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The CPIA is a school belonging to the Italian Ministry of Education. It supplies services and activities to Italian and foreign citizens aimed at the education of adults, this considered as a means of personal, social, cultural and economic growth.

It is in close contact with local autonomous organizations and with the employers present on the territory. It can be considered as an educational laboratory, but also as an organization fostering the integration process, addressing the demands and needs of the territory.

Who is it for?

- Italian and foreign adults older than 16 years who have not yet fulfilled mandatory schooling.
- Adults that need a final certificate of the first instruction cycle (former Licenza media) or a high school diploma.
- To improve their linguistic and digital skills

Why going back to school?

- To have more and better employment opportunities
- To improve your skills in dealing with new technologies
- To improve your competences language skills for daily communication and travelling.

It is of fundamental importance for all citizens, who want to improve their personal and professional situation, workers, unemployed, retirees or housewives, to obtain a qualification.

With a **lifelong learning** view in mind, the CPIA offers growth perspectives, study incentives and help in accessing instruction paths to all citizens who wish to undertake (further) education.

According to the specific needs of the learners, the paths of adult instruction are divided into three branches:

1) Italian language literacy teaching

Learning the Italian language is a key step in the integration process of foreign citizens into the territory; thus, to those willing to learn or improve their level of written and spoken Italian, the CPIA offers programs of literacy and Italian language learning finally aimed at the achievement of

a language certification of A2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CFER).

A2 level is required to obtain the residency permit (Carta di lungo soggiorno). The CPIA is also a branch where it is possible to undertake this test.

The **CPIA** is also an exam location for the **CILS** Certification of Italian language for the more advanced levels B1, B2, C1 and C2. These certificates are granted by the Università of Siena.

Literacy courses are not limited to the teaching of language, but they also comprise notions of civic education so as to foster the integration of foreigners and the intercultural dialogue.

At the beginning of the year entry tests are submitted to the users to assess their knowledge of the Italian language in order to create classes in terms of language level.

2) The first level and second level programs supplied by the CPIA are divided into two didactic periods:

- **the first period** is aimed at the achievement of the first instruction cycle final certification (ex Licenza media);

- **the second period** is built for the achievement of a certification that attests the acquisition of key competencies linked to the fulfilment of mandatory education (Italian, Geography, History, Science, Maths and English).

The organization of educational activities chosen by the teachers operating in the CPIA is a **modular** one. A module here is meant as a full formation package aimed at the achievement of a certified result and/or of specific competencies. Every module begins with an entry test and is completed with a final test that verifies the achievement of the appropriate results.

The second level programs are embedded in the cycle of secondary education (i.e. high school level institutions) and are structured in three didactic periods aimed at the achievement of a secondary education level diploma (diploma di scuola superiore).

The secondary institutions that have a network relationship with **CPIA 2** are:

- I.T.I.S ISIS 'NEWTON' Varese
- ITET 'DAVERIO-CASULA-NERVI' Varese
- IPSSCTS 'EINAUDI' Varese
- LICEO ARTISTICO 'FRATTINI' Varese

3) The **CPIA 2** supplies **modular courses of language and information technology** structured in different steps for adults who would like to improve their own skills. Furthermore, in view of a growth of the training offer, the CPIA is also serving as an examination location for the **Trinity** Certification of spoken English language.

