

Education in Krakow



Regardless of where the child comes from and whether he/she can speak Polish or not, he/she has the right to education and is subject to compulsory education (until the end of primary school) and schooling duty (until the age of 18).

Important: To ensure a child coming from abroad has the same right to attend school as Polish children, the child must have a legal place of residence in the territory of the Republic of Poland.

The basic legal act guaranteeing all children free access to education in Poland is the Constitution of the Republic of Poland and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Education of people coming from abroad is regulated in particular by the provisions of the Act of 14 December 2016 – Education Law (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 910, as amended) – and the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens, who were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283).

The catalogue of legal acts can be found here:

[The Act of 14 December 2016 – Education Law \(Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082 as amended\)](#)

[The Act of 26 January 1982, the Teacher's Charter \(Journal of Laws of 2019, Item 2215 as amended\)](#)

[The Act of 7 September 1997 on the Education System \(Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1327\)](#)

[Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries \(Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283\)](#)

[Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 18 August 2017 on the conditions and manner of performing by nursery schools, schools and public institutions activities to maintain the sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity of students belonging to national and ethnic minorities and communities using regional languages \(Journal of Laws of 2017, Item 1627\)](#)

[Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2019 on funding in-service training for teachers, detailed goals of educational training and the procedure and conditions for assigning teachers to educational trainings \(Journal of Laws of 2019, Item 1653\).](#)

Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 7 September 2017 on decisions and opinions issued by adjudicating boards operating in public psychological and pedagogical counselling centres (Dz. of Laws of 2017, Item 1743):

Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 9 August 2017 on the conditions for organizing education, upbringing and care for children and adolescents with disabilities, socially maladjusted and at risk of social maladjustment (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1309).

Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 14 April 1992 on the conditions and manner of organizing religious education in public nursery schools and schools (Journal of Laws 2020, Item 983).

Resolution No. LXVI / 1649/17 of the Krakow City Council of 15 March 2017 on submitting applications for admission to public nursery schools, primary schools and secondary schools run by the Municipality of Krakow

Resolution no. LXVI/1650/17 of the Krakow City Council of 15 March 2017 on defining the criteria for enrolment to the nursery schools run by the local government at the second stage of the enrolment procedure and the documents necessary to confirm meeting the criteria (as amended)

Resolution no. LXVI/1651/17 of the Krakow City Council of 15 March 2017 on determining the criteria for admission to primary schools run by the local government for candidates who apply for admission to a primary school other than the school the area they live and the documents necessary to confirm meeting the criteria

Ordinance No. 99/2021 of the President of the City of Krakow of 15 January 2021 on the setting of the dates for the enrolment and supplementary proceedings, including the deadlines for submitting documents for the school year 2021/2022 nursery schools and nursery units in primary schools buildings for which the managing authority is the Municipality of Krakow

Regulation No. 161/2021 of the Mayor of the City of Krakow of 25 January 2021 on setting the dates for the enrolment and supplementary proceedings, including the deadlines for submitting documents, for the school year 2021/2022 for the first classes in primary schools for which the managing authority is the Municipality of Krakow

Ordinance No. 1094/2021 of the Mayor of the City of Krakow of 22 April 2021 on the plan for funding some forms of professional development for teachers in 2021 and defining the rules for granting funds to teachers employed in schools and institutions run by the Municipality of Krakow.

What is education in terms of the child's age in Poland?

age	requirement		educational facility
	compulsory education	schooling duty	
0-3	No	No	children up to 3 years of age can attend <u>nurseries and children's clubs, which are not considered institutions of the education system</u> , so are optional and fee-paying
3-5	No	No	in a nursery school
6	Yes		in a nursery school or a school (one-year school preparation, the so-called "zero level" nursery school)

Urząd Miasta Krakowa
WYDZIAŁ EDUKACJI
 tel. +48 12 616 52 00, fax +48 12 616 52 01, ek.umk@um.krakow.pl
 30-103 Kraków, ul. Stachowicza 18
www.krakow.pl



7-15	Yes		in a primary school
15-18		Yes	in a secondary school (comprehensive secondary school, secondary technical school or trade school) or other (e.g. vocational training at employers)
18			in a secondary school or an adult school

To enrol your child in a school, please contact the school of your choice and ask for the enrolment forms and documents. In most cases, it is required to provide the child's data (name, surname, date of birth, series and number of ID document), names and surnames of parents, e-mail address and parents' phone number.

It is necessary to attach to your application a **declaration on the place of residence** for you and your child.

The school may introduce its own application template or application form.

Children 3-6 years old – pre-school education and compulsory one-year pre-school preparation (“zero level”)

Children aged 3-5 are entitled to pre-school education. Children aged 6 are required to complete a one-year pre-school preparation (“zero level”).

Pre-school education is provided in the following facilities:

- nursery schools (public, non-public),
- nursery units in primary schools (public, private),
- pre-school education facilities (non-public),
- daycare units (non-public).

Documents*:

1. a diploma, certificate or other document confirming the completion of school or the next stage of education abroad or
2. a diploma, certificate or other document issued by a school abroad, confirming the attendance of a student coming from abroad indicating the class or stage of education that the student completed at a school abroad, and a document confirming the total number of school years or a written declaration regarding the total number of years of school education, submitted by a parent of a student or an adult student, in cases where it is not possible to determine the sum of school years on the basis of a diploma, certificate or other documents.

§ 2 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283)

Public nursery school (run by local government or other)	Non-public nursery school
What is the nursery school fee?	
For a child aged 3-5 – 5 hours are free of charge and then PLN 1 for each started hour. For children aged 6, nursery school is free of charge.	Parents pay the so-called tuition fees, and sometimes also the so-called entry fee, the amount of which is set by the director or the organization managing a given educational institution.

<p>Parents pay for food only.</p> <p>Some additional activities organized at the request of parents after the nursery school working hours may be payable, but there are also free classes, i.e. financed by the Municipality of Krakow (in nursery schools run by the local government).</p>	<p>Parents pay for food only.</p> <p>Some additional activities organized at the parents' request in the nursery school may be payable.</p>
<p>How to enrol a child in a nursery school?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A child coming from abroad is enrolled <u>for the new school year</u> on the terms and according to the enrolment procedure starting on the 1st of March. Detailed information and the enrolling option can be found on the Educational Portal's website, ENROLMENT tab, <u>FORMICO</u> module; • A child coming from abroad <u>during the school year</u> is admitted to a public nursery school, a pre-school unit in a primary school or another form of pre-school education on the basis of a decision of the Head of the nursery school or the school, or a person managing other pre-school education facility, as far as there are vacancies. <p>If the child does not have a PESEL number, please report it to the Head of the nursery school where the parents want to enroll the child.</p>	<p>Each private nursery school defines its own admission rules. If the offer of the nursery school suits the parents and the nursery school has vacancies, the child may be admitted to the nursery school at any time.</p>

Children 7 to 15 years of age – implementation of compulsory education

<p>Admission for the new school year to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Year I in a public primary school within the established catchment area, assigned to the student's place of residence – ex officio, which means that the district school is obliged to admit the child. Detailed information, including a list of documentation required* and the enrolment option can be found on the Educational Portal's website, ENROLMENT tab, <u>ELEMENTO</u> module; (art. 133 Educational law (<u>Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082</u>) and § 4 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (<u>Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283</u>))
--

2. Year I in a public primary school other than the one assigned to the student's place of residence – **as far as there are vacancies**. Detailed information, including a list of documentation required* and the enrolment option can be found on the Educational Portal's website, ENROLMENT tab, ELEMENTO module;
(art. 133 Education law (Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082) and § 4 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283).
3. Year I in an international class in a mainstream public primary school, on the basis of a positive result of the language knowledge test ** **as far as there are vacancies – in the school year 2021/2022, such classes do not exist in the Municipality of Krakow**;
(art. 138 Educational law (Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082) and § 4 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283).
4. Years VII in a bilingual class in a mainstream public primary school on the basis of documents* and on the basis of a positive result of the language knowledge test**, **as far as there are vacancies**.
(art. 139 Educational law (Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082) and § 4 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283).

