Czech Education System

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Czech education system: structure

Age of students

Zařízení pro péči o děti do tří let	Mateřská škola	Základní škola
První stupeň	Druhý stupeň	

Dětská skupina

Střední škola (Všeobecné obory)

Střední škola

(Odborné obory)

(Nástavbové studium)

(Zkrácené studium)

Konzervatoř

source: Eurydice, 2019
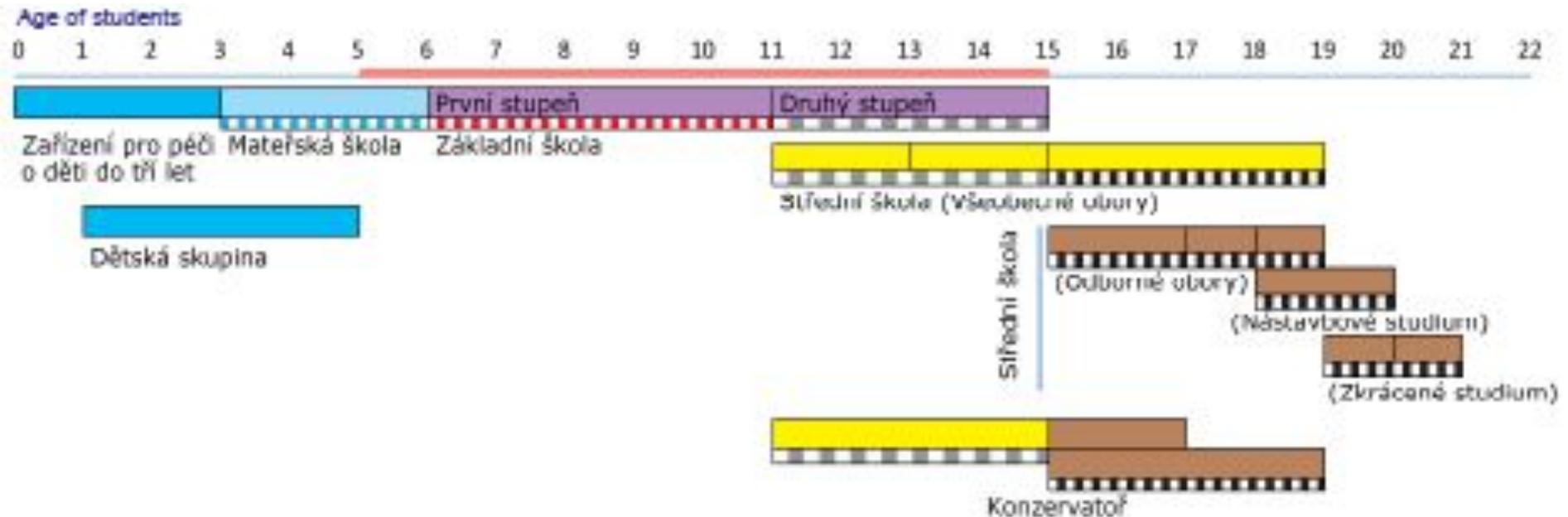
Czech education system: stages and curriculum

- **Stages**
  - preschool (3 - 6)
    - ISCED 0
  - "elementary" = primary + lower-secondary (6 - 15)
    - ISCED 1+2
  - upper-secondary (15 - 18/19)
    - ISCED 3

- **Curriculum levels**
  - National curriculum
  - School curriculum

Upper-secondary schools: types

- **Secondary vocational school I (SOU - střední odborné učiliště)**
  - finished with apprenticeship certificate, 3 years
  - 30 % of students
- **Secondary vocational school II (SOŠ - střední odborná škola)**
  - secondary school certificate ("Maturita"), 4 years
  - 43 % of students
- **General upper-secondary school (gymnázium)**
  - secondary school certificate ("Maturita"), 4 years
  - 22 % of students
- **Other types**

source: National Institute for Education (NÚV), 2019

Upper-secondary schools: types of statutory authorities

- **public**
  - 75 % of schools, 84 % of students
- **private**
  - 22 % of schools, 14 % of students
- **church**
  - 3 % of schools, 2 % of students

Czech education system: challenges and opportunities

- detachment from real life
- knowledge vs. competence/s
- compulsory testing
- curriculum, freedom, state supervision
- lack of teachers, age of teachers
- low status of profession
- quality of teacher-training preparation
- "teacher brain drain"
- finances - 2.7 % of GDP
- little added value of the education vs. family impact
- administrative overload

source: EDUin, 2017

Czech education system: challenges and opportunities

- quality of education
- knowledge vs. competence/s
- curriculum, freedom, state supervision
- existence of private and church schools
- accessibility of schools, variety
  - small schools in small communities
  - schools for gifted
  - inclusive education
  - school canteens, lunch programme
  - free universities, accessibility

source: CVVM, 2019

Thank you for your attention

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