

Educational System and Curriculum

LESSON 6

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Basic facts – Czech educational system

Compulsory school attendance

Literacy rate

Classification system: 1 – 5

Preschool enrollment is compulsory for children in their last year before entering elementary school

Elementary education takes 9 years, usually from ages 6-15

Elementary education is divided into two stages: primary (grade 1 – 5) and lower secondary (stage 6-9)

In addition, children have the option to apply for gymnasium or conservatory

Basic facts

Upper secondary education can be general or vocational

Upper secondary education takes 3 – 4 years and is mandatory

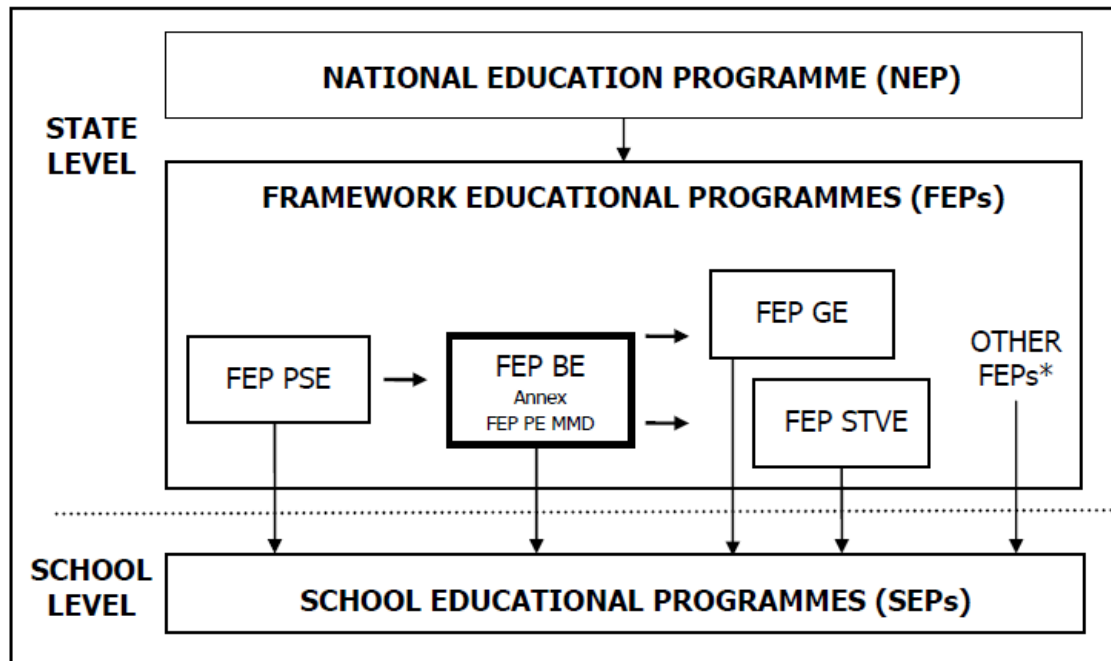
Tertiary education: Bologna process

ISCED

<https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/1-46002d8b18>

Basic education

Educational reform: Act No. 561/2004 Sb.



¹ School Educational Programmes are developed by individual schools themselves, based on principles set out in the appropriate Framework Educational Programme. As a tool, the schools can use the *Manual for Developing School Educational Programmes* ("the Manual"), which exists for each Framework Educational Programme. The Manual contains instructions for the preparation of school educational programmes as a whole, procedures for developing the various components of the school educational programme, and specific examples.

Framework Educational Programme for Basic Education

www.msmt.cz/file/9481_1_1/

Objectives of basic education

Create preconditions for pupils to acquire basic learning strategies and motivate them to life-long learning

Stimulate and encourage pupils to creative thinking, logical reasoning and problem solving

Guide pupils to engage in efficient, effective, open communication on all aspects of their life

Develop pupils' abilities to cooperate and to value their own work and achievements as well as the work and achievements of others

Guide pupils so that they should become free and responsible individuals who exercise their rights and meet their obligations

Induce in pupils the urge to express positive feelings and emotions in their behaviour, ways of acting and when experiencing important situations in their lives; develop in them sensitivity and responsiveness towards other people, the environment and nature

Objectives of basic education

Teach pupils to actively develop and protect their physical, mental and social health and to be responsible for it

Guide pupils to tolerance and consideration for other people, to a respect for their culture and spiritual values; teach pupils to live together with others

Help pupils to discover and develop their own abilities and skills in the context of actual opportunities and to use their abilities and skills in combination with their acquired knowledge when making decisions regarding the aims of their own life and profession

The Framework Educational Programmes

defines initial education as a whole.

The Framework Educational Programmes devone binding educational norms across various stages: pre-school education, basic education and secondary education (for pupils and students from 3 to 19 years of age)are based on a new education strategy, stressing key competencies, their interlinking with

educational contents and the application of acquired knowledge and skills in practical life;

build on the concept of life-long learning

promote the educational autonomy of schools as well as teachers' professional responsibility for the outcomes of the educational process.

Educational fields

Language and Language Communication (*Czech Language and Literature, Foreign Language*)

Mathematics and Its Applications (*Mathematics and Its Applications*)

Information and Communication Technologies (*Information and Communication Technologies*)

Humans and Their World (*Humans and their World*)

Humans and Society (*History, Civic education*)

Humans and Nature (*Physics, Chemistry, Natural Sciences, Geography*)

Arts and Culture (*Music, Fine Art*)

Humans and Health (*Health Education, Physical Education*)

Humans and the World of Work (*Humans and The World of Work*)

Key competencies

learning competencies;

problem-solving competencies;

communication competencies;

social and personal competencies;

civil competencies;

working competencies

Cross-Curricular Subjects

Cross-curricular subjects in the FEP BE are subjects related to contemporary present-day issues and represent an important and inseparable part of basic education. They represent an important formative element of basic education.

This contributes to the pupils' comprehensive education and positively influences the formation and development of their key competencies.

Cross-curricular subjects represent a *mandatory part of basic education*. Schools must include all cross-curricular subjects contained in the FEP BE10 into Stages 1 and 2 of education. Not all crosscurricular subjects, however, must be represented at each grade level. It is the school's responsibility to, over the course of basic education, gradually offer pupils all thematic areas contained in the individual cross-curricular subjects.

Cross-curricular subjects

Personal and Social Education

Democratic Citizenship

Education towards Thinking in European and Global Contexts

Multicultural Education

Environmental Education

Media Education