

8.2 Secondary Education

The inspected secondary schools had 189 foreign students, which is 4% of the total student bodies. All of the students were legal residents of the Czech Republic. 155 of these foreign students were from non-EU countries. Compared to the previous school year, the percentage of students from other EU countries had increased. Most of the foreign students attending Czech secondary schools were nationals of Vietnam, Russia, the Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Slovakia. When enrolling in a secondary school, most of the foreign students undergo standard acceptance procedures.

School administrators, as well as the teachers, seem to have a good level of knowledge of the issues associated with educating foreign students. The concept plans of the schools are based on the available national and regional strategic planning documents. The school educational programmes at two of the grammar schools visited contained well-prepared strategies for educating foreign students and implementing multicultural educational programmes.

63% of the teachers at the inspected secondary schools can communicate in at least one foreign language. 11% of the teachers have completed some type of foreign language continuing education programme and almost 10% of the teachers have participated in training programmes with a multicultural educational focus. CSI found no situations in which foreign students were being taught in their native language and the foreign students themselves didn't seem to be interested in this alternative.