

Delegation of Estonia

Right of Reply

I would like to thank the Russian School in Estonia for its comments regarding providing education in Russian language in Estonia and clarify some of the issues.

In Estonia, Russian-language education is available in public and private schools at all levels – preschool, basic, and secondary – as well as in vocational schools and in some higher education institutions. Basic school education (grades 1-9) is mandatory and the language of instruction in these schools is determined by their owners, usually the municipal government.

Even after the transition of partial Estonian-language instruction, the fully Russian-language basic schools in Estonia will remain unchanged. In secondary school, 40% of subjects will still be taught in Russian and the number of Russian language and literature classes, which is currently equal to the number of Estonian language and literature classes taught in fully Estonian-language secondary schools, will not decrease.