Primary schools with bilingual classes:

- Primary School No. 24 in the Primary School and Nursery Complex No. 11, ul. Aleksandry 17, 30-837 Krakow,
 - Primary School No. 155, os. 2 Pułku Lotniczego 21, 31-869 Kraków,
 - Primary School No. 68 in the Primary School and Nursery Complex No. 2, ul. Porzeczkowa 3, 31-234 Krakow,
 - Primary School No. 33, ul. Konarskiego 4, 30-049 Krakow,
 - Primary School No. 35 in the Comprehensive Secondary School Complex No. 7, ul. Złoty Róg 30, 30-095 Krakow.
5. Year I in a public primary sports school, a public primary school of sports championship, a sports department in a mainstream public primary school or a sports championship department in a mainstream public primary school or to a year higher than I in these schools, if training in a given sport begins in that year, after meeting the conditions (health condition that allows to start education in a given school or unit, confirmed by a medical certificate issued by a GP and positive results of physical fitness tests), **as far as there are vacancies**. Detailed information and the enrolling option can be found on the Educational Portal's website, ENROLMENT tab, FORMICO module (note).

Primary sports schools and schools with sports classes:

1. primary sports schools:

- Primary School No. 75 in the Comprehensive Secondary School of Sports Championship Complex,
ul. Grochowska 20, Krakow,
- Primary School No. 87 in the Comprehensive Secondary Sports School Complex No. 2, os. Teatralne 35,

2. with sports classes:

- Primary School No. 37, os. Stalowe 18, Krakow,
- Primary School No. 88, os. Szklane Domy 2, Krakow,
- Primary School No. 26, ul. Ignacego Krasickiego 35, Krakow,
- Primary School No. 113, ul. Piotra Stachewicza 33, Krakow,
- Primary School No. 153, in the Primary School and Nursery Unit No. 8, ul. Na Błonie 15d, Krakow,
- Primary School No. 100, os. Albertyńskie 36, Krakow,
- Primary School No. 31, ul. Bolesława Prusa 18, Krakow,
- Primary School No. 155, os. 2 Pułku Lotniczego 21, Krakow,
- Primary School No. 25, ul. Komandosów 29, Kraków,
- Primary School No. 91, os. Handlowe 4, Krakow,
- Primary School No. 5 with Sports Classes, al. Kijowska 8, Krakow,
- Primary School with Integration Classes No. 158, ul. Strąkowa 3a, Krakow,
- Primary School No. 149, ul. Franciszka Bujaka 15, Kraków,
- Primary School No. 52, os. Dywizjonu 303 bl. 66, Krakow,

(art. 137 Educational law ([Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082](#)) and § 4 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries ([Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283](#)))

Enrolment during the school year

- A student coming from abroad **during the school year** is qualified for the appropriate class and admitted to:
 1. Year II-VIII in a public primary school with an established catchment area, **assigned to the student's place of residence – ex officio, on the basis of documents, which means that the district school is obliged to admit the child;**
(art. 133 Educational law ([Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082](#)) and § 4 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries ([Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283](#)))
 2. Year II-VIII in a public primary school other than the one assigned to the student's place of residence, on the basis of documents – **as far as there are vacancies;**
(art. 133 Educational law ([Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082](#)) and § 4 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries ([Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283](#)))

3. Year II-VIII in an international class in a mainstream public primary school, on the basis of documents* and on the basis of a positive result of the language knowledge test ** **as far as there are vacancies – in the school year 2021/2022, such classes do not exist in the Municipality of Krakow;**

(art. 138 Educational law (Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082) and § 4 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283))

4. Years VIII in a bilingual class in a mainstream public primary school on the basis of documents* and on the basis of a positive result of the language knowledge test**, **as far as there are vacancies.**

(art. 139 Educational law (Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082) and § 4 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283))

Primary schools with bilingual classes:

- Primary School No. 24 in the Primary School and Nursery Unit No. 11, ul. Aleksandry 17, 30-837 Krakow,
 - Primary School No. 155, os. 2 Pułku Lotniczego 21, 31-869 Kraków,
 - Primary School No. 68 in the Primary School and Nursery Unit No. 2, ul. Porzeczkowa 3, 31- 234 Krakow,
 - Primary School No. 33, ul. Konarskiego 4, 30-049 Krakow,
 - Primary School No. 35 in the Comprehensive Secondary School Complex No. 7, ul. Złoty Róg 30, 30-095 Kraków.
5. Years II-VIII in a public primary sports school, a public primary school of sports championship or a sports class in a mainstream public primary school, on the basis of documents* and after meeting the conditions (health condition that allows to start education in a given school or unit, confirmed by a medical certificate issued by a GP and positive results of physical fitness tests), **as far as there are vacancies.**
- (art. 137 Educational law (Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082) and § 4 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283)).

Documents*:

1. a diploma, certificate or other document confirming the completion of school or the next stage of education abroad or
2. a diploma, certificate or other document issued by a school abroad, confirming the attendance of a student coming from abroad indicating the class or stage of education that the student completed at a school abroad, and a document confirming the total number of school years or a written declaration regarding the total number of years of school education, submitted by a parent of a student or an adult student, in cases where it is not possible to determine the sum of school years on the basis of a diploma, certificate or other documents.

(§ 2 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283).

** In every public school where the implemented curriculum requires students to have special individual predispositions and the degree of the student's readiness for this education cannot be proven by the submitted documents, the results obtained from the tests below may be taken into account:

- language aptitudes,
- individual skills,
- language competences,
- aptitudes or predispositions useful in a given occupation, and
- physical fitness tests.

The school principal decides about the dates and persons conducting the above-mentioned tests or physical fitness tests.

(§ 10 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283)

A student coming from abroad may be qualified for the appropriate class or for the relevant semester or year of education, and admitted to a public school (primary school other than school in the catchment area, comprehensive secondary school, secondary technical school, first-degree industrial school, primary school, where the curriculum being implemented requires specific individual predispositions, entrance class in a secondary school, bilingual secondary school, bilingual or international class in a mainstream secondary school, secondary sports school, secondary school of sports championship, sports class in a mainstream secondary school or sports championship class in that school, art school or public art educational facility) also taking into account the age of the student or the opinion of the parent of the student or an adult student expressed in oral or written form.

