

Evaluating Foreign Transcripts



A Resource Guide for School Districts

Provided by the Rhode Island Department of Education



Foreword

This document was adapted from guidance produced by the Office of Youth Development and School-Community Services (OYDSCS) of the New York City Department of Education (DOE). The original document can be found at <http://schools.nyc.gov/Teachers/guidance/Academic/default.htm>.

It is intended as a reference tool for districts to assist school staff members with evaluating foreign transcripts for students newly enrolling from other countries.

When using this manual it is important to keep in mind that several school systems and grading policies might exist within each country, as in the United States. Careful judgment and discretion are advised when utilizing the information presented in this manual. The information provides a general picture of the most commonly used systems in other countries and grading scales, recommended courses, and the equivalent credit within U.S. schools.

Evaluators are advised to:

- Carefully examine all official documents for authenticity.
- Ensure that translations are provided by a qualified source.
- Interview entering students and their parents/guardians.
- Contact the sending school, embassy, Ministry of Education or other authorized agencies when necessary.

School Responsibility

Schools or districts are responsible for conducting the evaluation of the transcript.

Each school or district should have a well-defined procedure, including the roles and responsibilities of staff members involved, for timely evaluation of transcripts according to guidelines set forth in this manual.

Recommended Practice for Evaluating Transcripts

The following are recommended procedures for evaluating transcripts:

1. Examine official documents for authenticity.
2. Ensure transcripts in a language other than English are translated by a competent translator available within the school or region. In the event there is no available translator, the district may contract for translation with a local translation/interpretation company. A directory may be found at <http://www.riedc.com/business-services/international-trade-and-exporting/resource-directory/translation-interpreting-services>.

Documents translated by family members should not be accepted as official documents. All translations should be verbatim without interpretation or evaluation of information.

3. Interview the student and parent/guardian to review the transcript and prior studies in order

to obtain clarification on curriculum, amount of time spent in each course, grading policies and other pertinent information helpful to the evaluation process. The recommended statewide ELL identification procedure contains a parent interview that will ensure the necessary information is gathered to satisfy criterion. It may be found at http://www.ride.ri.gov/applications/ell/who-are-ells/ri_ells.php.

4. Determine if content course placement testing is necessary in those cases in which information or achievement is unclear. This is distinct from language proficiency testing for ELL program placement. That procedure and those criteria are outlined in the recommended statewide ELL identification procedure document at http://www.ride.ri.gov/applications/ell/who-are-ells/ri_ells.php.
5. Refer to the Country Index (Section II of this manual) to assist with the conversion of grades to award appropriate course and grade credit.
6. Follow established school procedures for ensuring that transfer credit is updated on the student's official transcript.
7. Establish a procedure for informing student and parent of the results of the evaluation.
8. Maintain all documentation in the student's official file.
9. Notify and consult with receiving teachers and Department Supervisors or Heads for academic content course placements and award of academic credits based on transcript review. Coordinate with the ELL director to ensure proper ELL program placement and also to ensure that all content teachers are aware of ELL needs.
10. Ensure the evaluation process is completed in a timely manner.

Transfer Credit

Transfer credits to a high school student transferring from another state or another country are awarded by the receiving district in accordance with L-6-3.1 of the Board of Regents Secondary School Regulations (<http://sos.ri.gov/documents/archives/regdocs/released/pdf/DESE/6433.pdf>)

L-6-3.1. Coursework requirements.

(a) LEAs shall formally adopt coursework graduation requirements that (1) apply to all students within the LEA and (2) require successful completion of at least twenty academic courses or the equivalent that include demonstrations of proficiency in the six core content areas. The twenty courses must include the following: four courses of English Language Arts, four courses of mathematics (three mathematics courses and one math-related course), three courses of science, and three courses of history/social studies. The additional six required courses are presumed to include, but not limited to, world languages, the arts, physical education and health, and technology pursuant to LEA policies and applicable state law. Designation as a content-area course, e.g. "mathematics" or "science," shall be an LEA decision based upon alignment to relevant state adopted standards and, in those content areas not defined by state-adopted standards, other recognized content standards. All courses must be of scope and rigor

sufficient to allow students to achieve the minimum level of proficiency required by section L-6-3.0 of these regulations.

