

THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR: SEPTEMBER 2, 2024.

Other important registration dates for the upcoming academic year:

- Enrollment in kindergarten takes place from May 1 to May 31; the specific date is determined by each kindergarten in consultation with the founder;
- Enrollment in primary school takes place from April 1 to April 30; the specific term is determined by the principal of a particular primary school;
- Secondary school applications are submitted in March, and entrance exams are held in late April or early May.

Check the exact dates and conditions directly with the schools!

WHERE TO ENROLL YOUR CHILD?

Find a school in your neighborhood For kindergarten and primary school, choose a local school based on where you live.

For secondary schools (for children aged 15-19 years old), consider the type of school your child attended before coming to Slovakia, and what they like and excel in.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL

All children attending the final year of kindergarten are entitled to free lunch

If you receive material need allowance and your children attend kindergarten or primary school, you may also be eligible for additional support for meals and school supplies. Ask the staff of the kindergarten or school for guidance.

If your child is a high school student, he or she may be eligible for a social stipend. Download and fill out the application and submit it to the school. Attach to the application a certificate from the Office of Labor, Social Affairs and Family confirming your material needs benefits, or a certificate of income from the previous year.

Read more about the conditions and criteria here:

www.studentskefinancie.sk

BACK TO LEARNING

Enroll your children in Slovak schools - let's keep them learning and growing!

As the war in Ukraine continues, it is important to ensure that children's learning continues. Schools are a safe place to learn, meet friends, establish routines and feel part of a community.

In Slovakia, schools and kindergartens welcome all Ukrainian refugee children.

HOW DOES THE EDUCATION SYSTEM WORK IN SLOVAKIA?

Kindergartens provide preschool education for children aged 3 to 6. Public schools provide free primary (grades 1-9) and secondary education (usually 4 years). University education is also free for full-time students. Private and church schools may charge fees.

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WHY ENROLLING IN A SLOVAK SCHOOL IS A BIG WIN?

Enrolling your children in local schools helps them feel safe and also contributes to their development.

When children attend school, learning is easier and more effective. Face-to-face learning has more advantages than online education - children will make new friends and be part of a community.

By sending your children to school, you can focus on work or other important activities, knowing that your children are in a safe and supportive environment.

SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

If your child has special needs, bring any relevant certificate from Ukraine, if available, or **contact a local prevention and counseling center (centrum poradenstva a prevencie)** to ensure that the school can offer the necessary assistance tailored to your child's needs.

Enquire about the support team (podporný tím) in the school, and availability of support measures.

You can also find useful information, help and advice on this website of the **Platform for families of children with disabilities.**

STEPS TO ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN A SLOVAK SCHOOL

1 Contact a Local School:

Reach out directly to the kindergarten or school of your choice.

If you don't speak Slovak, it is advisable to bring someone who can assist with translation **(check also NIVAM website for possible assistance).**

2 Provide documents confirming your status -

Temporary residence, asylum seeker, or temporary protection.

3 Share Information:

Inform the school about any special needs, dietary requirements, or necessary support your child might need.

Sharing their interests and hobbies can help the school provide the best possible care and support.

4 Initial Assessment:

The school will conduct an interview to assess your child's Slovak language proficiency and educational level, determining the appropriate placement and support they need.

5 Enrollment Confirmation:

Once enrolled, your child will follow the Slovak curriculum with all the rights and obligations of Slovak students, receiving necessary support and an individualized approach.

6 Health Check Before School Enrollment:

Before enrolment, your child may need a medical examination by a general practitioner for children and adolescents to confirm their fitness for school. **This examination is mandatory before entering kindergarten and the first year of primary school.**

For information about free health check-ups for children aged 3 to 18, check here **www.ukrajinskyziak.sk**