(§ 11 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283)

Additional information:

1. If the child does not have a PESEL number assigned, please contact the Head of the nursery school/school the parents want to enrol the child in and ask for a temporary PESEL number (which can be used for the enrolment in the nursery school and school **only**)

2. To find a district (catchment area) school, you can use the search engine available here: <https://krakow.elemento.pl/elemento-parents/directory/regionSearch.action?historyItem.level=0&historyItem.title=Szko%C5%82a+obwodowa> Enter the house number and the name of the street where the child lives. The system will automatically show the number, address and the most important information about the school.

3. At the end of year VIII of primary school, students take a national external exam – **more information is given in the tab - Compulsory examinations at individual educational stages**

4. The list of all schools and nursery schools in Krakow is available here:

https://portaledukacyjny.krakow.pl/195716.artykul.krakowskie_szkoly.html

https://www.bip.krakow.pl/?dok_id=27316

[List of schools and institutions – Krakow Board of Education](#)

Urząd Miasta Krakowa

WYDZIAŁ EDUKACJI

tel. +48 12 616 52 00, fax +48 12 616 52 01, ek.umk@um.krakow.pl

30-103 Kraków, ul. Stachowicza 18

www.krakow.pl



The youth until the age of 18 is obliged to study in Poland (schooling duty), either in a secondary school or in the form of professional training at an employer's facility.

Types of secondary schools:

- 4-year comprehensive secondary school
- 5-year secondary technical school
- 3-year industrial school (1st degree)
- 2-year industrial school (2nd degree).

Secondary schools admission
A child who fulfilled the compulsory education requirement in Poland:
A foreign student who completed primary school in Poland and took the primary school final exam is assigned to electronic enrolment to a secondary school. Detailed information, including a list of required documents, can be found on the website of the Educational Portal of the City of Krakow in the tab: enrolment .
A child who did not finish the eighth year in Poland and did not take the primary school final exam:
In this case, if the school has vacancies , the student is qualified for the appropriate class or semester and admitted to: 1. a public comprehensive secondary school – on the basis of documents * (art. 134 Educational law (Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082) and § 6 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283)) 2. a public secondary technical school or a public industrial school of the 1st degree – based on: a) documents *, b) a medical certificate with a statement that there are no health contraindications for undertaking practical vocational training, c) for students of a school providing training in a profession for which the core curriculum provides for the training of sailors – a medical certificate issued in the form of a health certificate confirming the ability to work on board a ship, d) for students of a school providing training in a profession for which the core curriculum provides for the training in driving motor vehicles – a medical certificate confirming the student has no health contraindications for driving vehicles, e) for students of a school providing training in the profession for which the core curriculum provides for preparation to obtain driving skills and driving license category C or CE – a psychological certificate that there are no psychological contraindications for driving vehicles. (art. 134 Educational law (Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082) and § 6 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283)).

3. a public industrial secondary school of 2nd degree – based on:

a) documents:

- a certificate or other document issued abroad recognized in Poland as documents confirming a basic professional education, or
- final administrative decision on the recognition of basic professional education in the Republic of Poland,

b) a medical certificate,

c) for students of a school providing training in a profession for which the core curriculum provides for the training of sailors, according to the International Convention on Training Requirements for sailors, issuing certificates and watch keeping – a medical certificate issued in the form of a health certificate confirming the ability to work on a ship,

d) for students of a school providing training in a profession for which the core curriculum provides for the training in driving motor vehicles – a medical certificate confirming the student has no health contraindications for driving vehicles,

e) for students of a school providing training in the profession for which the core curriculum provides for preparation to obtain driving skills and driving license category C or CE – a psychological certificate that there are no psychological contraindications for driving vehicles.

(art. 135 Educational law (Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082) and § 6 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283))

4. public post-secondary school – based on:

a) documents:

- a certificate or other document issued abroad confirming in Poland the secondary education or the right to apply for admission to college, or
- a certificate or other document issued abroad and recognized in Poland, confirming secondary or industrial secondary education, or the right to apply for admission to college, or
- final administrative decision on the confirmation in the Republic of Poland of secondary or secondary industrial education, or the right to apply for admission to college, or
- a certificate or other document issued abroad and recognized by 31 March 2015 as equivalent to the secondary school graduation certificate, comprehensive secondary school graduation certificate, vocational comprehensive secondary school graduation certificate or secondary technical school graduation certificate,

b) a medical certificate stating there are no health contraindications for undertaking vocational training,

c) for students of a school providing training in a profession for which the core curriculum provides for the training of sailors, according to the International Convention on Training Requirements for sailors, issuing certificates and watch keeping – a medical certificate issued in the form of a health certificate confirming the ability to work on board a ship,

d) for students of a school providing training in a profession for which the core curriculum provides for the training in driving motor vehicles – a medical certificate confirming the student has no health contraindications for driving vehicles,

e) for students of a school providing training in the profession, for which the core curriculum provides for preparation to obtain driving skills and driving license category C or CE – a psychological certificate that there are no psychological contraindications for driving,

f) for students of a school where the curriculum requires candidates to have specific individual talents or predispositions useful in a given profession, it is possible to take into account results from the aptitude test or useful predispositions** in a given occupation, if such tests are arranged by the school.

(art. 136 Educational law ([Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082](#)) and § 6 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries ([Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283](#)))

A graduate of a comprehensive secondary school, secondary technical school and a second-degree industrial school may be admitted to a post-secondary school (Matura Exam is not required). Post-secondary courses last 1 to 2.5 years. Post-secondary school students pass the same vocational exams as students of the 1st degree industrial schools and vocational secondary schools and, after passing the exams, the student receives a diploma confirming professional qualifications.

- 5. public secondary school** (i.e. comprehensive secondary school, secondary technical school, industrial school of the 1st and 2nd degree), in which the curriculum implemented by the school or in a class of this school requires students to have special individual predispositions, based on the result obtained in the specialization aptitude test** and after meeting the conditions required for these schools and described in detail above.

(art. 134 and 135 of Educational law ([Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082](#)) and § 6 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries ([Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283](#)))

- 6. entrance class in a public secondary school** based on a positive result of the language predisposition test** and after meeting the general conditions of enrolment to a given type of school described above.

(art. 140 Education Law ([Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082](#)) and § 6 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries ([Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283](#)))

- 7. a public bilingual secondary school, bilingual class or international class in a public mainstream post-primary school** on a basis of a positive test result of the language competence test** and after meeting the general conditions of enrolment to a given type of school described above.

(art. 140 Education Law ([Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082](#)) and § 6 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries ([Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283](#)))

In Krakow, there are bilingual classes in the following secondary schools:

- VI Comprehensive Secondary School, ul. Wąska 7, 31-057 Krakow,

- XVII Comprehensive Secondary School with Bilingual Classes in the Secondary School Complex no. 7, ul. Złoty Róg 30, 30-095 Kraków,
- XX Comprehensive Secondary School, ul. Szlak 5, 31-161 Kraków.

Efforts have been made to obtain a permit from the minister in charge of education and upbringing to establish an international class at the VI Comprehensive Secondary School, ul. Wąska 7, 31-057 Krakow.

