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Sdružení pro příležitosti
mladých migrantů

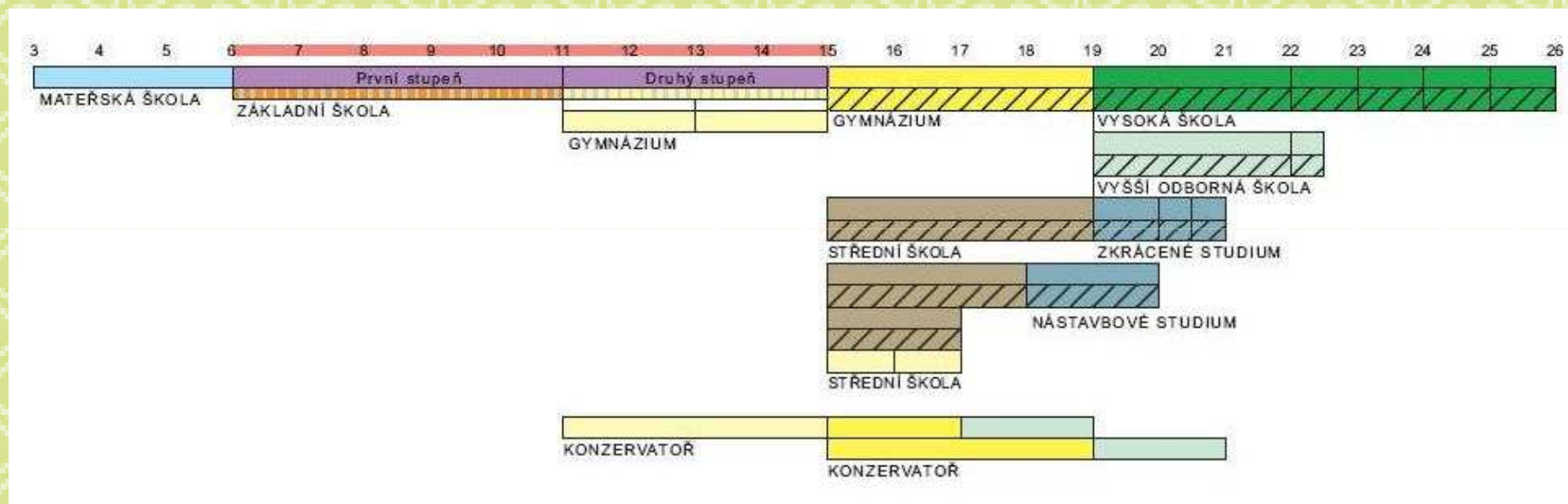


**SCHOOLING FOR
PARENTS OF FOREIGN PUPILS**

CZECH SCHOOL

**INFORMATION ABOUT
CZECH EDUCATION**

Structure and organization of Czech Educational System



Kindergarten (MŠ)– pre school education

- From 3 – 6 years
- For enrolment to MŠ the application must be passed to pre school institution in the given deadline
- Necessary documents for the enrolment :
 - » Filled application
 - » Reference from the child doctor
 - » Document about regular vaccination
 - » Passport/ID of legitimate representative
 - » Foreigners may be asked to submit other relevant documentations. Information will be obtained from director of MŠ.
- Types of payments:
 - » For the pre school education
 - » Board

Primary school (ZŠ)- obligatory scholastic attendance

- From 6 – 15 years.
- Obligatory scholastic attendance last 9 years.
- Enrolment to the first class - officially the enrolments to the first classes are taking place in between 15th January and 15th February of calendar year in which the child should start the obligatory scholastic attendance. Otherwise it is possible to enroll anytime.
- Legitimate representative could ask for postponement of scholastic attendance if needed.
- Necessary documents for the enrolment: birth certificate, passport ,information about health insurance.
- Enrolment to higher classes is possible during the whole year.
- It is good to present than the certificate from previous class.

Basic school is divided into the two grades :

1. grade from 1.- 5. class

2. grade from 6.- 9. class

→ Transition from first grade to second is automatic.

