

SYSTEM OF EDUCATION IN SLOVAKIA

STRUCTURE OF SCHOOL SYSTEM IN SLOVAKIA

- Pre-school education – age - 3-6 years old
- Basic education - Length of program in years:9– age of pupils – 7-15
 - Basic first stage
 - Basic second stage
- Secondary education-Length of program in years:3-5- age 16-20
 - General secondary education
 - Grammar schools - Length of program in years:4-5
 - Specialized secondary education - Length of program in years: 3-4 -
 - Specialized secondary schools – Length of program in years: 4 – ISCED 3
 - Vocational schools – Length of program in years: 4
 - Apprentice training centres - Length of program in years: 3
 - Conservatories
- Higher education
 - First level - Bachelor study programme – ISCED 5
 - Second level - Master study programmes, Engineer study programmes
 - Third level - Doctoral study programmes

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Secondary education is provided by the following types of schools:

1. Grammar school / gymnasium: Provides general secondary education and prepares for further study at universities
2. Specialized Secondary School: Prepares students for vocational education and for study at higher education institutions. Certificate awarded: vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške (Secondary School-leaving Certificate)
3. Vocational Secondary School: Prepares students for occupations requiring higher level vocational education and a School Leaving Certificate. Students may continue their studies at higher education institutions. Certificate awarded: učňovský list (Certificate of Apprenticeship), vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške (School-leaving Certificate)
4. Apprentice Training Centres: Prepare school-leavers for professional activities. Certificate awarded: učňovský list (Certificate of Apprenticeship)

School year

Classes from:

- September to August
- 34 classes/hours a week
- Long vacation from: 1 July to 31 August

Subjects taught:

1. General subjects: Slovak language and literature, foreign language(s), mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, history , ...
2. Professional subjects:
 - a) Teoretical teaching
 - b) Internal training
 - c) External training