





Linguistic Models of application in the field of Education in the *BASQUE COUNTRY*¹

-  Name of the language: Basque language
-  Status of the language: Official in the Basque Autonomous Community
-  Classification of the language according to the UNESCO: Vulnerable
-  Protected under the Charter for Regional or Minority Languages

General description of the linguistic models of application in the territory


Compulsory Education (Primary and Secondary School)

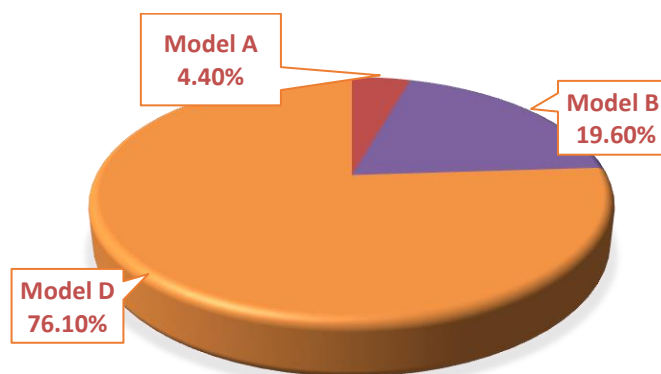
The Education system in the Basque Autonomous Community is structured in 3 linguistic models, available throughout the whole territory.

Model A: All subjects – except Basque language – are taught in Spanish language. Basque language as a subject – compulsory in all schools at every level- is taught following the pedagogical criteria set by the Department of Education, Universities and Research. Once students have acquired a good level of Basque language, some other subjects (partially or completely) may be taught in Basque.

Model B: Both Spanish and Basque language are used as language of instruction. As a general principle, Spanish is used for subjects such as reading, writing and mathematics. Basque is used for other subjects: plastic and dynamic experiences above all. Furthermore, Basque and Spanish are taught weekly according to the number of hours stipulated by the Department of Education, Universities and Research.

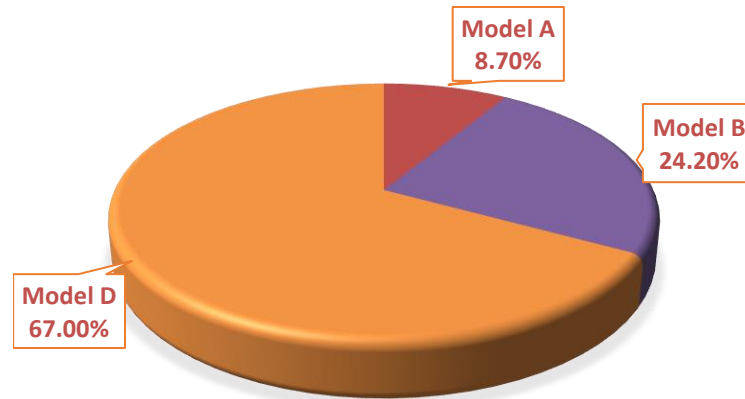
Model D: All subjects - except Spanish language – are taught in Basque, this also being an academic subject itself being taught weekly according to the number of hours stipulated by the Department of Education, Universities and Research. Spanish language is taught from the beginning of the school age like any other school subject.

-  Total number of **primary school students** (<13 years) enrolled in public and private institutions (schooling year 2017/2018): **220.134**



¹ Source: Culture and Language Policy Department. Government of the Basque Country.

- Total number of **secondary school students** (12-16 years) enrolled in public and private institutions (schooling year 2017/2018): **83.588**



High School and Vocational Training

Basque education concerning High School and Vocational Training is structured in 2 models, available throughout the whole territory of the Basque Autonomous Community:

Model A: The language of instruction is Spanish and therefore, all subjects -except Basque Language and Literature and Modern Languages- are taught in Spanish. For those groups of students which have reached a good level of Basque language, Basque may be the language of instruction in some other subjects.

Model D: Language of instruction is Basque and therefore all subjects -except Spanish Language and Literature and Modern Languages- are taught in Basque. Spanish language as a subject – compulsory in all schools at every level- is taught following the pedagogical criteria set by the Department of Education, Universities and Research