- Part from the obligatory scholastic attendance could be also completed on the perennial gymnasium.
 - For the eight year gymnasium exams must be passed after 5th class.
 - Six year gymnasium could be attend after 7th class.
 - Exams include test from Czech language, mathematics and general overview.

Types of payment:

- Basic education is free of charge, except of private and religious schools, which could collect the tuition.
- Pupils of first and preparatory classes obtain gratis basic school material in prize of 200 Kč.
- School aids such as exercise books, working books, pens, rulers etc. should be purchased by pupils.
- Schoolbooks and textbooks are free of charge, but need to be returned back to school on the end of the year (except of the first class pupils).
- School club and playgroups are mostly paid.
- Board in school lunchroom needs to be paid as well.

Secondary schools

- Vocational education

- From 15 years – depending on school type.
- Secondary schools are connected with the basic schools and preparing pupils for their future occupation or study.
- The choice of school is dependant on results and interest of pupil.
- Entrée exams are announced by particular schools. Pupils send application forms to first rounds latest on 15th March. In case of school with talent exams latest on 30th November.
- Secondary schools could forgive the exams from Czech language to foreigners or replace it with the interview.
- Mostly, the foreigners should have at least basic knowledge of Czech language if he/she wants to attend secondary school.

Types of secondary schools:

- **Gymnasium** – offers general education finished with the final exams (maturita) and mainly prepares students for continuous studies in the high schools. Duration of study is 4 years.
- **Special secondary school** – offers complete special secondary education finished with final exams (maturita) in technical, economical, medical, pedagogical and other fields. Duration of study is 4 years.
- **Secondary training institution (SOU)** – offers secondary education finished with final training exam. Duration of study is 3 years. Graduates obtain certificate (výuční list) for performing the profession (mostly manual labor). They could continue with study on special „extension“ schools with final exams (maturita).

Higher professional schools(VOŠ) and Universities (VŠ)

- Study after final exam (maturita), building up the qualification.
- VOŠ last mainly 3 years, study is completed by leaving certificate and awarded with degree of registered specialist (DiS).
- VŠ have mostly 3 levels structure – bachelor (3 – 4 years), master – as MA, MS (1 – 3 years) and doctoral(3 years) program
- Only universities have rights to give academic degrees.
- **Entrée exams** – it is necessary to prove accomplished secondary education with final exam (maturita) certificate, in case of foreign study it is needed to validate the certificate. Exams are from particular fields chosen by applicant.

Duties of parents (to school)

- **Obligatory scholastic attendance last nine years and during this time child has to go to school.**
- **When absent, child has to be excused. Each school has own codification, where is this duty specified, but usually it is needed to excuse child within two days.**
- **If the child will be absent for example due to healthy stay or vacation, parents must asked his/her release in advance.**
- **Parents must follow the grades in the pupil's record book and sign the marks so the teacher will know they have seen them. It is also necessary to control pupil's preparation and homework.**
- **Schools are organizing parental meetings, where parents are informed about the results and behavior of their children. These meetings are not mandatory but it is in their (and children) benefit to cooperate with school.**

Organization of school year

- Classes usually start at 8:00 and terminate latest at 12:30 (first grade). Second grade pupils have also afternoon classes. First grade pupils have also right to register to school club where they can spend the afternoon hours.
- School year starts on 1st September and ends on 31st August in the following year and is divided into the teaching and vacation period.

Teaching period- starts on 1st September and ends on 30st June in the following calendar year.

- Is segmented into the first and second term. First term starts on 1st September and ends on 31st January in the following year. Second term starts on 1st February and ends on 30st June. Pupils obtain record/certificate for each term.

Vacation – holidays:

- **Autumn holidays-** last two days and are connected to holiday of 28th October.
- **Christmas holidays-** from 23rd December till 2nd January following calendar year.
- **First term holidays –** one Friday in the period from 29th January till 4th February.
- **Spring holidays-** last one week and they will be announced according to settlement of the school, in the period from first full February week till last full March week.
- **Eastern holidays-** fall on Thursday and Friday preceding Eastern Monday.
- **Main holidays (Summer holidays)-**from 1st July till 31st August.
- **From relevant reasons (technical, organizational) the director of the school can pronounce free days for pupils, max. 5 in one school year.**

Subjects

Language and verbal communication

Czech language and literature

- 1st grade - divided into writing, reading and grammar
- 2nd grade – divided into literature, grammar and composition
- No special material needed (except of exercise book and writing material)

Foreign language

- mostly english, german, russian or french –depends on school, usually there is one language in the 1st grade and in the 2nd grade other language is added.

