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# The Slovak System of Education

## School types by levels:

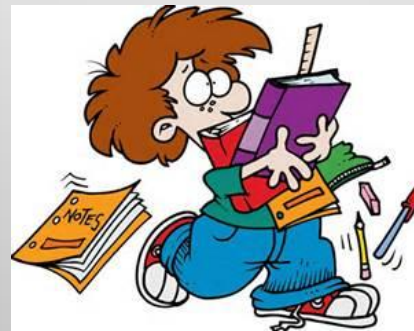
School types in Slovakia:

- ❖ State schools
- ❖ Church schools
- ❖ Private schools

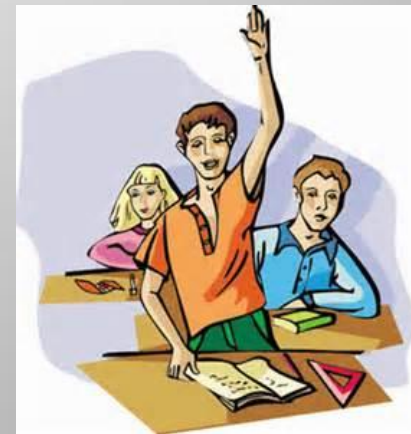
**Kindergartens or pre-school education (3-6 years)**



**Primary schools (6-15 years)**



**Secondary schools (15-19 years)**



**Universities (from 19)**



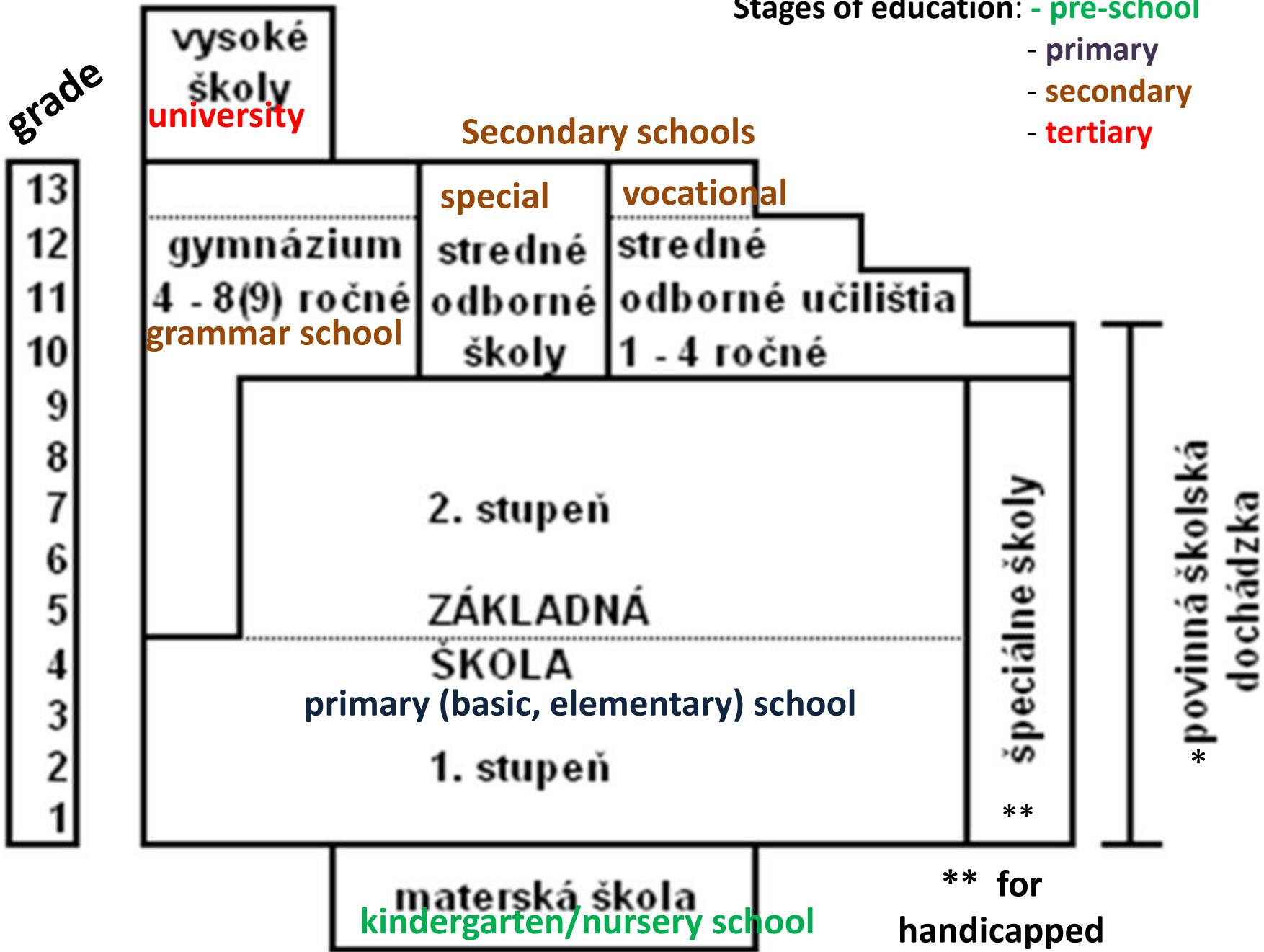
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grade

