

A black and white photograph of a classroom. Several students are visible from the back, with their hands raised in the air. In the background, a chalkboard is filled with mathematical equations and diagrams. The overall scene suggests an active learning environment.

# **STRUCTURE OF THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM**

**in the Czech Republic**

# Compulsory Education

What is the age range for compulsory schooling in the Czech Republic?

From 6 – 15 years of age.





# Responsibility for Education

The responsibility for education is distributed amongst:

1. The central government
2. Each region (14)
3. municipalities



# Public education funding

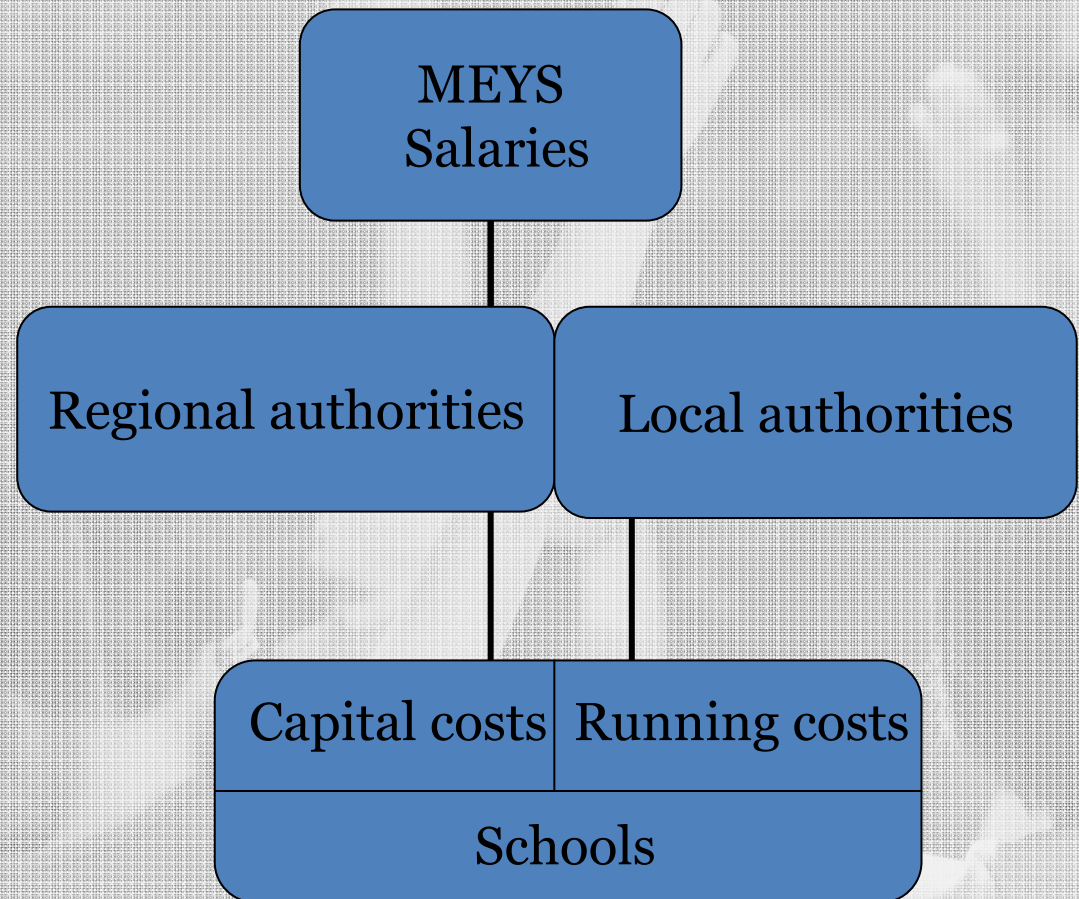
The funding of schools:

Capital costs and running costs:

- funded by the organising bodies (regions and municipalities from regional/local budgets).

Educational costs (salaries and teaching aids):

- allocated from the state (central) budget by the MEYS via the regional administration.