The selection and scheduling of courses shall be consistent with the needs of individual students and, to the maximum degree possible, students' individual learning plans (ILPs). LEAs shall provide students with additional opportunities beyond the minimum required in accordance with students' individual learning plans (ILPs). LEA graduation requirements must satisfy all curricular requirements set forth in General Laws and applicable Board of Regents regulations.

(b) Students can meet the requirements set forth in this section through enrollment in a state approved career and technical program, expanded learning opportunities, dual enrollment, on-line learning, and other non-traditional academic and career-readiness programs. Recognition of these learning opportunities as fulfilling the coursework graduation requirements in this section is a local decision and shall be predicated on alignment to state adopted standards and/or other relevant national and/or industry standards.

Transfer Credit is awarded for work done outside the high school awarding the credit.

The appropriate school personnel should evaluate the transcript or other records of a transfer student enrolling in their school. Based on the student's transcript or other records, the district should award the appropriate units of transfer credit towards a high school diploma.

The decision as to whether or not to award transfer credit for work done at educational institutions other than Rhode Island registered high schools shall be based on whether the record indicates that the work is consistent with the district's standards and is of comparable scope and quality to that which would have been done in the school awarding the credit.

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AFGHANISTAN

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 13
Grades 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 29%

School Year

The academic year runs from April through November. Schools are closed for the winter due to the lack of heating facilities.

	AFGHANISTAN EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary	1-6	6-12	1-5	6-11
Middle School / Lower Secondary	Entrance exam (academic or vocational)		6-8	11-13 (14)
	7-9	12-14		
	End of compulsory education			
High School / Upper Secondary	10-12	15-17	9-12	14-18
	Certificate of upper-secondary completion		Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

After completing 6th grade, students take an exam allowing them to enter either middle school or a vocational school for 3 years. The 9th grade completes their compulsory education. After the 9th grade, students may take an examination to enter 3 years of either an academic or vocational upper school.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Afghanistan Equivalent				Recommended US Equivalent	
9-10	A	Excellent	4	90%	
7-8	B	Good	3	80%	
5-6	C	Fair	2	70%	
3.5-4	D	Poor	0	55%	
0-3	F	Failure	0	50%	

ALBANIA

Compulsory Education: Ages 7 to 15
Grades 1 through 8

Adult Literacy Rate: 100%

School Year

There are six half-days of school per week. Elementary (primary) runs from 8:00 AM to noon; Secondary runs from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

	ALBANIA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	Pre-school	5-6	1-8	6-14
	1-8	7-14	Elementary & Middle	
	Exam*			
Secondary	9-12	15-18	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Students continue to vocational or academic comprehensive secondary high school based on primary completion exam.

Tracking

There is no tracking in the elementary school level. Classes are intentionally mixed so that students will benefit from the presence of higher academically-advantaged students. There is voluntary tracking on the secondary school level.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Albania Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
Excellent	5	90%
Good	4	80%
Fair	3	70%
Failure	2	F
Failure	1	F

Passing is a grade of 3 or higher.

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Compulsory Education: Ages 5 to 15
11 years

Adult Literacy Rate: 88% (lowest in the Commonwealth Caribbean)

School Year

The school year is divided into trimesters and runs from mid-September to mid-July, 5 days a week. Primary school hours are 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM; Secondary school hours are 8:00 AM -1:30 PM.

	ANTIGUA & BARBUDA EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary/Elementary	INFANT SCHOOL:		1-5	6-11
	1 year	4-5		
	PRIMARY:			
	6 years	5-11		
Intermediate/Post-Primary	Pass national exam at end		6-8	11-13(14)
	3 years	12-15		
Secondary High School	Must pass a national certificate exam		9-12	14-18
	2 years	16-17		
	To receive diploma must pass the Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Secondary school exam		Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

Students who do not meet the standards based on the post-primary national exam will be placed on a vocational educational track which may include cooperative work study programs.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Antigua and Barbuda Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
A+	10	95%
A	8-9	90%
B	7	80%
C	6	70%
D	4-5	65%
E	3	55%
F	1-2	50%

Additional Resources

Ministry of Education, Human Development and Culture
E-mail: doristeen.etinoff@ab.gov.ag

ARGENTINA

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 15
Grades 1 through 10

Adult Literacy Rate: 95%

School Year

The school year begins in the first week of March and ends in the first week of December. The winter vacation consists of two weeks in July. Summer vacation is for the two months of December and January. Five hours of school per day is mandated. There are five periods per day. In much of the country each school has two or three shifts due to the large population of school-age youngsters.

