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Pre-school classes were launched for 5-year-old children at general schools on October 3.

Under the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated July 11, 2016, pre-school groups set up at general secondary schools across the country enroll children who turn five in the academic year.

Funded by the government, pre-school education groups function in all cities and districts of the country.

Classes in pre-school education groups are conducted by experienced and qualified secondary school teachers.

According to 2016-2017 academic year plan of pre-school groups, classes will be conducted four times a week (12 hours). This includes three 30-minute classes a day, with a 10-minute break between classes.

Pre-school education program features classes on natural world, preparation for literacy training and development of speaking skills, development of literary thinking, development of logical and mathematical thinking, expressive activity, musical and physical culture.

The academic year in pre-school groups is comprised of two parts, ending on May 31.