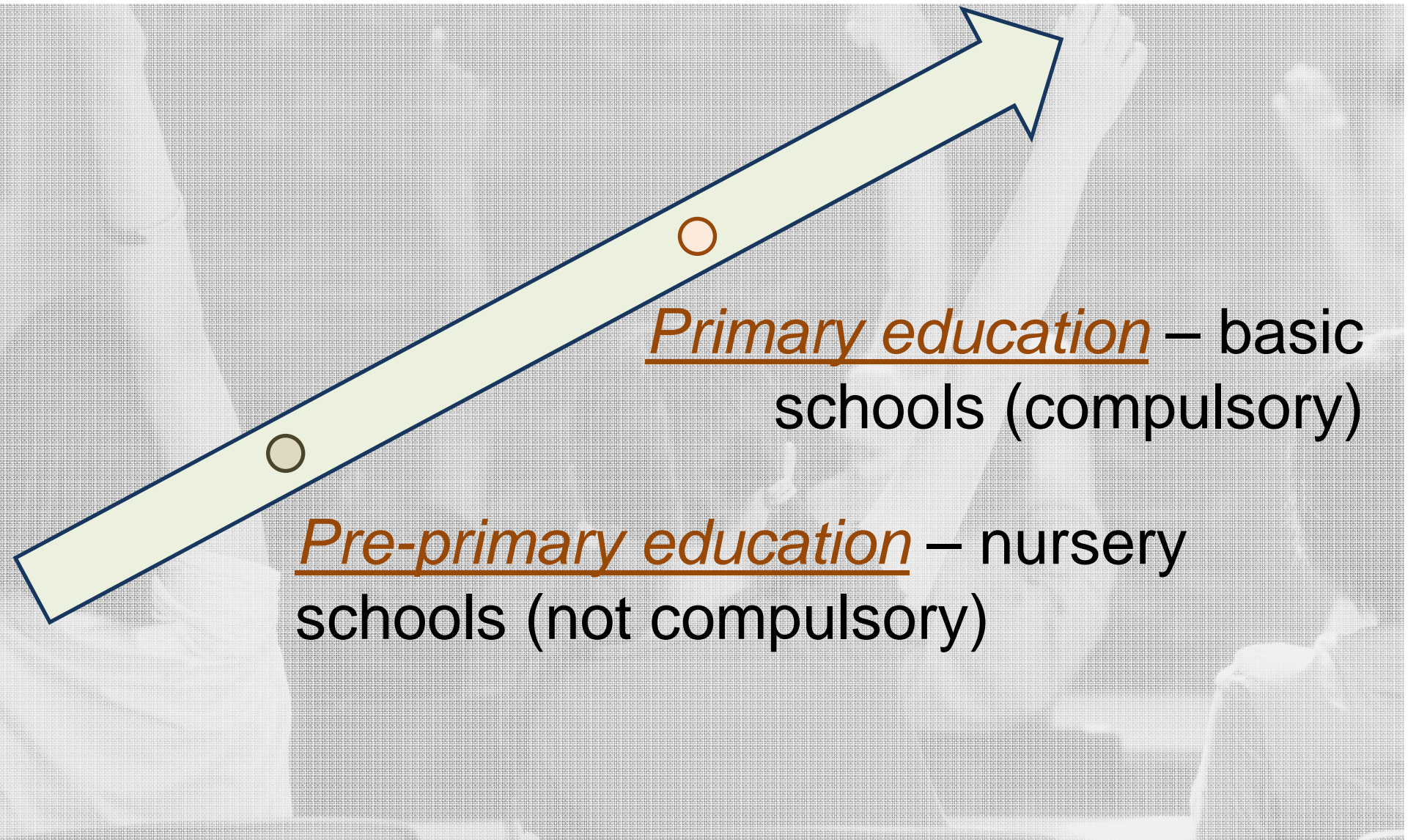


# The Ministry of Education, Youths and Sports

- is responsible for the curriculum, state and development of the education system;
- determines the content of education: approves frameworks for educational programmes; accredits educational programmes;
- is responsible for the state financing policy in education.