8. **a public secondary sports school, a public secondary school of sports championship, a sports class in a mainstream public secondary school or a sports championship class in a mainstream public secondary school** – after meeting the general conditions of enrolment to a given type of school (described above), and on the basis of:

- a medical certificate confirming the health condition that allows to start education,
- written parental consent for attending the school or class
- positive results of physical fitness tests **.

(art. 137 Education Law (Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082) and § 6 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283))

Secondary sports schools:

- Comprehensive Secondary School of Sports Championships in Krakow in the Complex of Comprehensive Secondary School of Sports Championships, ul. Grochowska 20, 31-521 Krakow,
- Comprehensive Secondary Sports School No. 1 in the Complex of Comprehensive Secondary School of Sports Championships, os. Teatralne 35, 31-948 Krakow.

(art. 137 Educational law (Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082) and § 6 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283)).

Admission to a public art school

A student coming from abroad is admitted to:

- **Year I of a public art school or the first year of education at a public art institution** on the basis of documents* and a positive result of the enrolment procedure and **after meeting the following conditions:** submission of a medical certificate confirming that there are no health contraindications against undertaking education at a given school or facility and obtaining an appropriate **result of a suitability test or an entrance examination in the field of aptitude, predispositions or practical skills.**

- **a higher class or higher education year and admitted to a public art school or a public art institution,** including during the school year, on the basis of documents* and **the result of the qualifying examination.**

(art. 142 Educational law ([Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082](#)) and § 8 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries ([Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283](#)))

If the arriving student cannot submit the required documents*, he/she can be qualified to enter the appropriate class or to the relevant semester or year of education and admitted to a public art school or public art institution on the basis of an interview. The interview is carried out by the School Head on the date chosen by the Head and, if necessary, with the participation of teachers. For a person who does not speak Polish, the interview is conducted in a foreign language, e.g. with the participation of a person who speaks the language of the candidate's country of origin.

Due to the specificity of sports and art schools, vocational schools, international or bilingual classes, the schools normally have extensive admission criteria. Detailed information in this regard can be found on the websites of schools and institutions providing such education or by contacting the schools.

Music schools:

- Ignacy Jan Paderewski 1st Degree Comprehensive Primary Music School , ul. Basztowa 8, Krakow,
- Stanisław Wiechowicz 1st Degree Music School No. 1, , ul. Pilotów 51, Krakow,
- Bronisław Rutkowski 1st and 2nd Degree Music School , ul. Józefińska 10, Krakow,
- Hieronim Henryk Baranowski 1st Degree Music School in the Complex of Schools and Institutions called "The Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired", ul. Tyniecka 6, Krakow.

Documents*:

1. a diploma, certificate or other document confirming graduation from school or the next stage of education abroad or
2. a diploma, certificate or other document issued by a school abroad, confirming the attendance of a student coming from abroad indicating the class or stage of education that the student completed at a school abroad, and a document confirming the total number of school years or a written declaration regarding the total number of years of school education, submitted by a parent of a student or an adult student, in cases where it is not possible to determine the sum of school years on the basis of a diploma, certificate or other documents.

(§ 2 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries ([Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283](#)))

**** In every public school where the implemented curriculum requires students to have special individual predispositions and the degree of the student's readiness for this education cannot be proven by the submitted documents, the results obtained from the tests below may be taken into account:**

- language aptitudes,
- individual skills,
- language competences,
- aptitudes or predispositions useful in a given occupation, and
- physical fitness tests.

The school principal decides about the dates and persons conducting the above-mentioned tests or physical fitness tests.

(§ 10 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283))

A student coming from abroad may be qualified for the appropriate class or for the relevant semester or year of education, and admitted to a public school (primary school other than school in the catchment area, comprehensive secondary school, secondary technical school, first-degree industrial school, primary school, where the curriculum being implemented requires specific individual predispositions, entrance class in a secondary school, bilingual secondary school, bilingual or international class in a mainstream secondary school, secondary sports school, secondary school of sports championship, sports class in a mainstream secondary school or sports championship class in that school, art school or public art educational facility) also taking into account the age of the student or the opinion of the parent of the student or an adult student expressed in oral or written form.

(§ 11 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283))

Additional information:

The list of all schools and nursery schools in Krakow is available here:

https://portaledukacyjny.krakow.pl/195716.artykul.krakowskie_szkoly.html

https://www.bip.krakow.pl/?dok_id=27316

[List of schools and institutions - Krakow Board of Education](#)

Detailed information on the education received within the foreign education system - diploma recognition or confirmation options - are available at: <https://www.gov.pl/web/edukacja-i-nauka/uznawanie-wykształcenia-uzyskanego-za-granica>

School types, number of years of study, valid exams, and career path

School type	Years of study	Major exams	Career path	Type of school	Years of study	Major exams	Career path	Type of school	Years of study	Major exams	Career path
Comprehensive secondary school (general secondary education)	4	Matura Exam (results determine whether the graduate can go to college)	college, post-secondary school, vocational courses or the labour market	secondary technical school (secondary vocational education)	2	Matura Exam (determine if a student can go to college) + exams confirming professional qualifications	college, post-secondary school, vocational courses or the labour market	2nd degree industrial school (secondary vocational education)	2	Matura Exam (determine if a student can go to college) + exams confirming professional qualifications	college, post-secondary school, vocational courses or the labour market

Urząd Miasta Krakowa
 WYDZIAŁ EDUKACJI
 tel. +48 12 616 52 00, fax +48 12 616 52 01, ek.umk@um.krakow.pl
 30-103 Kraków, ul. Stachowicza 18
www.krakow.pl



	1st degree industrial school (vocational industrial education)	3	exams confirming professional qualifications	2nd degree school or comprehensive secondary school for adults or qualifying courses
primary school (primary education)		8	The primary school final exams which school the graduate may continue education at	comprehensive secondary school or secondary technical school or 1st degree industrial school

Compulsory examinations at individual educational stages

External exams

By 10 September of the school year in which the external examinations are to be conducted, the Director of the Central Examination Commission announces the detailed methods of adapting the conditions and forms of conducting the primary school final exam and Matura exam, for candidates who need such adaptation. There are facilitations provided for people coming from abroad who take external examinations.

- Facilitations for foreigners (Art. 44zzr, Par. 7 of the Educational System Act)

A student or graduate whose limited knowledge of the Polish language makes it difficult to understand the text being read may proceed to:

- the primary school final examination, except for the modern foreign language examination – under conditions and forms adapted to that student's educational needs and psychophysical abilities, on the basis of a positive opinion of the pedagogical council;
- Matura Exam, except for the modern foreign language examination – under conditions adapted to the student's needs and psychophysical abilities, on the basis of a positive opinion of the pedagogical council.

Adaptation of the form of the primary school final examination is about preparing separate examination sheets adapted to the needs of a student whose limited knowledge of the Polish language makes it difficult to understand the text being read.

Adaptation of the form of the primary school final examination is about, among others, using appropriate teaching aids (e.g. a bilingual dictionary), and an appropriate extension of the time allowed for completion of the exam.

