

The Rights and Duties of Parents, the Legal Background of the Parents – School Relations in the Republic of Hungary.

Education Act (Ug.), 13 – 14 §

Ug. 14.§ (2)

Ug 59.§ Governmental Decree regarding the Work of Educational Facilities

Duration of Compulsory Education in Hungary:

- pupils commencing education before 1998: 16 years.
- pupils commencing education after 1998: 18 years.

Parents' Rights:

- free choice of educational establishments
- access to the pedagogical programme of the establishment
- regular notification with regard to the development, the behaviour, and the school performance of the pupil
- answer to written questions within 15 days

Parents may:

- participate in classes after obtaining the headmaster's allowance
- elect and being elected into the parent council
- make decisions regarding their interests
- appeal to the ministerial representative

Parent's Duties:

- must ensure the physical, psychological, emotional, and moral development of their child
- must ensure the child's compulsory education
- must follow their child's performance in school
- must entertain regular contact with the child's teachers
- must support the child's integration with the educational establishment
- must do everything to ensure the implementation of the child's rights
- must take into account the dignity of the establishment's civil servants.

Parental Organisations

Parental advisory board:

For the implementation of their rights parents may install parental organizations. They may take decisions regarding the functioning and the procedures of those. They may animate the setting up of an own school system. They may track the implementation of the pupils' rights.

They may ask the headmaster for information regarding questions of education. They may participate in teachers' conferences and where they have advisory rights. They have the right to consent regarding the adoption of the pedagogic programme and the house rules of the establishment.

#### School council

Goal: facilitation of collaboration

The council shall consist of teaching staff, parental organisations, pupils' councils, and the school provider. They have the right of consent regarding the conclusion of organisational and working regulations, as well as regarding the house rules.

They have the right to examine the educational arrangements of the school.

They have the right to propose the headmaster and his way of management.



## Socrates

This project has been funded with support from the European Commission.

This publication [communication] reflects the views only of the author, and the Commission cannot be held responsible for any use which may be made of the information contained therein.