Stages of education: - pre-school

- primary
- secondary
- tertiary



\* compulsory school attendance

## Primary schools

Primary school education starts **at the age of 6**. Primary school is divided into two stages.

- First stage lasts for four years (1st – 4th year of study).
- Second stage lasts for five years (5th – 9th year of study).

After primary school children continue their study at secondary school after passing the entrance exam.

Primary education in Slovakia lasts for nine years and is compulsory.





# Secondary Schools

After primary school graduation students continue their study at secondary schools. They are accepted on the base of study results or entrance exams. There are a few types of secondary schools in Slovakia.

**1. Grammar schools**, High School (Gymnázium): 4-8 years; provide general secondary education and prepare for further study at universities and other higher education institutions.



**2. Special Secondary Schools:** 4-5 years; are specialized in building, chemistry, engineering, business, agriculture, tourism, hotels, nursing schools, medicine, music and art, drama etc.; they provide specialized education and usually prepare students for further study at higher education institutions.

Secondary school education usually lasts for **four years** though there are schools that provide **five-year** education e.g. **Hotel Academy**.



Secondary education is finished with a **school-leaving (maturita) exams**, after passing them, the graduates receive **the School-Leaving Certificate**.

**3. Vocational Schools:** 2, 3 or 4 years; prepare students for careers that are based in manual or practical occupations.



**Four-year** study finishes with school leaving examination. After graduation at the four-year study students (including Hotel academy) obtain **maturita certificate** and **a skill (apprenticeship) certificate** .

Study at the **three-year** vocational schools finishes by final examination and students get **a skill certificate** .

Based on study results students can continue their study at two-year vocational school (or evening classes) to complete their secondary study with school leaving examination called maturita.

Vocational professions include professions such as builder, mechanic, cook, waiter, hairdresser, baker, butcher, etc.



# Universities

After secondary school graduation students can apply for a university study. To enter a university, students have to pass an entrance exam. Students are chosen based on the secondary study results and entrance exam results.

Full university education in Slovakia lasts **five year**, some faculties are organized in **6 year study**, e.g. human medicine (MUDr.). University study in Slovakia is organized in the following stages.

Stage one, bachelor study lasts 3-4 years and graduates obtain Bachelor title (abb. Bc.).

Stage two usually lasts 2 years and graduates obtain the following titles:

- Master (abb. Mgr.)
- Engineer (abb. Ing.)
- Doctor title (MUDr., MVDr., MDDr.)

The university title is obtained after writing a diploma work and passing state exam on a promotion ceremony. Most professions require second stage university degree.

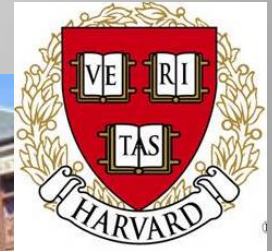
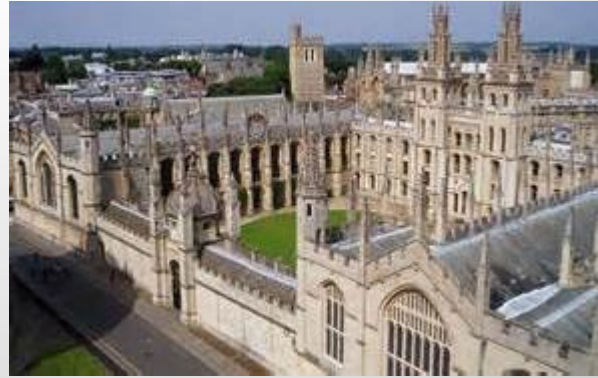
Stage three is called doctorant study and last 3-4 years. Graduates obtain a tile PhD which is placed after the name.