- Facilitations for Polish citizens coming from abroad (Art. 44zrz. Par. 6 of the Educational System Act)

A student, listener or graduate who, in the school year in which he or she is taking the primary school final exam or the Matura Exam and was provided with psychological and pedagogical assistance at school due to adaptation difficulties related to the education abroad, language communication disorders or a crisis or traumatic situation, can take the primary school final examination and the Matura Exam in conditions adapted to his or her educational needs and psychophysical abilities resulting from the type of difficulties, disorders, crisis or traumatic situation, respectively, on the basis of a positive opinion of the pedagogical council.

Adaptation of the form of the primary school final examination is about, among others, using appropriate teaching aids (e.g. a bilingual dictionary), and an appropriate extension of the time allowed for completion of the exam.

Preparatory class

1. For whom?

The school authority may organize a preparatory class at school both for non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens, subject to compulsory education and schooling duty, who do not know the Polish language or know it at a level insufficient to benefit from education.

2. How is such a class organized?

- the class is organized for a maximum of 15 students, who were selected by a qualifying panel appointed by the School Head. The qualifying panel consists of two teachers, a counsellor and a psychologist. The period of study in such a class lasts until the end of didactic and educational activities in the school year in which the student was qualified. This period, depending on the student's progress in learning and educational needs, may be shortened or extended by no more than one school year, and this decision is made by the pedagogical council at the request of the teachers of the student, the counsellor or the psychologist,

- the teaching programme in the preparatory class is tailored to the individual development and educational needs as well as the psychophysical abilities of the students,

- educational activities in the preparatory class are conducted by teachers of individual educational activities, who may be supported by an intercultural assistant,

- in the preparatory class, it is allowed to organize classes in a combined arrangement, respectively for the following classes:

a) Years I-III in primary schools;

b) Years IV-VI in primary schools;

c) Years VII and VIII in primary schools;

d) Years I-II in comprehensive secondary schools, Years I-III secondary technical schools and 1st degree industrial schools;

e) Years III and IV in comprehensive secondary schools and Years III-V in secondary technical schools

If a significant number of students are admitted to school during the school year, a preparatory class may also be organized during the school year.

At the request of the parent, upon the consent of the school authority where such a class has been established, students from other schools may also attend.

3. Preparatory classes in Krakow:

In 2021/2022, preparatory classes are set in:

- Primary School No. 2, ul. Strzelców 5a, 31-422 Kraków - 2 classes,
- Primary School with Integration Classes No. 3, ul. Topolowa 22, 31-506 Kraków - 1 class,
- Primary School No. 55, ul. Dobczycka 20, 30-620 Kraków - 2 classes,
- Primary School No. 85 os. Złotego Wieku 4, 31-615 Kraków - 1 class.

Preparatory classes **are not organized** in art schools, special schools, sports schools, sports championship schools, schools for adults, post-secondary schools and 2nd degree industrial schools.

The functioning of the preparatory department is described in detail in Art. 165 Educational law (Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082) and § 16 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283).

Support for foreign students and Polish Citizens returning from abroad

1. Additional hours of Polish – Courses are organized upon the parent's written request to the School Head. The language courses are free of charge and organized at the school premises. The courses can be conducted individually or in groups, **2 lesson periods per week**, until the knowledge of the language is mastered to the level enabling understanding and participation in normal classes. For Polish citizens returning from abroad, this period is limited to 12 months. There is no such restriction for foreign students.

2. Additional remedial courses – Courses are organized upon the parent's written request to the School Head. These are courses for people who have problems due to programme differences. The courses can be conducted individually or in groups to the extent agreed by the school and the governing body **for a maximum period of 12 months**.

The total number of additional hours of Polish language courses and remedial courses may not exceed 5 lesson periods per week for one student.

Detailed information on the above courses can be found in (Art. 165 of Educational Law (Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082) and § 17 and 18 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283).

3. Learning the language and culture of the country of origin – for students who are not Polish citizens and are subject to compulsory education, a diplomatic or consular unit of their country of origin operating on the territory of the Republic of Poland or a cultural and educational association of a given nationality may organize courses of language and culture of the country of origin at school, provided that at least 7 students attend the courses. The total number of learning hours of the language and culture of the country of origin must not exceed 5 lesson periods per week. The Head of School, in consultation with the diplomatic or consular mission or association, can schedule the days of the week and hours during which the language and culture of the country of origin may be taught at school.

Urząd Miasta Krakowa
WYDZIAŁ EDUKACJI
tel. +48 12 616 52 00, fax +48 12 616 52 01, ek.umk@um.krakow.pl
30-103 Kraków, ul. Stachowicza 18
www.krakow.pl



This form of education is described in details in Art. 165 of Educational Law (Journal of Laws of 2021, Item 1082) and § 20 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Law of 2020, Item 1283).

4. **Teaching a foreign language as a language of a national minority** – is carried out in Krakow in interschool teams for teaching a foreign language as a language of a national minority. Currently, this form of education is conducted:

- in Primary School with Integration Classes No. 12, al. Kijowska 3, 30-079 Kraków with a **Ukrainian language teaching unit**,

- in Primary School No. 26, ul. Krasickiego 34, 30-503 Kraków and Primary School No. 50, ul. Katowicka 28, 31-351 Kraków with an **Armenian language teaching unit**.

Art. 20 of the Act of 6 January 2005 on National and Ethnic Minorities and Regional Language (Journal of Laws of 2017, Item 823)

Intercultural Assistant – teacher's help

Persons who are not Polish citizens, who do not know the Polish language or know it at a level insufficient to benefit from education, have the right to assistance provided by a person who speaks the language of the country of origin, employed as a teacher's assistant by the School Head. **This assistance may be provided for a maximum of 12 months.**

Schools that employ an Intercultural Assistant:

- School and Nursery School Complex No. 7, ul. Skotnicka 86, 30 - 394 Krakow,
- School and Nursery School Complex No. 11, ul. Aleksandry 17, 30-837 Krakow,
- School and Nursery School Complex No. 13, ul. Mirtowa 2, 30-698 Krakow,
- Primary School with Integration Classes No. 22, ul. Chmielowskiego 1, 31-067 Krakow,
- Primary School with Integration Classes No. 107, ul. Zdrowa 6, 31-216 Krakow,
- Primary School with Integration Classes No. 158, ul. Strąkowa 3A, 30-410 Krakow,
- Primary School with Integration Classes No. 162, ul. Stojałowskiego 31, Krakow,
- Primary School No. 18, ul. Półkole 11, 31-559 Kraków,
- Primary School No. 21, ul. Batalionu "Skała" AK 12, 31-272 Krakow,
- Primary School No. 25, ul. Komandosów 29, 31-334 Krakow,
- Primary School No. 49, ul. J. Montwiłła-Mireckiego 29, 30-426 Krakow,
- Primary School No. 55, ul. Dobczycka 20, 30-620 Krakow,
- Primary School No. 61, ul. Popławskiego 17, 30-818 Krakow,
- Primary School No. 62, ul. Ćwikłowa 1, 30-377 Krakow,
- Primary School No. 80, os. Na Skarpie 8, 31-909 Krakow,
- Primary School No. 85, os. Złotego Wieku 4, 31-615 Krakow,

Urząd Miasta Krakowa
WYDZIAŁ EDUKACJI
tel. +48 12 616 52 00, fax +48 12 616 52 01, ek.umk@um.krakow.pl
30-103 Kraków, ul. Stachowicza 18
www.krakow.pl



- Primary School No. 119, ul. Czerwieńskiego 1, 31-319 Krakow,
- Primary School No. 149, ul. Bujaka 15, 30-611 Kraków,
- Comprehensive Secondary School Complex No. 9, ul. Seniorów Lotnictwa 5, 31-455 Krakow,
- Comprehensive Secondary School Complex No. 18, ul. Senatorska 45, 30-106 Krakow,
- Complex of Schools and Institutions named "The Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired", ul. Tyniecka 6, 30-319 Kraków,
- Complex of Mechanical Schools No. 2, al. J. Skrzyneckiego 12, 30-363 Krakow.

