

Enrolment of Children in the 1st Grade of Primary School for the 2026/2027 School Year in Banská Bystrica

Place and Time of Enrolment

Enrolment for primary school takes place **from April 1 to April 30**, of the calendar year in which the child is to begin compulsory school attendance. This is stipulated by Act No. 245/2008 Coll. on Education and Training (the School Act). According to § 20, paragraph 3 of the School Act, the founding authority of the school determines the place and the specific time of enrolment. The dates of the ceremonial enrolment in April 2026 in 11 primary schools administered by the City of Banská Bystrica are listed in the table following this text.

According to § 20, paragraph 2 of the School Act, parents (legal guardians) of the child are required to register the child for compulsory school attendance at a primary school within the time period established by law.

Enrolment Procedure

Due to the amendment to the School Act effective from January 1, 2026, the registration of a child for compulsory school attendance in April 2026 will take place for the first time in electronic form via the portal of the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic – <https://eprihlasky.iedu.sk>. For the **2026/2027** school year, applications are submitted **from April 1 to April 30, 2026**; from the following school year, the procedure will change. At the same time, it is still possible to submit the application in written (paper) form using the form approved by the Ministry of Education – in person, by post, by courier or by e-mail.

The legal guardian first submits an electronic application (or a written one) to the primary school, after which they participate in the enrolment directly at the primary school. The electronic school application portal covers the entire process of registering children on primary education, from selecting a school to receiving the acceptance decision. More information can be found directly on the portal <https://eprihlasky.iedu.sk>, and it is also necessary to follow current information on the websites of primary schools and the City of Banská Bystrica as their founding authority.

Conditions of Enrolment

A legal guardian is required to register a child for compulsory school attendance if the child reaches **the age of six** by midnight on August 31 of the relevant calendar year and **has permanent residence in the Slovak Republic**. The obligation of the legal guardian to register their child for compulsory school attendance at a primary school applies to all children regardless of whether they have reached school readiness.

If a child, after reaching the age of six, is not ready for school, **the kindergarten may decide** to continue compulsory pre-primary education based on a written consent of the relevant counselling and prevention centre, a written consent of a paediatrician and the informed consent of the legal guardian.

If the child's legal guardian requests that a child who has not yet reached the age of six be exceptionally admitted to compulsory school attendance, the application for enrolment must include a positive consent of the relevant counselling and prevention centre and a positive consent of a general practitioner for children and adolescents.

If a child has permanent residence in the Slovak Republic but lives abroad, parents are still required to submit an electronic application during the enrolment period for primary schools in the Slovak Republic. During enrolment, they must inform the school that the child will attend school abroad and submit a written request to the primary school school director for permission to study outside the territory of the Slovak Republic.

Catchment School

According to § 20, paragraphs 5 and 6 of the School Act, a pupil fulfils compulsory school attendance at the primary school of the school district in which they have permanent residence (hereinafter referred to as the “catchment school”), unless the legal guardian chooses another primary school for their child.

A pupil may fulfil compulsory school attendance at a school other than their catchment school if that primary school admits the student for primary school. The headteacher of the catchment school is required to give priority to accepting students who have permanent residence in the school district of the catchment school for compulsory school attendance.

School Districts in the Territory of the City of Banská Bystrica

Based on the generally binding ordinances of the City of Banská Bystrica (VZN No. 4/2018), 11 school districts have been established for the following primary schools:

First school district – Primary School, Pieninská 27, Banská Bystrica

Second school district – Primary School, Sitnianska 32, Banská Bystrica

Third school district – Primary School, Ďumbierska 17, Banská Bystrica

Fourth joint school district – Ján Bakoss Primary school and Kindergarten, Bakossova 5, Banská Bystrica

Fifth joint school district – Primary School SNP, Trieda SNP 20, Banská Bystrica

Sixth joint school district – Primary School, Golianova 8, Banská Bystrica

Seventh joint school district – Primary School J. G. Tajovského, Gaštanová 12, Banská Bystrica

Eighth school district – Primary School, Spojová 14, Banská Bystrica

Ninth school district – Primary School, Moskovská 2, Banská Bystrica

Tenth joint school district – Primary School and Kindergarten, Radvanská 1, Banská Bystrica

Eleventh school district – Primary School SSV, Skuteckého 8, Banská Bystrica

Students are assigned to individual school districts based on the street addresses of their permanent residence. The exception is the 11th district, which forms classes for children with exceptional intellectual abilities from the entire territory of the City of Banská Bystrica.

Enrolment of children **from April 1 to April 30, 2026** is also intended for Ukrainian children and students whose permanent place of residence is the City of Banská Bystrica.

Enrolment to the 1st Grade of Primary School — Dates of the Ceremonial Enrolment

Primary School	Dates of the Ceremonial Enrolment
Ján Bakoss Primary School and Kindergarten, Bakossova 5	22 Apr & 23 Apr 2026 13:00 – 18:00
Primary School with Kindergarten, Radvanská 1	14 Apr & 15 Apr 2026 10:00 – 17:30
Primary School, Ďumbierska 17	16 Apr 2026 13:00 – 18:00
Primary School J. G. Tajovského, Gaštanová 12	13 Apr 2026 14:00 – 18:00 14 Apr 2026 14:00 – 17:00
Primary School, Golianova 8	13 Apr 2026 13:00 – 18:00 14 Apr 2026 13:00 – 17:00
Primary School, Moskovská 2	13 Apr & 14 Apr 2026 13:00 – 17:00
Primary School, Pieninská 27	14 Apr & 15 Apr 2026 15:00 – 18:00
Primary School, Sitnianska 32	14 Apr 2026 13:00 – 18:00 15 Apr 2026 14:00 – 17:00
Primary School, Spojová 14	21 Apr & 22 Apr 2026 13:00 – 18:00
Primary School SSV, Skuteckého 8	9 Apr 2026 14:00 – 18:00
Primary School SNP, Trieda SNP 20	9 Apr 2026 13:00 – 18:00

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