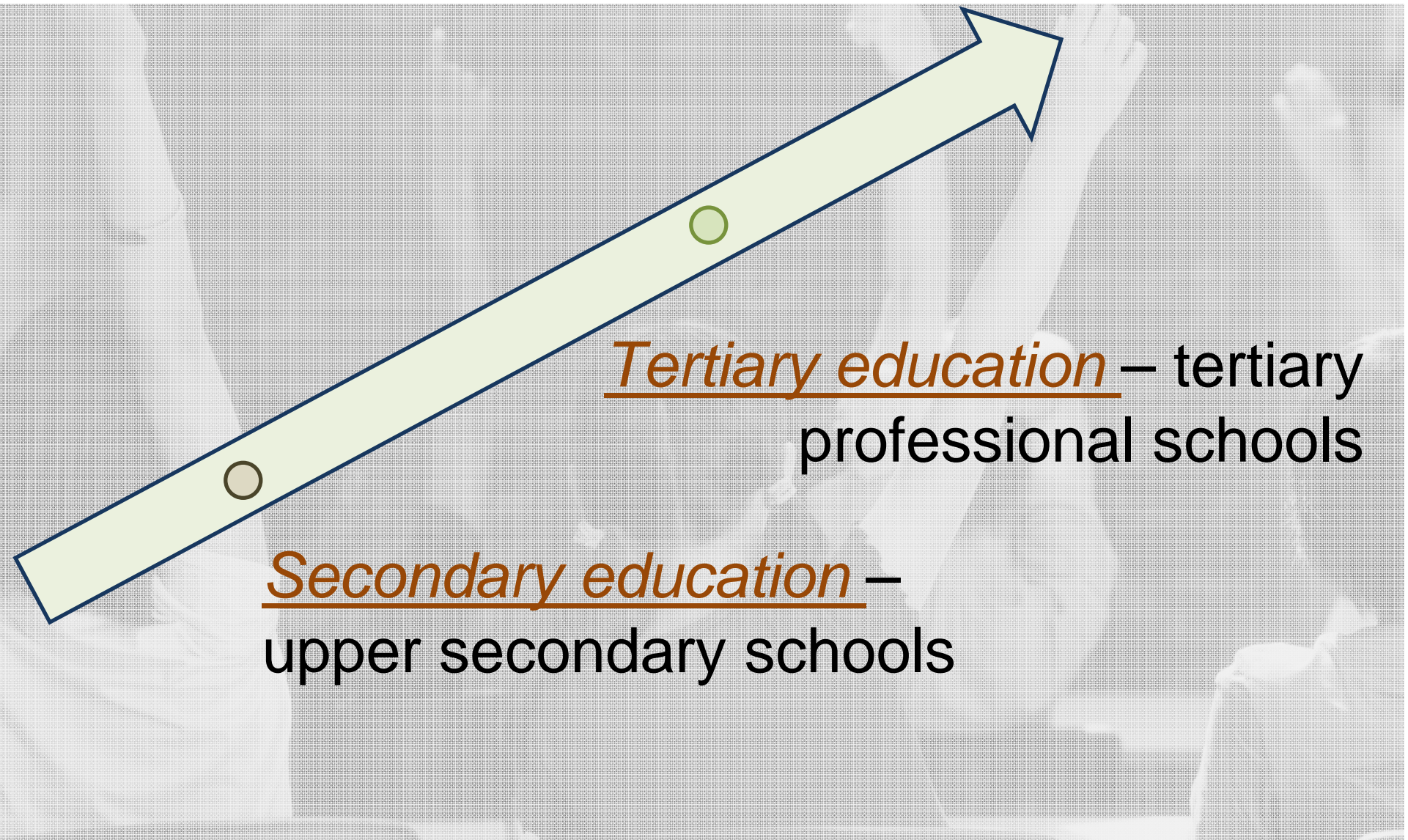


# Responsibility of municipalities for education





# Regional responsibility for education





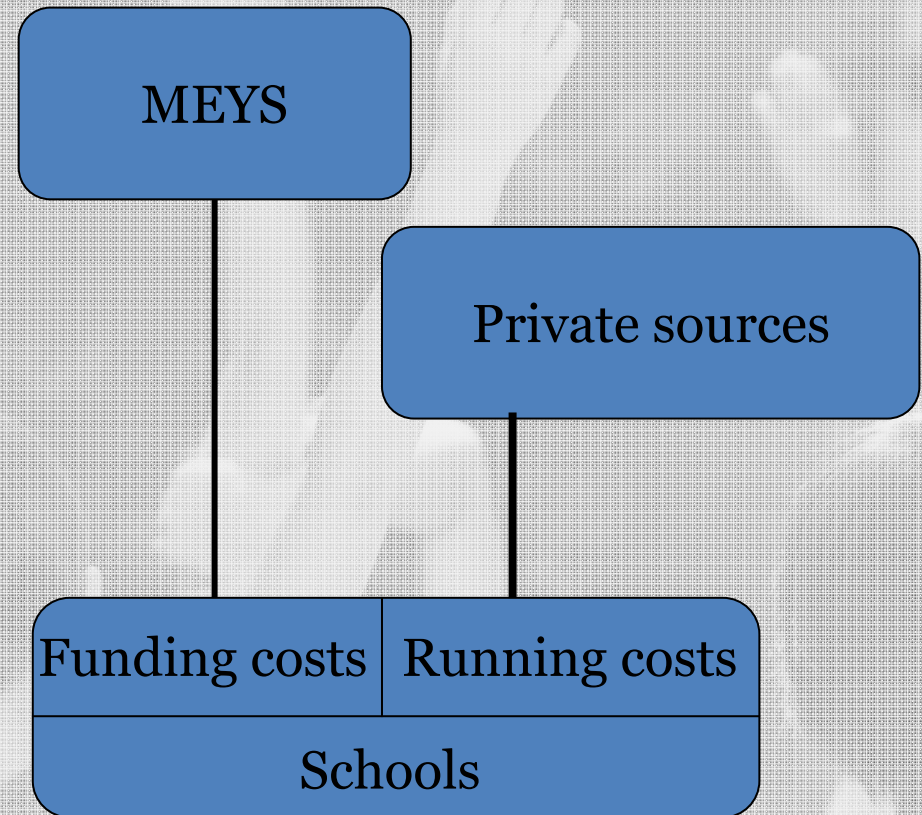
# Private (church) education

- Private and denominational (church) schools
- Private schools – established since 1990 (universities – 1999).
- The schools – usual legal form – a for profit or non-profit grant organisation.



# Private education

- The funding of private schools – the same per capita principle as public schools.
- Basic subsidies (50-80 % of the amount granted to similar public institutions) can be raised to 80-100 % if the school meets a certain criteria.





# Pre-primary education

- *mateřská škola* (nursery school);
- attendance is not compulsory; approximately 85 % of the total age group (3-6 years);
- the year prior to compulsory schooling is free of charge and children have a legal right to attend it;
- parents pay a maximum of 50 % of the running (not educational) costs covered by the municipality.



# Compulsory education

- school attendance is compulsory for nine years, usually from the ages of 6 to 15;
- pupils start in a comprehensive single structured institution called *základní škola*;
- during the second stage it is possible to proceed to *gymnázium* – secondary school providing general education – or to eight-year *taneční konzervatoř* – dance conservatoire.



# Compulsory education

Education (institution)	Typical age
<i>Základní škola</i> (single structure) – primary education – lower secondary education	first stage: 6-11 second stage: 11-15
Lower stage of multi-year <i>Gymnázium</i> (general lower secondary education)	11/13-15
<i>Taneční konzervatoř</i> – dance conservatoire	11-15



# Compulsory education – extra info

- the school year begins on 1st September and ends on 30th June;
- lessons of 45 minutes are spread over five days during the week;
- the timetable is 18-26 lessons at the first stage, 28-32 lessons at the second stage (gradually);
- the number of pupils per class is between a minimum of 17 and maximum of 30 .

# Post-compulsory education/upper secondary level

Secondary education	Levels of education	Length (years)	Theoretical age
