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# Primary Education

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Education is free of charge at state primary schools.

Types of schools:

- **primary school** – covers all nine years of mandatory education divided into level 1 and level 2
- **“gymnasium”-type of secondary school** – four years or eight years. The first four years of education at an eight-year secondary school correspond to the second level of primary schools.
- **conservatory** – eight-year education in the arts, where the first four years correspond to level 2 at primary schools



The Czech Republic also permits home schooling. However, every semester, the student must pass examinations from the respective subjects. Another alternative to ordinary education is Waldorf and Montessori schools.

Students are evaluated by marks from 1 (the highest) to 5 (the lowest). In the middle and at the end of each school year, students receive report cards with the marks from all subjects.

Each district is required to offer the mandatory education for children in the place of their permanent residence – in a district or catchment school (information on dividing schools according to catchment areas can be found on the web

pages of the municipal districts). A catchment school is required to accept all children who live in the specific catchment area or district. Parents may also decide to send their children to schools that are not catchment schools. However, the directors are entitled to refuse a child for capacity reasons.

If you would like your child to be educated in an international environment, you can take advantage of the large offer of private schools. The majority of them offer education at all levels – from preschool up to and including secondary school.

## **International schools in the Czech Republic**

### **Database of international schools:**

<https://www.international-schools-database.com/>

## **Prague**

### **English primary schools:**

[International School of Prague](#)  
[PARKLANE – International School](#)  
[Prague British International School Square](#)  
[Riverside School](#)  
[Christian International School of Prague](#)  
[Beehive International School](#)  
[Royal Primary School](#)  
[Tip Toes School](#)  
[Meridian International School](#)  
[Central Point International Elementary School](#)  
[Sunny Canadian International School](#)  
[International Montessori School of Prague](#)

### **French primary school:**

[Lycée Français de Prague](#)

### **German primary schools:**

[Základní škola německo-českého porozumění](#)  
[Deutsche Schule Prag](#)

### **Russian primary schools:**

[Russian lyceum Věda](#)  
[Russian embassy school in Prague](#)

### **Bulgarian primary school:**

[Bulgarian school in Prague](#)

### **Japanese primary school:**

[Japanese school in Prague](#)

## **Plzeň**

Currently, there is no international school in Plzeň. However, there are primary schools with extended English-language instruction:

[Easy Start](#)  
[Základní škola Martina Luthera](#)