Research on Intermittent School Attendance

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Rationale

- Developing a model of investigation that may lead to a monitoring system on early school leaving in compulsory schools
- Elaborating policies to implement the model of investigation as key element of a monitoring system on early school leaving

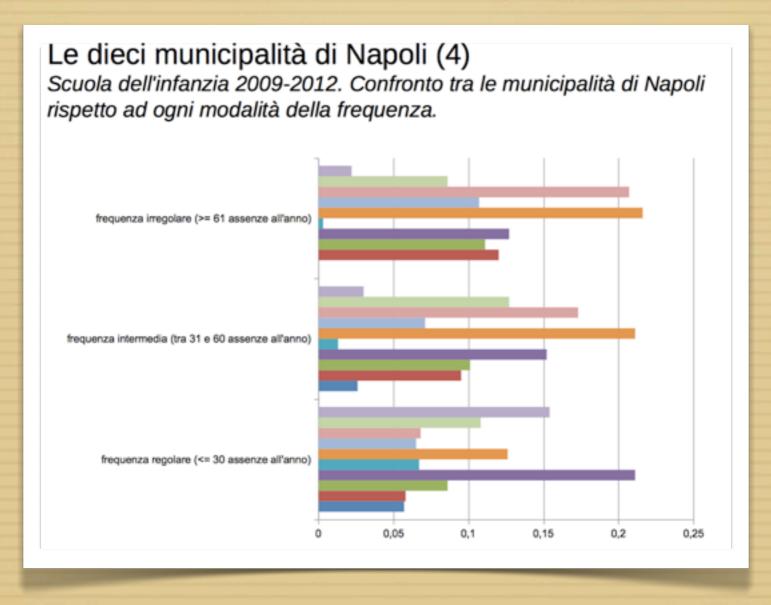
Methodology

- ✓ Literature Review
- Second Level Analysis (data on intermittent school attendance in 8 Municipalities of Napoli)
- Direct Research (Focus Group and Further Collection of Quantitative Data)
- ~ Parallel Investigations in Napoli and

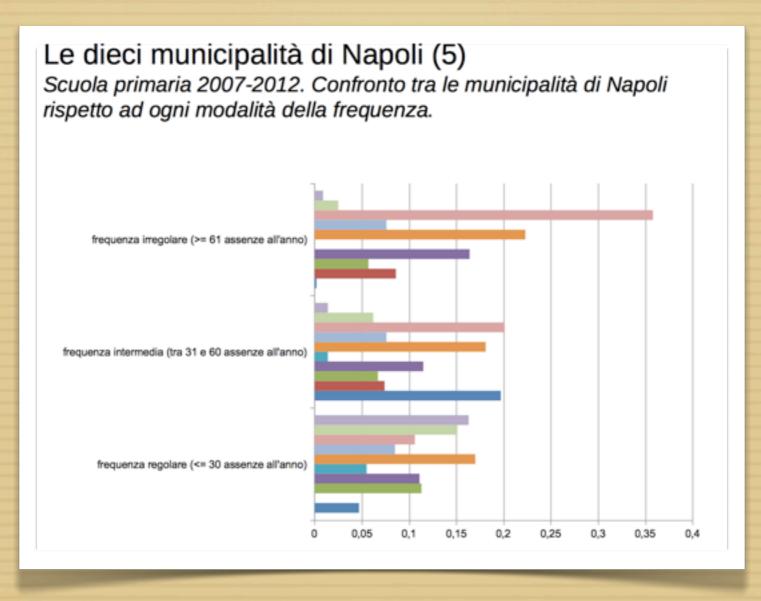
Literature Review

Emergent Findings: Second Level Analysis

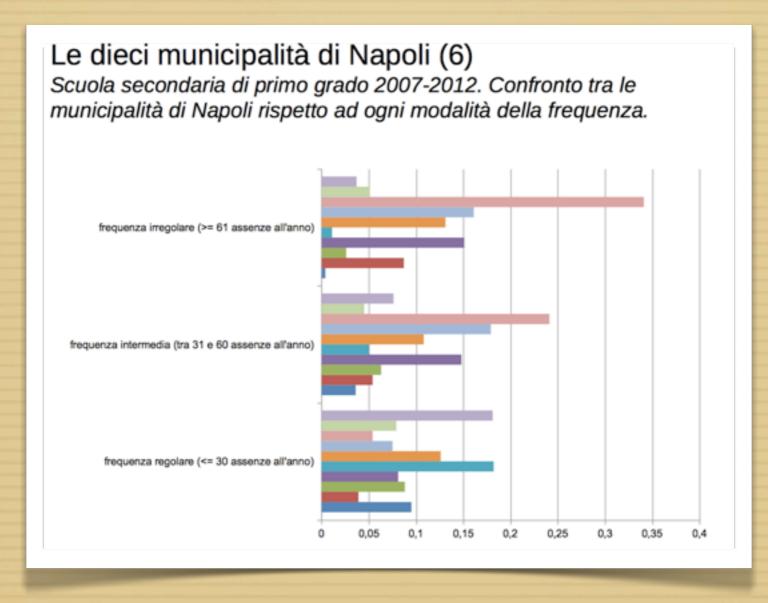
- Existence of a relationship between school attendance and municipalities (higher the school level, higher intermittent school attendance)
- Need to develop a finer understanding of the spatial concentration of the intermittent school attendance (the intensity of the relationship is not strong as expected according to statistical indexes)



