

**THE FINANCING OF PUBLIC EDUCATION, WITH SPECIAL  
REGARD TO THE HUNGARIAN REGULATION**

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**ABSTRACT:** *Public education is one of the main parts of the public tasks which is undergoing continuous changes, and whose funding issues become an increasingly important area. Competitiveness, economic and social development are important for every society, and in order to achieve these, it is essential to evolve a modern education system. In the introduction the study analyses the issue of private and public funding of public education, under which we can state that public financing plays the most important role. Then the article discusses the problems of public education since the change of regime in Hungary. Continuous changes have been made in the system, but in the recent past a radical pursuit of centralization prevails, the state both in terms of governance and funding took over the school system. The study shows the financial aspects of the financing of public education and the levels of funding, then presents an international comparison of the Hungarian system. It is shown that the resources devoted to the Hungarian public education are reducing year by year. In conclusion we can see that the quality of public education continues to deteriorate, which can only further worsened by the decline in resources.*

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