Secondary education completed with <i>maturitní zkouška</i> examination ( <i>střední vzdělání s maturitní zkouškou</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upper secondary general education at <i>gymnázium</i> secondary school</li> <li>• Upper secondary technical education at secondary school</li> <li>• Art education at conservatoire</li> </ul>	4	15-19
Secondary education leading to apprenticeship certificate ( <i>střední vzdělání s výučním listem</i> )	Upper secondary vocational education at secondary school	2/3	15-17/18
Secondary education ( <i>střední vzdělání</i> )	Upper secondary general and vocational education at secondary school	1-2	15-16/17



# Post-compulsory education/post-secondary level

Post-secondary non-tertiary education	Levels of education	Length (years)	Theoretical age
Post-secondary education completed by <i>maturitní zkouška</i> examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• technical follow-up study (<i>nástavbové studium</i>) at secondary school</li> <li>• technical shortened study (<i>zkrácené studium</i>) at secondary school</li> </ul>	2  1-2	18+
Post-secondary education leading to apprenticeship certificate	vocational shortened study ( <i>zkrácené studium</i> ) at secondary school	1-2	18+

# Tertiary education

Institution	Length (years)	Theoretical age
<i>Konzervator</i> – art education	2	17-19, 19-21
<i>Vyšší odborná škola</i> (tertiary professional school)	3 (3.5)	19-22
Vysoká škola (higher education institution, university and non-university type) – Bachelor and Master's studies	3-4/5/6/7	19-22/23/24/25/26
<i>Vysoká škola</i> (university type) – Doctoral studies	3-4	



# Teacher

Who can become  
a teacher in the  
Czech Republic?



Teachers of theoretical subjects  
must obtain a university  
qualification at Master's level.  
Different types of lower  
vocational qualifications (from  
non-tertiary education) are  
sufficient for vocational teachers  
and teachers of apprentice  
courses.



# School evaluation – Czech School Inspectorate

- institution of state administration concerned with monitoring activities in pre-primary, basic, secondary and tertiary education, both public and non-public;
- provides information on the state of the education system in the Czech Republic and aims to influence it by independent, objective and professional feed-back;
- evaluates educational conditions, processes and results of school and school services.



# Thank you for your attention