Kindergarten/Municipalities



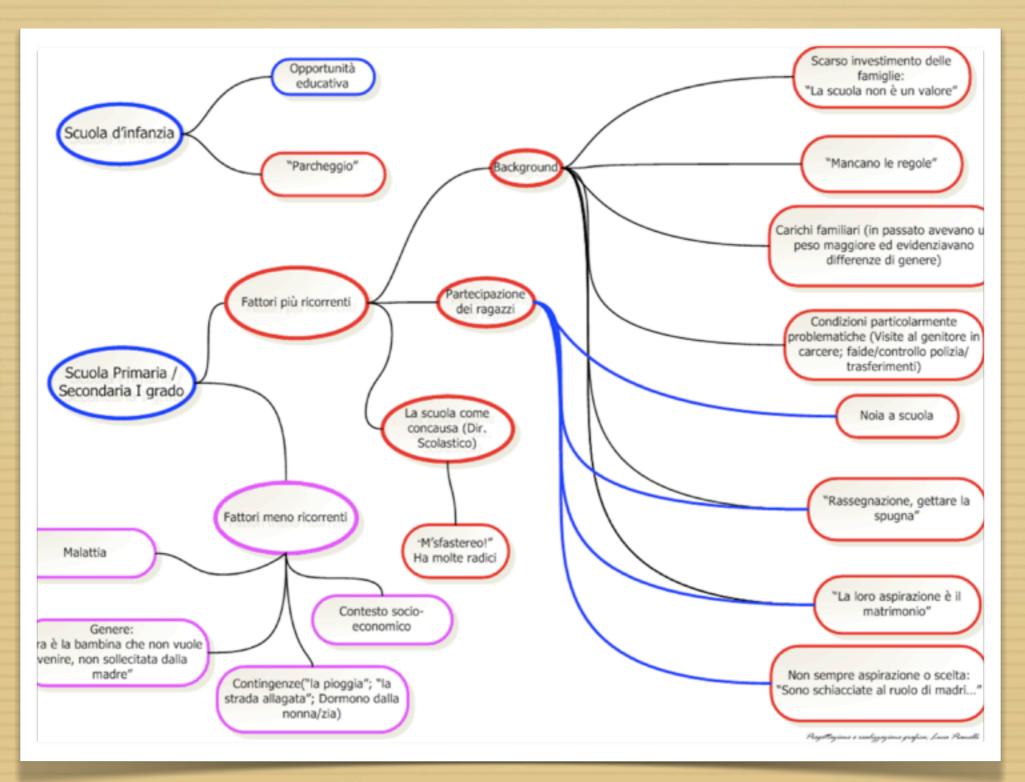
Primary School/ Municipalities



First Level Secondary School/Municipalities

Emergent Findings: Focus Group

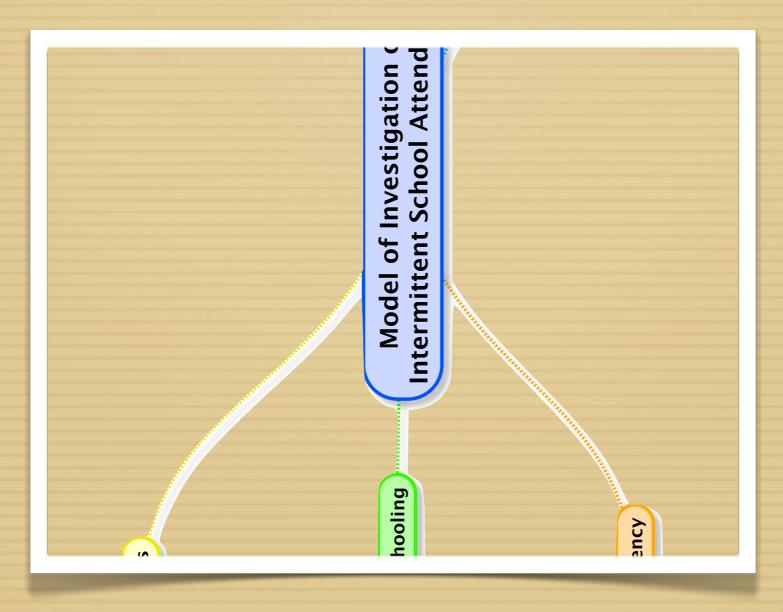
- Focus Group with 8 teachers from kindergarten, primary and secondary school and the principal (at Virgilio IV)
- Recording and Transcribing the Conversation
- ✓ Mapping the Conversation



Map of the Conversation

Towards a monitoring system of intermittent school attendance

- Intermittent School Attendance appears to be related to the following aspects: a) Personal Agency; b) Social Class Habitus c)
 Quality of Schooling. Should we include other aspects, such as for example d) Weakeness of Social Services e) Disconnection with No-Profit Associations ?
- Working Hyphotesis: The decrease or the increase of the intermittent school attendance depends on complex action nets that develop among students, families, schools, social services, and the work of no-profit associations in a specific geographical area.
- The complex action nets may be followed through a monitoring system where a), b), c), d), and e) are objects of ongoing data collection, and discussion among network participants.



Status of Development of the Model of Investigation

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