

EDUCATION OF FOREIGN PUPILS

Starting in the 2021/2022 school year, **the Jeseník Primary School (Základní škola Jeseník)** was selected by the Regional Authority as a designated school to organize the education of foreign pupils in accordance with the amendment of the Education Act.

According to Section 20 of the Education Act, pupils-foreigners are entitled to free language training for inclusion into the basic education at schools designated by the Region. From September 2021, the Jeseník Primary School will be one such school. Whether or not these pupils make use of the option, they are still entitled to support measures under Section 16 of the Education Act with regard to their different cultural backgrounds and living conditions.

FREE LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR FOREIGN PUPILS

Our school is a school designated to ensuring the preparation in person (not distance learning). The list of designated schools will be published by the regional authority on its website. The Regional Authority is obliged to designate at least one school for distance education in the territory of the region. The pupil's school is obliged to provide access to information technology at the school for pupils participating in distance learning.

The main target group for the provision of language training for inclusion in primary education are newly arrived foreign pupils in primary schools who have a need for education in Czech as a second (or foreign) language. The system of language training does not apply to preparatory classes where, given the small number of children, support is sufficiently individualised.

Organisation of language training

In the event that at least two pupils sign up, the school will set up a PRESENT group. It will take place 2 days a week for the first two lessons, from 8:00 to 9:40 at the Boženy Němcové building.

Pupils will receive language training instead of other subjects. Pupils are automatically exempted from classes they miss due to participation in language training. In the first semester of the 2021/2022 school year, lessons (if the group is open) will start from 20 September 2021. The teaching days will be **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**. The extent of training will be determined by an evaluation of the pupils' needs, ranging from 100 to 200 hours over a period of 10 months (summer holidays are not included).

Conditions for admission to language training

- Foreign pupils who have been attending compulsory school in the Czech Republic for a maximum of 12 months (for the 2021/2022 school year, the requirement is 24 months). A foreigner is a natural person who is not a citizen of the Czech Republic,

including a citizen of the European Union. If a natural person has dual citizenship, one of which is Czech, such a person is not considered a foreigner. In accordance with Section 20 of Act No. 561/2004 Coll., on Pre-School, Primary, Secondary, Higher Vocational and Other Education (Education Act), as amended, foreign pupils are entitled to free language training for inclusion in basic education.

- The legal guardian must request that the pupil is admitted to the language training group. A model application form in different languages may be found there:

<https://cizinci.npi.cz/pripravujeme-pro-skoly-preklady-informaci-pro-rodice-o-naroku-na-jazykovou-podporu/>

In case of interest the school management will provide more information.