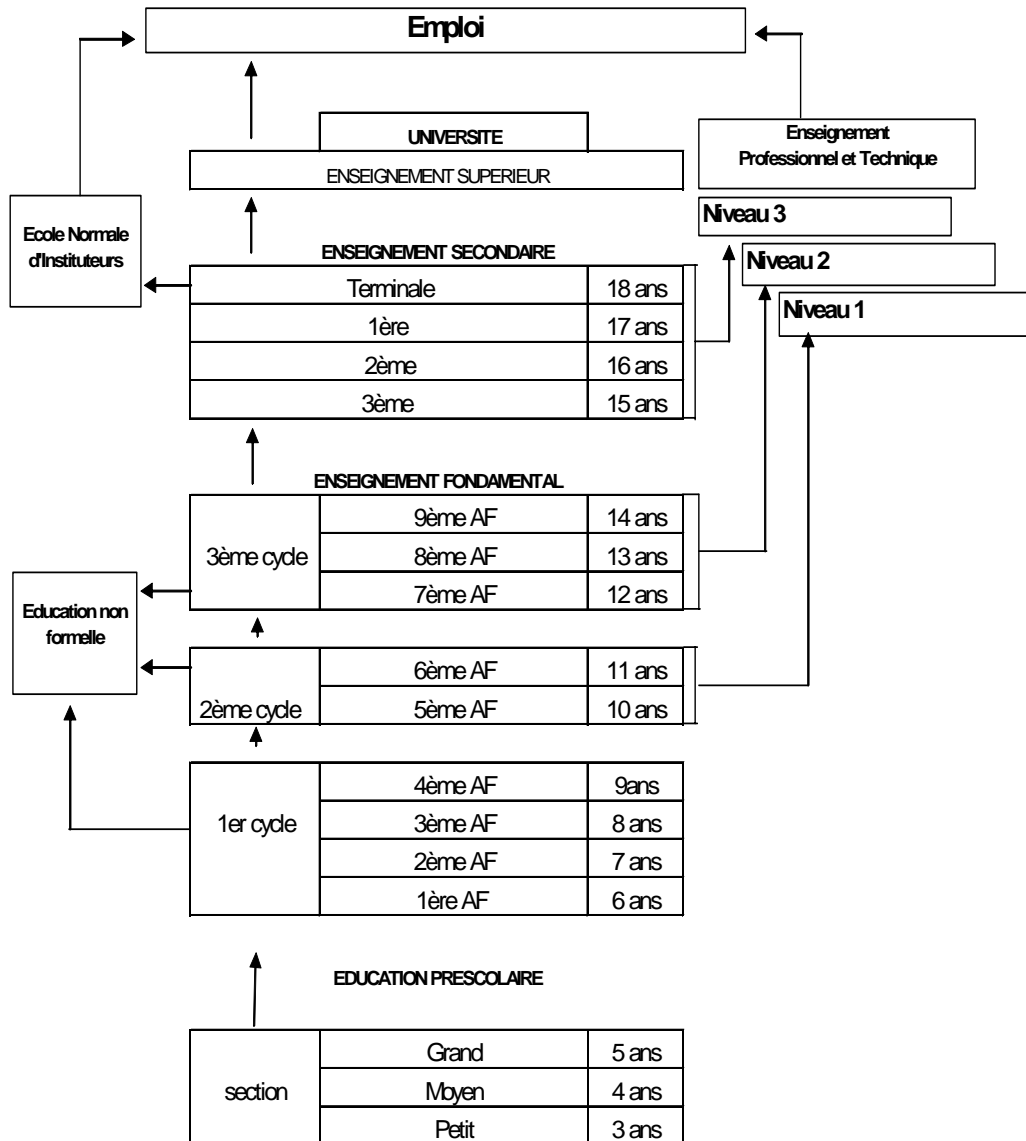


Education Systems in Haiti (preschool to secondary level)

Diagramme 1. Schéma d'organisation du système éducatif haïtien



In Haiti, the Constitution of 1987 specifies that the State is responsible for primary education is free and compulsory. The Education system starts at the preschool level, which is followed by nine years of Fundamental Education, upon whose successful completion a Brevet Diplôme is obtained. Secondary education is comprised of four years of schooling, sanctioned by a final exam and Diplôme called the Baccalauréat. Starting at the second cycle of Fundamental Education, pupils have the option of following professional and vocational education instead of the formal education cycles leading to the Baccalauréat.

As it stands, the education system is dominated by private schools, some subsidized by the State (some religious schools), some operated as non-profit educational institutions (supported by church groups, non-profits, or community schools), but most ran as for-profit schools. Although private education services are encouraged by State Laws, the State has limited capacity to oversee and to monitor the proliferation of privately held schools, and many operate without legal accreditation from the Ministry of Education. As a consequence, the quality of education offered in such establishments cannot be guaranteed by State institutions.

Comparison with U.S. system

Haiti	U.S.A
Education Prescolaire	Pre-K and K
3-4 ans Petite Section	3-4 yrs old Preschool
4-5 ans Moyenne Section	4-5 yrs old Preschool
5-6 ans Grande Section	5-6 yrs old Kindergarten
Enseignement Fondamental	Elementary School
<i>Premier (1er) Cycle</i>	
6-7 ans Première Année Fondamentale (AF)	6-7 yrs old 1st grade
7-8 ans Deuxième AF	7-8 yrs old 2nd grade
8-9 ans Troisième AF	8-9 yrs old 3rd grade
9-10 ans Quatrième AF	9-10 yrs old 4th grade
<i>Deuxième Cycle</i>	10-11 yrs old 5th grade
10-11 ans Cinquième AF	Junior High School
11-12 ans Sixième AF	11-12 yrs old 6th grade
<i>Troisième Cycle</i>	
12-13 ans Septième AF	12-13 yrs old 7th grade
13-14 ans Huitième AF	13-14 yrs old 8th grade
14-15 ans Neuvième AF	High School
Enseignement Secondaire	14-15 yrs old 9th grade
15-16 ans Classe de Troisième	15-16 yrs old 10th grade
16-17 ans Classe de Seconde	16-17 yrs old 11th grade
17-18 ans Classe de Première (Bac 1 ^{ère} partie - Réto)	17-18 yrs old 12th grade
18-19 Classe de Terminale (Bac 2 ^{ème} partie - Philo)	