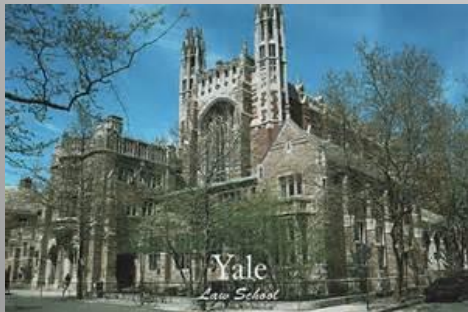


# The oldest and the most prestigious universities:

**Great Britain** – OXFORD UNIVERSITY  
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY



**The USA** – HARVARD UNIVERSITY ( Massachusetts)  
YALE UNIVERSITY (Connecticut)



**Slovakia** – COMENIUS UNIVERSITY (Bratislava)



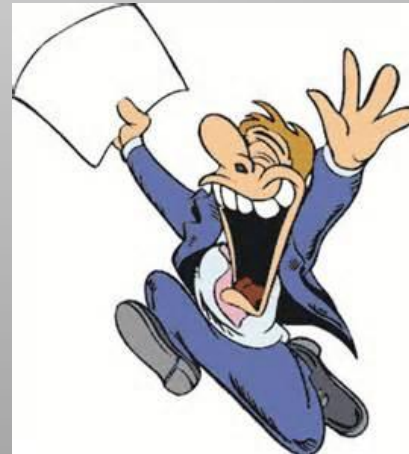


# Organization of the school year; schooling/classes; timetable/class schedule

Students go to school five days a week, from Monday until Friday. **Summer holiday** is from the **1st of July until the 31st of August**. There is a few days holiday around Christmas and Easter, and on public holidays.

**A school year** at Slovakia primary and secondary schools consists of **two terms**. The first term starts on **2nd September** and ends at the end of January, the second term starts on 1st February and lasts until **30th June**. Students in Slovakia usually have from 4 to 8 classes a day depending on year of study and school type. **Classes** last for **45 minutes** and there are 5-15 min. **breaks** between them. There is a longer break called "big break" when students usually have a snack/lunch. Primary and secondary education in Slovakia is free. Most textbooks and instructional material are distributed for free, returned at the end of the school year.

Students receive **marks** from 1 to 5, **1 is the best, 5 is the worst**. They receive **school reports** at the end of each school term.



## School subjects

Mathematics

Slovak language, reading and writing

Science

Homeland Study

Music

Religion or Ethics

Drawing

Physical Education

Mathematics

Foreign language; usually English or German

Physics

Chemistry

Science

Geography

Farming and Technical Education

History

Citizenship

Music

Specialized (vocational) subjects



**Can you name your specialized subjects?**

# Timetable/class schedule



Make your timetable

	1 07.04 - 13.04	2 14.04 - 20.04	3 21.04 - 27.04	4 28.04 - 04.05	5 05.05 - 11.05	6 12.05 - 18.05	7 19.05 - 25.05
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# OUR SCHOOL – HOTEL ACADEMY



Give the basic information about our school – location, classes, professions, student life...



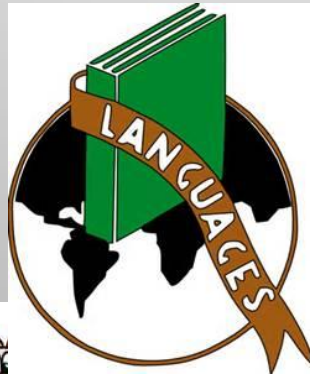
## Extracurricular activities

There are afternoon schools for music instruments or painting.

After lessons children at primary school can spend their time in youth centres where they can write their homework, draw or play games. The youth clubs in Slovakia are especially useful for children whose parents work and do not wish to leave their children at home by themselves.

There are many different clubs and sports teams at schools which are offered students after lessons such as basketball, volleyball, football, athletics, swimming, dancing etc.

Many students spend their free time attending language courses.





## Language competitions in our school

- ❑ **Olympiad** in English, German languages



- ❑ **Language flower** – national competition in foreign languages in two branches  
Poetry/proze and Drama

