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# ENROLLING CHILDREN IN PRIMARY SCHOOL ZÁPIS DO ZÁKLADNÍ ŠKOLY („ZŠ“)

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# OBLIGATORY START OF FORMAL EDUCATION

- a child is obliged to attend primary school from the September following their 6th birthday (you need an expert assessment recommending a delay not to have to do it)
- The school year before that the child is bound to attend a pre-school
- Foreigners must follow the Czech rules if they are staying for longer than 3 months

# TYPES OF SCHOOLS (MOST COMMON ONES)

## As to who the FOUNDER is:

- STATE-RUN = no tuition fees (or small ones disguised as sponsorship)
- PRIVATE = tuition fees (in Ostrava region mostly 5-12,000 CZK/month)

## As to STYLE OF TEACHING:

- „classical“ = mostly frontal teaching, evaluation by grades (1-5); extremely varying approaches and quality depending on headmaster and particular teachers
- Waldorf style
- Montessori
- Bi-lingual
- Schools for children with special needs

# ZÁPIS DO 1.ROČNÍKU ZŠ (ZÁKLADNÍ ŠKOLY) - ENROLLMENT OF YOUR CHILD IN PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Registrations might take place between 1 and 30 April 2021
- The exact date(s) ARE UP TO THE SCHOOL! Schools announce them on their websites/notice boards accessible to public/front doors
- Different schools have chosen to follow different procedures this year (mail-in applications, online appointments with the family, in-person registration)



## WHAT DOCUMENTS YOU NEED:

### JAKÉ DOKUMENTY BUDE ZÁKLADNÍ ŠKOLA U ZÁPISU POŽADOVAT?

- Doklad dítěte (rodný list nebo pas). Škola ho potřebuje pro identifikaci dítěte, ale nemá právo zkoumat legálnost pobytu, platnost nebo typ víza. I děti bez dokladů mají právo na základní vzdělávání.
- Doklad rodiče (pas). Škola ho potřebuje k identifikaci zákonného zástupce dítěte, ale nemá právo zkoumat legálnost pobytu, platnost nebo typ víza.
- **Vysvědčení** nebo jiné dokumenty z předchozí školy, pokud už dítě navštěvovalo školu v zahraničí.
- **Kartičku zdravotního pojištění** dítěte. Škola tuto informaci zjišťuje, ale pokud dítě cizinec kartičku nebo pojištění nemá, nemůže to být důvod nepřijetí dítěte do školy.

- your child's birth certificate or their passport
- Your own passport
- some schools might ask for a health insurance card, but if do not have one, it cannot be used as a reason for not accepting your child

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THERE ARE TOO MANY APPLICANTS?

- Schools decide on criteria of choice from the candidates
- For state-run schools these normally include:
  - Permanent address in the vicinity
  - A sibling already attending the school
  - The child's start of school attendance was postponed (i.e. they are in urgent need to start)

# AS A FOREIGNER

- Your child is entitled to free extra lessons of Czech

Some foreigner-friendly schools in Ostrava are mentioned at:

<https://www.ostravaexpat.eu/expat/schools-and-education/>

Out of Ostrava, foreigners also have good experience with schools in the town of Frýdek-Místek (e.g. ZŠ Československé armády) and in the town of Opava (namely ZŠ Edvarda Beneše).

Schools in the town of Havířov (specifically ZŠ Na Nábřeží and ZŠ Moravská) have plenty of experience with foreign pupils as well.

## FACTS THAT MIGHT SURPRISE YOU

DRUŽINA = „afternoon care“

Most schools start with 4 – 5 lessons per day only = kids finish around noon; you can apply for your child to stay till (late) afternoon when they are too young to be home alone

SCHOOL FEES – do not include lunches (check the price)

- when you choose a state school with special programme, they might be disguised (sponsorship/gift/parents' club membership fee...)

GYMNÁZIUM

(= something like a grammar school) can start after 5th grade („osmileté gymnázium“), 7th grade („šestileté gymnázium“) or 9th grade („čtyřleté gymnázium“)



# EDUCATING YOUR CHILDREN OUTSIDE THE SYSTEM

- When your child crosses the border of compulsory school age, **they MUST be enrolled at a school**
- **Delay** is only **possible** with a „negative“ expert assessment of their school-readiness (from a Pedagogicko-psychologická poradna)
- School attendance is **obligatory for 9 (school) years**
- You can be prosecuted if your child does not attend school
- The only way to **home-school** your child **legally** is to get an approval of that from the headmaster of the school that enrolled your child (if he/she does not approve, you need to find one that will)
- Hence your child only comes for **testing twice a year** (i.e. you do not need to register with a local school)

## MORE INFORMATION AT:

<https://www.ostravaexpat.eu/expat/schools-and-education/>

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