

Abstract

This M.A. thesis deals with the integration of the Roma minority in the context of an elementary school with specialized sport classes.

The theoretical part of the thesis focuses on the aspects relating to the history of the Roma ethnic group in the Czech Republic as well as on the attitudes and relations between the Roma minority and the majority society. It also closely addresses the issue of integration and the integration processes having taken place until now. Since the research deals with sport as a possible means of integration, the theoretical part summarizes the hitherto gained experience with sport as an integration instrument.

The practical research was conducted at an elementary school in Krupka in the Ústecký region with a strong representation of the Roma ethnic group. The research work focused on the teachers' reactions to the following three issues: the integration itself (and its significance, hitherto applied efforts and conceptions), the problematic aspects of the education and behaviour of the Roma children and the involvement of the Roma in the school sport activities.