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# UNGRADED SCHOOLS OF KAZAKHSTAN

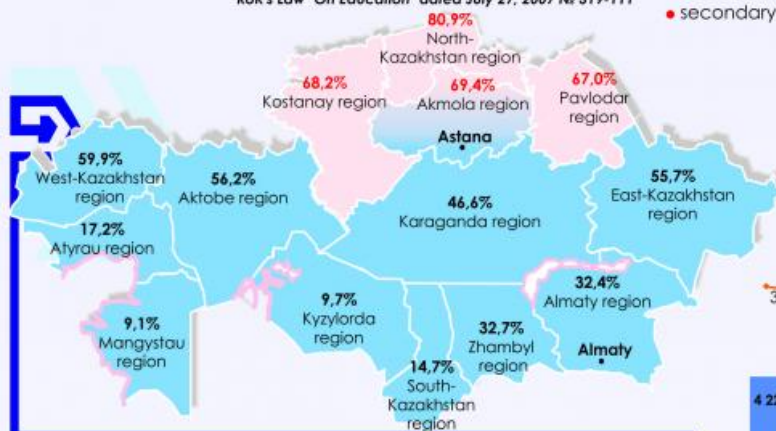
"Ungraded school (UGS) - regular school with a small contingent of students, combined class-sets<sup>1</sup> and with a specific form of organization of training sessions"

RoK's Law "On Education" dated July 27, 2007 № 319-111

In every populated area with a small number of population, functioning of the following is guaranteed:

- primary UGS with the number of pupils from 5 to 40 persons
- main UGS - from 41 to 80 persons
- secondary UGS - from 81 to 180 persons

Order of RoK MES dd September 17, 2013 № 375



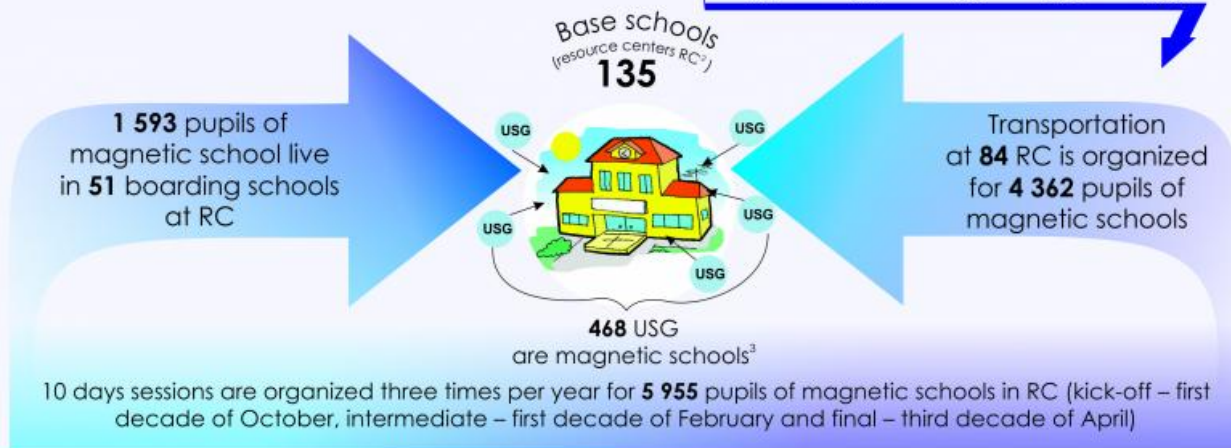
In Kazakhstan, 3 161 (214 551 pupils) or 44.2% of UGS operate, which is 107 schools less in comparison with the year 2014.

The reduction is due to their reorganization into complete schools and through the merger of UGS.

The largest number of UGS is in the regions with a low population density.



## UGS issues decision in Kazakhstan



## UGS in international practice

**Canada.** Since 1996, more than 900 small rural schools are closed. In addition to this policy, a system of transportation (bus) is designed. Pupils are provided with the transport at long distances in larger schools.

**USA.** Currently, the authorities are trying to save every, even the smallest village school. If, however, there is a little number of pupils in the area, so-called one-room schools are created.

The bottom line is that one teacher works with children of different ages. Every child is learning on the individual program. The main difference of these schools in America – material rewarding of teachers. Teachers wages in the rural UGS is twice more than in the urban.

**Finland.** The particular relevance has formed towards the rural UGS. Even if there is one child in a district, the school is not closed, it operates. The program "Agriculture Movement" is implemented.

The largest network of UGS is located in Lapland region. In case of absence of boarding schools in the region, children may be transported to schools for a distance of one hundred kilometers. The local municipality rents a special taxi for the transportation and pays all expenses.

<sup>1</sup> Class-set - a permanent group of children, learning under a single annual curricula and programs according to the regular schedule. Class-sets may be of the same age and different age.

<sup>2</sup> Base school (resource center) - an organization of secondary education, on the base of which educational resources of nearby UGS are consolidated for short-term training sessions and interim and final assessment of pupils in order to ensure the access to the qualitative education for pupils of UGS.

<sup>3</sup> Magnetic schools: UGS assigned for the base school (resource center) by the order of the district (city) educational department.

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