Mathematics

- Calculation with actual numbers in decimal system (arithmetic operation +, -, x, :), calculation with numbers- where instead of number is x and geometry (which is not only drawing but also calculation of angles etc).

Tools : rulers, triangle with marks, compasses, calculator, protractor, drawing pencils.

Man and his world

There are several subjects in the 1st grade dedicated to this field.

- from 1.- 3. class it is Prvouka – general introduction to the world of nature, humans, school environment, health etc.
- From 4th class onwards is this field divided into the Přírodověda (natural science) – primary knowledge from the field of natural science and Vlastivěda - basic knowledge about history and geography of Czech Republic.

Man and society

Field Man and his world is extended in the 2nd grade by these subjects:

History – history of Czech Republic from prehistory until present, in the context of world history.

Civic education– introduction to civil rights and related topics.

Man and nature

This field includes several subjects examining nature from different perspectives.

Physics – physical laws, electricity, optics etc. Tools (materials) will be requested by teacher in the beginning of scholastic year, or before laboratory works.

Chemistry – chemical elements, reaction , processes, chemical composition of basic natural elements.

Natural history – the world of micro-organism, plants, animals and humans.

Art and culture

Musical education– singing, notes, musical instruments, composers.

Art education– painting, drawing, working with various material and techniques.

Man and health

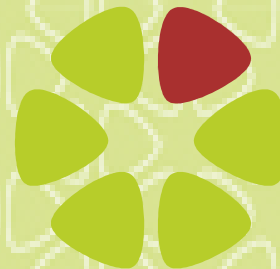
Health education– principles of healthful nutrition, smoking prevention and drug abuse.

Physical education– exercise, ball games,...

Man and world of work

Working activities– work with various materials, could be cooking, land work, information technologies etc. – according to the school curriculum.

Vocational education- some schools may have this as separate subject. Pupils of 8. and 9. class are clarifying what kind of school they wish to attend, and what kind of work would they like to do.



School glossary

Žákovská knížka (ŽK) – pupil's record book, where the marks, comments and other announcements are recorded.

Notýsek – pupil's record book for small children.

Známky – are from 1 – 5, the best is 1(výborná), the worse is 5 (nedostatečná).

Domácí úkol (DÚ) – homework.

Poznámka – negative comment, if pupil is not behaving correctly, teacher will record it to his/her record.

Pochvala – praise - for collective contribution, good results etc.

Důtka – rebuke – by continuing breaking of scholastic rules the reprimand could be given (firstly from teacher than from director).

Omluvenka – apology – when absent it is necessary to write it to the pupil's record book (the reason of his/her absence).

Písemka – knowledge test (written form)

Desetiminutovka or pětiminutovka – shorter test (10 - 5 minutes)

Diktát – dictation – written verification of spelling

Zkoušení – oral verification of knowledge

Scholastic – organizational glossary

Školní družina – school club - after school for smaller pupils (1st grade) –place where they play and learn.

Školní jídelna – lunchroom for pupils, lunches are paid.

Třídní učitel – class teacher - each class has its own class teacher which takes care about class and its organizational and administrative concerns as well.

Ředitel – director – manages the school and its organizational and administrative concerns.

Vysvědčení – certificate, report – document about results and behavior. Pupils obtain it each (half year) term. í

Třídní schůzky – class meetings – take place usually each term and parent have possibility to consult behavior and results of their children.

Prázdniny – holiday – free time

Ředitelské volno – director holiday – announced by director max. 5 times per year.

Výlet – trip – organized trip out of the school

Individuální vzdělávací plán (IVP) – individual educational plan (educational tool). If needed is performed by school for pupils with specific educational needs.