(Art. 165 Educational law (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 910 as amended))

Roma Education Assistant – teacher's help

Roma Education Assistants provide comprehensive assistance to Roma students in contact with the school environment, build a positive image of the school and the benefits of education, provide emotional support for Roma students, help teachers and educators to recognize the needs and possible problems of individual students, and help and mediate in difficult situations and conflict. The assistant's duties also include building good contact between the parents of students and the school, informing the parents about the course of education, as well as controlling the student's attendance and learning progress.

Schools employing Roma education assistants:

1. Primary School with Integration Classes No. 105, os. Słoneczne 2, 31-957 Kraków, Tel: 12-644-08-95, Roma Education Assistant - Mrs Marzena Fraś, contact: marzena.fras@sp105.edu.pl and sss3333@interia.pl,
2. Primary School with Integration Class No. 148 Polskich Noblistów, ul. Żabia 20, 30-809 Kraków, Tel. 12-658-84-22, Roma Education Assistant - Mrs Edyta Jaškowiak, contact: edyta.jaskowiak@sp148.org,
3. Special Schools Complex No. 14, os. Sportowe 28, 31-966 Kraków, Tel. 12-644-34-17 - Roma Education Assistant - Mr Patryk Pawłowski contact: email: pawlowskipatryk020@gmail.com

Roma Education Assistants also support the students from other schools than those mentioned above.

Information for school principals regarding the benefits of working with Roma Education Assistants can be found in the following links:

https://www.malopolska.uw.gov.pl/doc/zalacznik_4.pdf

Art. 12 , Par. 2 Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 18 August 2017 on the conditions and manner of performing by nursery schools, schools and public institutions activities to maintain the sense of national, ethnic and linguistic identity of students belonging to national and ethnic minorities and communities using regional languages (Journal of Laws of 2017, Item 1627).

School for adults

Urząd Miasta Krakowa
 WYDZIAŁ EDUKACJI
 tel. +48 12 616 52 00, fax +48 12 616 52 01, ek.umk@um.krakow.pl
 30-103 Kraków, ul. Stachowicza 18
www.krakow.pl



A student coming from abroad is qualified for the relevant semester and admitted to a public adult school on the basis of documents*, as far as the school has vacancies.

Attention: **Free** education in public schools for adults, 2nd degree public secondary industrial schools, public post-secondary schools, public art schools, public institutions and public colleges for social service employees and continuous education in the form of qualifying vocational courses is provided for:

- 1) citizens of European Union Member States, citizens of European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Member States, parties to the agreement on the European Economic Area or the Swiss Confederation, as well as members of their families with the right of residence or the right of permanent residence;
- 2) persons of Polish origin within the meaning of repatriation law;
- 3) persons who have been granted a permanent residence permit on the territory of the Republic of Poland;
- 4) persons with a valid Pole's Card;
- 5) persons for whom such permission results from international agreements;
- 6) persons who have been granted refugee status and members of their families;
- 7) persons with a tolerated stay permit;
- 8) persons who have been granted permission to stay for humanitarian reasons, and members of their families;
- 9) persons who have been granted subsidiary protection and members of their families;
- 10) persons covered with temporary protection on the territory of the Republic of Poland;
- 11) persons who have been granted a long-term European Union residence permit on the territory of the Republic of Poland;
- 12) persons who have been granted a temporary residence permit on the territory of the Republic of Poland in relation to the circumstances referred to in Art. 127, Art. 159, Par. 1, Art. 176 or Art. 186 Par. 1, Point 3 or 4 of the Act of 12 December 2013 on foreigners (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 35);
- 13) persons applying for granting international protection and members of their families;
- 14) persons who have a residence card with the annotation "access to the labour market", a Schengen visa or a national visa issued for the purpose of work in the territory of the Republic of Poland and persons who are not Polish citizens, not mentioned above, but who are:
 - 1) holders of a scholarship granted by the minister responsible for education;
 - 2) holders of a scholarship granted by the authority that manages the school or facility, by the School Head or facility head

According to Art. 165, Par. 5 of the above Act, other foreigners may study in public schools for adults, public post-secondary schools, public art schools, public institutions and public colleges for social service employees, and in continuous education facilities in the form of qualifying vocational courses **but will have to pay a fee.**

The amount of the fee and the method of paying the fee, taking into account the expected costs of education and the possibility of total or partial exemption from this fee, is determined by the authority managing the school.

Documents*:

1. a diploma, certificate or other document confirming the completion of school or the next stage of education abroad or
2. a diploma, certificate or other document issued by a school abroad, confirming the attendance of a student coming from abroad indicating the class or stage of education that the student completed at the school abroad, and a document confirming the total number of school years or a written declaration regarding the total number of years of

school education, submitted by a parent of a student or an adult student, in cases where it is not possible to determine the sum of school years on the basis of a diploma, certificate or other documents.

(§ 2 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283))

** In every public school where the implemented curriculum requires students to have special individual predispositions and the degree of the student's readiness for this education cannot be proven by the submitted documents, the results obtained from the tests below may be taken into account:

- language aptitudes,
- individual skills,
- language competences,
- aptitudes or predispositions useful in a given occupation, and
- physical fitness tests.

The school principal decides about the dates and persons conducting the above-mentioned tests or physical fitness tests.

(§ 10 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283))

A student coming from abroad may be qualified for the appropriate class or for the relevant semester or year of education, and admitted to a public school (primary school other than school in the catchment area, comprehensive secondary school, secondary technical school, first-degree industrial school, primary school, where the curriculum being implemented requires specific individual predispositions, entrance class in a secondary school, bilingual secondary school, bilingual or international class in a mainstream secondary school, secondary sports school, secondary school of sports championship, sports class in a mainstream secondary school or sports championship class in that school, art school or public art educational facility) also taking into account the age of the student or the opinion of the parent of the student or an adult student expressed in oral or written form.

(§ 11 of the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 23 August 2017 on the education of non-Polish citizens and persons who are Polish citizens and were educated in schools operating in the education systems of other countries (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1283))

Who can benefit from special education?

Legal basis:

Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 7 September 2017 on decisions and opinions issued by adjudicating boards operating in public psychological and pedagogical counselling centres (Journal of Laws of 2017, Item 1743):

Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 9 August 2017 on the conditions for organizing education, upbringing and care for children and adolescents with disabilities, socially maladjusted and at risk of social maladjustment (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1309, Item).

