

Our laws and policies that address the right to education:

- Constitution of the Republic of Kosova,
- Law on Early Childhood Education
- Law on Pre-University Education,
- Law on Vocational Education and Training,
- Law on adult education and training,
- Law on Education Inspection in Kosova,
- Law on Education in Municipalities of Republic of Kosova
- Law on Gender Equality
- Law against Discrimination,
- Law against trafficking
- AI.no 16/2011for the transition of high school students from one educational profile to another from one school to another school Administrative Instruction 08/2018 on the establishment and empowerment of EPRBM in pre-university education
- AI.no. 03/2012 Recognition and equivalence of pre-university education documents,
- AI.no.86/2020 on the systematization of students in schools who have returned from migration and lack relevant educational documents,
- AI.no.01/2016 "Organization of Language Courses and Additional Learning"
- Guidelines for Adult Education (AI 01/14 and AI 12/2014, etc.)
- AI.no. 06/2022 on the assessment of students in pre-university education of the Republic of Kosovo
- Kosovo Education Sector Strategic Plan (KESP),
- National Plan against Abandonment,

There are a number of international conventions and standards, which require equal access and opportunities in quality education, therefore with our laws, we have an obligation to take all necessary measures to ensure the right to education for all citizens, regardless of gender, ethnicity, ability and other status.



The Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI) calls for the awareness of all responsible institutions: educational, health, social, etc., together with the parent community and other groups of interest, to mobilize in prevention, identification, reporting, referral and the effective treatment of dropout cases

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Equal education opportunities to all

**Week against Abandonment:
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When we talk about schools and students / children in pre-university education, we are referring exclusively to the Convention on the Children's Right, as a treaty that comprehensively covers the children's rights in every corner of the world. Relying on the basic principles of this convention, states orient national policies, therefore they are the basis of universal rights for every child / individual: Non-Discrimination, Participation, Best Interest of the Child and Development of Full Potential.

Based on these principles, educational institutions should take care of participation and inclusion in quality education, ensuring the development of children within their full potential.

Current education laws, together with accompanying sub-legal acts address equal opportunities and inclusive access to quality education.

Barriers of various natures within the education system, especially those of access to education, related to many individual, family, social factors with different social, economic, health and cultural contexts, require multidisciplinary approaches, therefore we have other relevant laws such as: The Law on Social and Family Services, the Provisional Code of Criminal Procedure, the Law on Police, Health, etc., which, together with regulations and other institutional mechanisms, require our full cooperation to function as links of the state in addressing the problems which we face.

According to the legislation in force, the Ministry of Education and Science, municipalities, educational institutions and the community are taking all reasonable steps to ensure that educational institutions are quality, comprehensive, humane and safe (we also have the system of prevention and referral of violence in schools) as required by education policies, including standards for friendly schools, curricula and every link in the education system.

This year we have continued to support municipalities for the functioning of school and municipal teams. In cooperation with ECMI and UNICEF, we have held support sessions for primary and lower secondary school teams as well as support sessions for higher secondary school teams. The sessions were held in 15 municipalities (Kamenica, Gjilan, Podujeva, Ferizaj, Shtime, Suhareka, Peja, Gjakova, Lipjan, Dragash, Fushe Kosova, Mitrovica, Prizren, Obiliq, Vushtrri. In this framework, the municipalities are being supported in drafting their action plans for prevention and response to abandonment, which we expect to achieve significant results.

MESTI has also drafted a package of 12 thematic modules for child protection, in accordance with the topics addressed by the law on child protection. Along with other modules, dropping out of school, prevention of early marriages, prevention of trafficking and non-discrimination are also addressed.

Furthermore, MESTI also held working meetings with the municipalities: Skenderaj, Viti, Drenas and Deçan, with the OSCE support. According to the EMIS reports, this year we have 191 (0.09%) dropout students in education 1-9, of them 102 boys and 89 girls. While, 1005 or 2.33% dropout students in education 10-12, of them 792 boys and 213 girls.

In the Early Warning System (EWS) of dropout, within the Information Management System in Education, there are ongoing reports, although still few. In this system, we have the following reports over the years. Cases at risk of dropping out:

School year	Cases at risk of abandonment
2018/19	133 cases
2019/20	53 cases
2020/21	67 cases
2021/22	49 cases
2022/23	81 cases

Treating cases at risk of dropping out has a direct impact on reducing dropping out. We consider the reporting schools to be of high quality, because they are devoted to the treatment of problems that challenge the well-being and development of children.

Table 1. Schools that reported to the EWS in 2022/23

1	Prishtinë	Asim Vokshi
2	Prishtinë	Gjergj Fishta
3	Prishtinë	Iliria
4	Prishtinë	Naim Frashëri
5	Prishtinë	Pjetër Bogdani
6.	Prishtinë	Hilmi Rakovica
7.	Prishtinë	Shkëndija
8	Prishtinë	Emin Duraku
9	Prishtinë	Meto Bajraktari
10	Prishtinë	Avni Rrustemi
11	Prishtinë	Zenel Hajdini
12	Vushtrri	SHMU2
13	Vushtrri	SHMU - 1
14	Vushtrri	Anton Zako Çajupi
15	Vushtrri	Dobërllukë
16	Vushtrri	Mustafë Venhari 2
17	Gjakovë	Mustafa Bakija 1
18	Gjakovë	Zekirja Rexha
19	Gjakovë	Selman Riza
20	Gjakovë	Yll Morina
21	Gjakovë	Isa Boletini
22	Mitrovicë	Fazli Greiçevci
23	Mitrovicë	Arkitekt Sinani
24	Ferizaj	Tefik Çanga
25	Viti	Dëshmorët e Vitisë
26	Fushë Kosovë	Vëllezërit Frashëri 2
27	Shtime	Naim Frashëri