

Czech Republic

Longer version

- In the Czech Republic, we have kindergartens (age 3-6), primary education (age 6-15), secondary education/ high school (age 15-18), and tertiary education

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Kindergartens

- Usually for children **from 3 to 6 yrs old**, but sometimes there are younger or older children
- The **last year** before going to school is **compulsory** now
- It is usually the first place for children to **socialize** without parents
- It prepares the children for school

Primary school

- Usually for children **from 6/7 years old to 15/16 years old**
- It is divided into **two parts**:
 - 1. part** – 1st to 5th grade – 6 to 11 years
 - 2. part** – 6th to 9th grade – 12 to 15 years
- It is a compulsory
- Children that have some handicap and can't go to classic school go to special schools

High school

- usually for children **from 15/16 years old to 18-20 years old**
- You can study for **3 or 4 years**
- The schools for 3 years are ended with exams, you will get **vocational certificate** when you pass it, the schools are specialized in some department
- the schools for 4 years are ended with school leaving exam called **maturita**, it is either gymnasium or specialized school

Universities

- the most famous is **Charles university** in Prague and **Masaryk University** in Brno
- You can go there only if you have passed the **maturita exam**
- The public universities are **free of charge** if you are under 26 years, and the length of study is not

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higher than the usual length plus one year (Bachelor 3+1 year, Master 2+1 year)

- The private universities are charged

United Kingdom

- there are primary schools (age 5-11), and secondary schools (age 11-16). There is also higher education, universities, that last usually 3-4 years.
- When the students are 16, they have to take the principle examinations.

Primary school

- Usually for children from **5 to 11 years**
- It is compulsory

Secondary school

- Usually for children from **11 to 16 years**
- When the students are 16, they have to take the **principle examinations**
- It is **compulsory**
- there are several types of secondary schools, most of the students go to **comprehensive ones**

Universities

- The famous is for example Oxford or Cambridge university
- They usually last 3-4 years
- students have to pay annual tuition

USA

- In the **USA**, there are **elementary schools** (age 6-11), **middle schools** (age 11-14), **high schools** (14-18). There are also **universities and colleges**, which usually last 4 years.

Elementary school

- Usually for children from 6 to 11 years
- It is **compulsory**

Middle schools

- Usually for children from 11 to 14 years
- It is **compulsory**

High schools

- Usually for children from 14 to 18 years
- It is **compulsory to 16 years**
- High schools in the US last 4 years and students receive the High School Diploma

Universities and colleges

- They usually last 4 years
- Many of the American universities and colleges are very expensive.

Doplňující otázky

1. How can be the school system divided in the Czech Republic, Great Britain, and in the USA? Tell me about it.

- In the **Czech Republic**, we have **kindergartens** (age 3-6), **primary education** (age 6-15), **secondary education/ high school** (age 15-18), and **tertiary** education.
- In **Great Britain**, there are **primary schools** (age 5-11), and **secondary schools** (age 11-16). When the students are 16, they have to take the principle examinations. There is also higher education, **universities**, that last usually 3-4 years.
- In the **USA**, there are **elementary schools** (age 6-11), **middle schools** (age 11-14), **high schools** (14-18). There are also **universities and colleges**, which usually last 4 years.

2. Is the school attendance compulsory? Tell me about it.

- In the **Czech Republic**, it is compulsory for children from the age of **6 to 15**.
- In **Great Britain**, school attendance is compulsory from **5 to 16**.
- And in the **USA**, it is compulsory from the age of **6 to 16**.

3. What is secondary education like?

- **Secondary education** in the **Czech Republic** usually lasts 3/4 years. The students can either attend **grammar schools (gymnasium) or specialized schools**. They finish with a school-leaving exam, called **maturita** or **vocational certificate**.
- In **Great Britain**, there are several types of secondary schools, but most of the students go to **comprehensive ones**.
- High schools in the **US** last 4 years and students receive the **High School Diploma**.

4. What is tertiary education?

- Tertiary education is anything **beyond the high school level**
- Students receive undergraduate and graduate certificates, and bachelor's, masters and doctoral degrees.

5. Are universities free? Tell me about it.

- In the **Czech Republic**, public universities are free of charge. Students need to pay for private

universities.

- In **Great Britain and the USA**, students have to pay annual tuition. Many of the American universities and colleges are very expensive.

6. What is the difference between public and private schools?

- One of the major differences is **funding**. State schools are funded by the government, while private schools are not. Another difference is school and class size. Private schools are usually smaller in size.

7. What is the grading system like?

- In the **CZE**, the grading system is from 1 to 5, with 1 as the best and 5 as the worst.
- In the **UK**, they use a letter grading system from A to E, where A means excellent and E means fail.
- In the **USA**, they also use a letter grading system from A to F, where A means excellent and F means fail.

8. Do students have to wear uniforms?

- **Czech** students don't wear uniforms
- In the **UK**, it is common to wear uniforms
- In the **USA**, most of the schools don't require uniforms but there is a dress code

9. How old are the students when they graduate from high school?

- In the **Czech Republic**, students are usually 19 when they graduate from high school
- In the **UK**, they receive the General Certificate at the age of 16
- In the **states**, students graduate when they are 17 or 18 years old.

10. What are the best universities in the Czech Republic, Great Britain, and in the USA?

- The best universities in the **CZE** are Charles University and Masaryk University.
- In the **UK** it is the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge.
- And in the **USA**, it is the MIT, Stanford University, and Harvard University.

Důležitá slovíčka

– Fonetická výslovnost není pro lepší srozumitelnost uvedena

annual tuition	(anuul t'uišn)	roční školné
compulsory	(komplzury)	povinný
divided	(dajvajdid)	rozdělený
funding	(fanding)	placení
charged	(čardžid)	placený
receive	(risív)	obdržet
vocational certificate	(vokejšnl sertífikejt)	odborné osvědčení