

Slovenia:Single Structure Education (Integrated Primary and Lower Secondary Education)

Compulsory basic education in Slovenia is organised in [a single structure nine-year basic school](#) attended by children aged six to fifteen years. Basic education is provided by public and private schools (less than 1 % of students are enrolled in private schools) and educational institutions specialising in [children with special needs](#). [Basic education for adults](#) is provided by folk high schools.



Legislation and legal basis

In accordance with the [Constitution of the Republic of Slovenia](#), the basic school is mandatory and financed from public funds. In public schools, it is not permitted to teach religion (or provide confessional religious lessons with an intention to teach religion) and perform religious ceremonies, because the Constitution stipulates separation of religion from the state.

Terms and conditions for the provision of basic school and the management and funding methods are regulated by the [Organisation and Financing of Education Act](#) (in Slovenian).

The [Basic School Act](#) (in Slovenian) defines general basic education objectives; gives parents the right to choose the education method for their child; prescribes components and the scope of compulsory and elective basic school programme; regulates enrolments, rights and responsibilities of pupils, basic assessment and testing rules, conditions for pupils progression to the next year and the reporting on end-of-year results. The act also regulates basic school education for children with special needs, the rights of migrant children, home education and [basic school education for adults](#). The act makes a provision for the Minister to devise detailed rules, instructions, and guidelines for specific areas.

The special [School Meals Act](#) (in Slovenian) regulates the area of school diet: organisation, quality of meals, duties of schools to educate pupils to eat healthy food, and subsidised meals.

Basic school objectives

The main basic education objectives include: to enable pupils to acquire knowledge and skills in accordance with their abilities and interests; to support personal development; to develop the ability for life-long learning and further education; to develop awareness of belonging to the nation, national identity and cultural heritage, and to nurture general cultural values; to develop respect for human rights, tolerance and acceptance of diversity; to develop communication skills in the Slovenian language and foreign languages; to facilitate sustainable development and to take responsibility for one's actions, one's health, for other people and the environment; to develop entrepreneurial skills, innovation and creativity.

Outcomes for specific subjects and knowledge standards are laid down in the curricula.