

5 After School and Leisure Education

After school and leisure education takes place in schools, in after-school child care centres, school clubs and leisure or youth centres. All these facilities provide participants with an opportunity of spending their leisure time meaningfully. All the mentioned facilities also contribute to prevention of social pathologies and risk behaviour in children and teenagers.

After school care centres and school clubs usually offer educational activities which happen regularly and are usually planned but the degree of spontaneity is much higher when compared to school education. Similarly, leisure or youth centres also offer regular and planned activities but in addition to that they also organize camping trips and lectures, they care for gifted children and pupils, and in cooperation with schools and other institutions organize competitions and different kind of quizzes.

In the reporting period of the school years 2012/2013 to 2014/2015 there is an overall increase in the number of after school and leisure education facilities and the number of participants in these forms of education is rising.

Figure 6

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After school and leisure education	2014/2015
Number of after school care facilities	4 004
Number of school clubs	552
Number of leisure/youth centres	312
Number of registered participants in after school care centres	301 990
Number of registered participants in school clubs	44 873
Number of registered participants in leisure/youth centres	272 744
Number of inspected facilities	169
Number of activity observations	286

As a result of an ongoing rise in the number of first grade pupils of primary schools and pupils in preparatory classes, an effort is made to increase the capacity of after school care centers and school clubs by the school directors. There is a tendency to increase the number of school clubs and to accept as many pupils as the capacity allows. Unfortunately, the capacity of after school care centers still does not meet the demand and especially older pupils of 4th and 5th grades are often not accepted.

Figure 7

Number of participant in after school and leisure education

Monitored parameter (Ministry of Education statistics)	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015
Registered participants – after school care centres	269 935	284 177	301 990
Registered participants – school clubs	44 950	44 547	44 873
Registered participants – leisure/youth centres	268 379	270 699	272 744

In the school year 2014/2015, the Czech School Inspectorate carried out inspections in 169 facilities providing after school or leisure education.

After school and leisure education is typically provided for a fee, which is turned into an income of legal persons performing activities of the school or school facility. In the process of the fee creation, the founder ought to reflect regional economic factors and conditions. In smaller communities, there is a tendency to determine the amount of fee at the cost of subsidizing the facility.