Urząd Miasta Krakowa

WYDZIAŁ EDUKACJI

tel. +48 12 616 52 00, fax +48 12 616 52 01, ek.umk@um.krakow.pl

30-103 Kraków, ul. Stachowicza 18

www.krakow.pl



Conditions for organizing special education

1. Special education is organized for children and adolescents **with a certificate confirming the need for special education.**
2. Decisions on the need for special education are issued by adjudication panels operating in public psychological and pedagogical counselling centres.
3. The panels take decisions at the written request of the child's/student's parents or the written request of an adult student.

The school is not allowed to apply for special education

Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 7 September 2017 on decisions and opinions issued by adjudicating boards operating in public psychological and pedagogical counselling centres (Journal of Laws of 2017, Item 1743)

Parents of a child/student with the special education certificate should apply for a referral to special education to the Department of Education of the City of Krakow to enrol the child in a special school or integration class. Detailed information can be found here: https://portaledukacyjny.krakow.pl/198439,artykul,podniesc_skrzydla_-_poradnik_dla_dzieci_o_szczegolnych_potrzebach_educacyjnych.html

Special education certificates are issued due to:

1. physical disability, including aphasia
2. mild intellectual disability
3. moderate or severe intellectual disability
4. partial or complete deafness
5. partial or complete blindness
6. autism, including Asperger's Syndrome
7. multiple disabilities (i.e. when a child has more than one of the above disabilities)
8. risk of social maladjustment
9. social maladjustment.

A child with a special education certificate requires a special teaching arrangement and working methods. The core curriculum is implemented based on the **individual educational and therapeutic program (IPET).**

Individual lessons

1. Selected educational activities for the students with the special education certificate may be carried out individually or in a group of up to 5 people. The student should attend the remaining lessons together with their class.
2. The allocation of individual classes results from the current individual development needs and educational and psychophysical abilities of the student.
3. The decision about the need to arrange individual classes may result from:
 - 1) recommendations indicated in the decision on the need for special education

Urząd Miasta Krakowa
WYDZIAŁ EDUKACJI
tel. +48 12 616 52 00, fax +48 12 616 52 01, ek.umk@um.krakow.pl
30-103 Kraków, ul. Stachowicza 18
www.krakow.pl



2) or the multidisciplinary assessment of the level of student's functioning, which is carried out by a team of teachers and specialists conducting classes with the student and is the basis for creating an evaluation of the individual educational and therapeutic program (IPET).

Legal basis: §6, Par. 1, Point 8 of Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 9 August 2017 on the conditions for organizing education, upbringing and care for disabled children and adolescents, socially maladjusted and at risk of social maladjustment (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1309).

Important

A new certificate of special education is not needed to assign a disabled pupil in school to an individual or smaller group.

However, a multidisciplinary functional assessment is needed, which must precede the modification of the IPET.

Forms of special education

Special education can be organized in:

- a mainstream nursery school, including integration or special classes,
- a mainstream school, including integration and special classes,
- an integrative school,
- a special school,
- a youth educational centre,
- a youth social therapy centre,
- a special school and education centre.

Legal basis: §2, Par. 1 of Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 9 August 2017 on the conditions for organizing education, upbringing and care for disabled children and adolescents, socially maladjusted and at risk of social maladjustment (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1309).

Psychological and pedagogical counselling centres should define in their decision **all possible forms of education, indicating the most advantageous for the child.**

The final decision on the choice of the form of education **belongs exclusively to the parents.**

V. Adjusting the form and conditions of external exams

1. Adjusting the form of external exams is about the preparation of separate sheets adapted to the needs and abilities of the candidates.

2. Adopting the conditions for conducting exams is about, among other things, providing the student with a workstation appropriate to his/her needs, using appropriate specialist equipment and teaching aids, extending the time and ensuring the presence and assistance of a teacher supporting the student in reading or writing.

3. Detailed ways of adjusting the conditions and forms of conducting examinations **is specified in the Statement of the Head of the Central Examination Commission issued for a given school year.**

The legal basis: Art. 9a, Par. 2, Point 10, Letter, the third indent of the Educational System Act of 7 September 1991 (Journal of Laws of 2020, Item 1327 as amended)

VI. Postponement of a child's compulsory schooling with a decision about the need for special education

1. Preschool children who have a special education certificate may be included in preschool education over the age of 7; **however, not longer than until the end of the school year in the calendar year in which they turn 9 years old.**

Urząd Miasta Krakowa

WYDZIAŁ EDUKACJI

tel. +48 12 616 52 00, fax +48 12 616 52 01, ek.umk@um.krakow.pl

30-103 Kraków, ul. Stachowicza 18

www.krakow.pl



(2) Schooling of these children is postponed with the following rules:

- the Head of the public primary school in the catchment area the child belongs to, **at the request of the child's parents**, can postpone the compulsory education period for the child in a given school year,
- the application is to be submitted in the calendar year in which the child turns 7,
- the application may be submitted again in the calendar year in which the child reaches the age of 8,
- the application is to be submitted **no later than August 31st**,
- the postponement applies to the school year in which the child is to start the compulsory education period,
- **a decision about the need for special education** should be attached to the application, as well as the **opinion** resulting in the need to postpone the compulsory education period by a child in a given school year, issued by a public psychological and pedagogical counselling centre or a non-public psychological and pedagogical counselling centre.

The legal basis: Art. 36, Par. 4-7 of the Education Law ([Journal of Laws of 2021, Item1082](#)).

Extension of the study period

1. A student with a certificate of the need for special education may extend the period of education in schools:

- in primary education: by one year in the first stage of education and by two years in the second stage of education;

- by one year in a secondary school.

2. Education of disabled, socially maladjusted students and students at risk of social maladjustment may be conducted until the end of the school year in the calendar year in which the student:

- reaches the age of 20 – for primary school;

- reaches the age of 24 – for secondary school.

Legal basis: §4 Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 9 August 2017 on the conditions for organizing education, upbringing and care for disabled children and adolescents, the socially maladjusted and at risk of social maladjustment ([Journal of Laws of 2020, Item1309](#))

Psychological and Pedagogical Counselling Centers

In situations when a student has problems with finding himself or herself in a new situation, educators and school psychologists are available to help. Psychological and pedagogical counselling centres are also available to provide support. Contact can be found at:

[https://portaledukacyjny.krakow.pl/start/198439,artykul,dokumenty - podniesc skrzydla.html](https://portaledukacyjny.krakow.pl/start/198439,artykul,dokumenty%20-%20podniesc%20skrzydla.html).

in Krakow, at ul. Gertrudy 2, there is a Specialist Psychological and Pedagogical Counselling Center for Children with Educational Failures, where you can get help in several foreign languages. Find out more here: <https://www.poradnia-psychologiczna.com/> (on the website of the Counselling Center, information is also published in Ukrainian, Russian and English).

Learning the religion of different denominations

In nursery schools and nursery schools located in schools, religious education is organized at the parents' request. In primary and secondary schools, religious and ethics education is organized at the request of parents or pupils themselves after they have reached the age of majority.