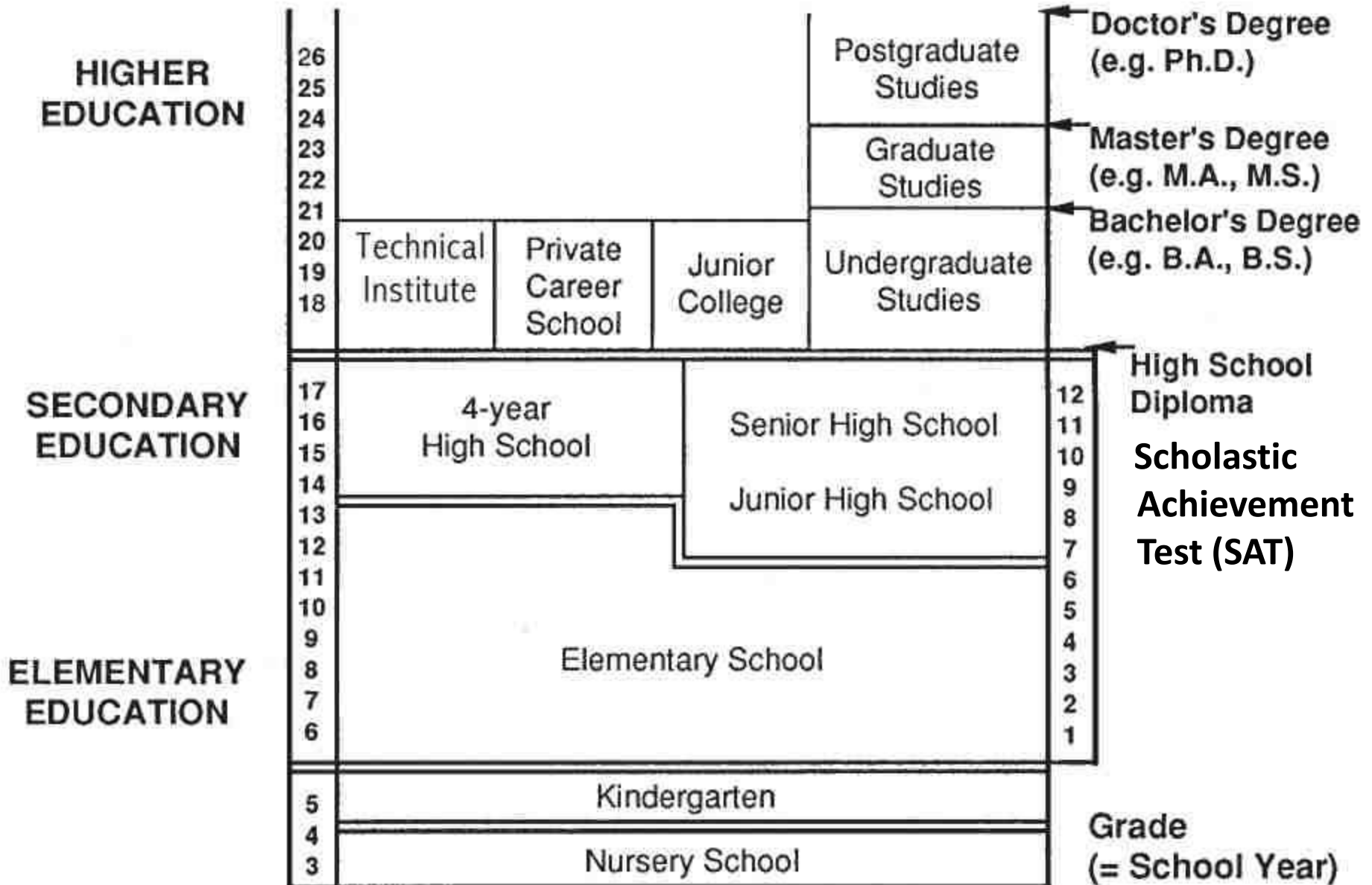


- ❑ **Juvenes translatores** - translation contest





# The System of Education in the U.S.A.



# School System in Great Britain

year of education	age	types of schools				stages of education
14-18	18-23	Professional Schools, Colleges, Technical Schools				Secondary Education
13	17	Grammar Schools	Modern Schools	Comprehensive Schools	Private Schools	
12	16					
11	15					
10	14					
9	13					
8	12	Primary Schools	Junior School		Primary Education	
7	11					
6	10					
5	9					
4	8					
3	7	Infant School		Pre-school Education		
2	6	nursery school				
1	5					
	4	nursery school				
	3					

**At 18 – GCSE  
A (advanced) level**

**At 16 General  
Certificate  
Of secondary  
Education  
(GCSE – O  
(ordinary) level**

Compulsory Education

# Compare and contrast the school systems in Slovakia, Great Britain and the USA

## W o r k s h e e t

	SLOVAKIA	BRITAIN	The USA
Compulsory schooling			
Pre-school education			
Attendance start at the age of			
Primary education			
Secondary education			
Exam			
Tertiary education			
Organisation of the school year			