Urząd Miasta Krakowa
WYDZIAŁ EDUKACJI
tel. +48 12 616 52 00, fax +48 12 616 52 01, ek.umk@um.krakow.pl
30-103 Kraków, ul. Stachowicza 18
www.krakow.pl



If fewer than seven students (pupils) apply for the religious education of a given denomination or denominations that can be combined in a nursery school or school, the body that runs the nursery school or school, in agreement with the relevant church or religious association, can organize religious education in an inter-school or out-of-school (non-preschool) catechetical facility.

In the school year 2021/2022, there are 10 catechetical facilities in Krakow:

1. Evangelical-Augsburg Parish, ul. Grodzka 60/5, 31-044 Kraków, Tel. 12 446 64 30,
2. I Congregation of the Baptist Christian Church, ul. Wyspiańskiego 4, 30-035 Kraków, Tel. 500 450 731,
3. III Congregation of the Baptist Christian Church, ul. Dobczycka 54, 30-620 Kraków, Tel. 501 25 35 16,
4. Congregation of the Baptist Christian Church in Bielsko-Biała, ul. Radosna 1/2, 30-538 Krakow, Tel: 33 812 26 36,
5. "Bethlehem" Pentecostal Church, ul. Lubomirskiego 7a, 31-509 Kraków and ul. Reymonta 15, 30-059 Kraków, Tel. 518 484 741,
6. Orthodox Parish, ul. Szpitalna 24, 31-024 Kraków, Tel. 12 422 72 77,
7. The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Poland, ul. Lubelska 25, 30-003 Kraków, Tel. 12 633 34 69,
8. Greek Catholic Church Of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, ul. Wiślna 11, 31-007 Krakow, Tel. 12 429 28 61,
9. Parish of the Evangelical-Methodist Church in Poland, ul. Długa 3 31-147 Kraków, Tel. 12 431 14 58,
10. Parish of the Church of God in Poland - the Church of Jesus Christ in Krakow, ul. Golikówka 12, 30-723 Krakow, e-mail: biuro@kjch.pl.

The method of organizing the above-mentioned classes is specified in the Regulation of the Minister of National Education of 14 April 1992 on the conditions and manner of organizing religious education in public nursery schools and schools. ([Journal of Laws 2020, Item 983](#))

Teachers' education – multicultural education

Each year, teachers from Krakow schools receive financial support from the City of Krakow for the studies and courses they undertake to improve their qualifications.

Under the currently applicable [Regulation No. 1094/2021 of the President of the City of Krakow of 22 April 2021 on the plan for funding some forms of professional development of teachers in 2021 and defining the rules for granting funds to teachers employed in schools and institutions run by the Municipality of Krakow](#) the following methods of professional development are prioritised and financed **up to 95%**: postgraduate studies/qualification courses/industrial training/other forms of qualifications in the field and in specialities related to, among others:

- **Teaching Polish as a foreign language,**
- **Multicultural and intercultural education.**

- Applications for funding the qualifying education may be submitted by:
 - the teachers who upgrade their qualifications in accordance with the human resources and organizational needs of the school/facility,
 - the teachers who received the financed training during the period in which they were employed by the school/facility run by the Municipality of Krakow for an indefinite or specified period, not shorter than 1 school year, with at least a half-time job,
 - the teachers who have completed a qualification course, industrial training, another form of education or a given semester of: undergraduate studies providing the right to teach a second subject, uniform or supplementary master's studies, postgraduate studies, or doctoral studies.

- The funding is available no later than one year from the date of completion of the requested: semester of study, qualification course, industrial training or other form providing qualifications, and submission of an application meets all the following conditions:
 - in the time when the application is processed, the teacher is an employee of the school/local government institution,
 - during the financed training, the teacher is an employee of the school/local government institution.
- The teachers who apply for funding the qualifying training should apply the Lodgement of Documents of the Krakow City Hall, in accordance with the template given in Appendix No. 1 to the rules for granting funding for tuition fees, charged by teachers' training institutions and universities to teachers employed by schools and institutions conducted by the Municipality of Krakow and the procedure of appointing and operating the Commission for granting the above-mentioned funding along with the following documents:
 - a copy of the diploma of graduation/qualification course/industrial training /other forms providing qualifications or a current certificate of a university/accredited in-service teacher training institution confirming that the applicant, while studying in the above-mentioned school/facility in a specific field, completed a semester/qualification course/industrial training/another form of qualifications for which the funds were granted,
 - a certificate of a university/accredited in-service training facility for 3 teachers specifying the dates, i.e. day/month/year of completion: for each semester of studies/qualification course/industrial training/another form of qualification requested by the teacher,
 - a photocopy of the payment document issued to the teacher confirming the payment of the fee, e.g. a printout of the transfer cash payment confirmation, a certificate or an accounting document within the meaning of the applicable provisions of the Accounting Act, containing the data listed in Art. 21, Par. 1, Points 1-4 of the Act.
- Deadline for submitting the applications:
 - until April 30,
 - until September 30.
- Deadlines for considering the applications:
 - until May 31,
 - until October 31.

The rules for granting funding for tuition fees and the application form are available on the website [Educational Portal](#) and [Of the Public Information Bulletin](#).

Useful links

References to the websites of the Krakow City Hall and other institutions:

- **Department of Social Policy and Health - Information Point for Foreigners** - Department for Multiculturalism, Social Projects and Equality Policy
https://otwarty.krakow.pl/217944.artykul.punkt_informacyjny_dla_obcokrajowcow_w_krakowie_.html

- **Department for Entrepreneurship and Innovation** -

Urząd Miasta Krakowa
 WYDZIAŁ EDUKACJI
 tel. +48 12 616 52 00, fax +48 12 616 52 01, ek.umk@um.krakow.pl
 30-103 Kraków, ul. Stachowicza 18
www.krakow.pl



<https://www.bip.krakow.pl/?id=32&sub=struktura&query=id%3D1295024%26pz%3D1>

- Lesser Poland Board of Education in Krakow <https://kuratorium.krakow.pl/>
- Education Development Centre in Warsaw - [Multiculturalism at school/foreign student - Center for Education Development \(ore.edu.pl\)](#),
- Internationaler Bund Foundation Polska - Multicultural Center, which is an information point for foreigners in Krakow, where you can receive, among others, free legal aid, psychological support and the services of translators and foreign assistants. For more information, please visit:
<https://ib-polska.pl/centrum-wielokulturowe-w-krakowie/punkt-informacyjny-dla-obcokrajowcow/>
<https://ib-polska.pl/co-robimy/edukacja-dzieci-mlodziezy-i-doroslych/>
- Małopolska Voivodship Office - <https://www.malopolska.uw.gov.pl/default.aspx?page=cudziemcy>
- Specialist Psychological and Pedagogical Counselling Center for Children with Educational Failures - <https://poradnia-psychologiczna.com/dzieci-z-doswiadczeniem-migracyjnym>

Urząd Miasta Krakowa
WYDZIAŁ EDUKACJI
tel. +48 12 616 52 00, fax +48 12 616 52 01, ek.umk@um.krakow.pl
30-103 Kraków, ul. Stachowicza 18
www.krakow.pl