	ARGENTINA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	Pre-primary 1-9	5 6-14/15	1-5	6-11
Intermediate			6-8	11-13 (14)
Secondary* High School	Polimodal	15-17(18)	9-12	14-18
	1 year: Commercial diploma 2 years: General academic diploma 3 years: Technical studies diploma		Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

There is no tracking in primary school. On the secondary level, the main classes are the same for all the students but there is voluntary tracking. Each student can choose between:

- Bachillerato Mercantil (Commercial diploma)
- Bachillerato Nacional (General studies diploma)
- Bachillerato Technico (Technical studies diploma)

Grading System (Varies by School)

Argentina Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent	
Sobresaliente	9-10	A	95%
Distinguido	7-8	B	85%
Bueno	5-6	C	75%
Aprobado	4-4.9	D	65%
Insuficiente	0-3.9	F	55%
Aplazado	0-3.9	F	50%
Reprobado	0-3.9	F	45%

Passing is a grade of 4 or higher.

BANGLADESH

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 11
Grades 1 through 5

Adult Literacy Rate: 35%

School Year

The academic year runs from January through December for schools up to 10th grade, and July to June for higher grades. School is generally in session for 220 days, with 5.5 days per week.

	BANGLADESH EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	1-5	6-11	1-5	6-11
Secondary	6-10	11-16	6-8	11-13 (14)
Compulsory Exam Higher Secondary	11-12	16-18	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

There is no tracking system up to 10th grade. In some high schools there are arrangements for arts, science, business, agriculture, and industrial arts divisions for 9th and 10th grades. Passing the secondary certificate examination is a prerequisite for advancing to higher secondary school.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Bangladesh Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
A	4.0	60%-100%	90%
B	3.0	45%-59%	80%
C	2.0	33%-44%	70%
F	0	0%-32%	Below 65%

Passing is a grade of C (33%) or higher.

BARBADOS

Compulsory Education: Ages 5 to 16
Grades 1 through 11

Adult Literacy Rate: 99%

School Year

The school year is divided into trimesters and runs from mid-September to mid-July. Primary school hours are 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM and secondary school hours are 8:00 AM -1:30 PM, 5 days per week.

	BARBADOS SYSTEM		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary/Elementary	Infant school		1-5	6-11
	1 yr	5		
	Primary			
	6 years	6-11		
Intermediate/Lower Secondary	3 years	12-15	6-8	11-13(14)
Upper Secondary/High School	3 years	16-18	9-12	14-18
	Student must pass CXC (Caribbean Examination Council secondary school exam) in order to receive diploma.		Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

The curriculum for all of the schools follows the British model. Students may choose an academic or vocational program during the last two years of secondary school. Compulsory education is free in all government-run schools and scholarships are provided for study in the United Kingdom upon the passing of specialized examinations. They also have specialized schools for the deaf, blind and mentally disabled.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Barbados Equivalent	Recommended US Equivalent
A+	76-100
A	
B+	61-75
B	
C+	45-64
C	
D	35-44
F	0-34
	Below 65%

Passing is a grade of D (35%) or higher.

Additional Resources

Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports E-mail: mined1@caribsurf.com

www.edutech2000.gov.bb

BELARUS

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 15
Grades 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 99.8%

School Year

The school year is 39 weeks long. The school day is divided into 6 or 7 academic periods, 45 minutes each, a lunch break of 20 minutes, and other breaks between periods of 10 minutes each. School runs five days a week.

	BELARUS EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	1-5	6-10	1-5	6-11
Middle School / Intermediate	6-9	11-14	6-8	11-13 (14)
	Certificate after 9 th grade			
High School / Secondary*	10-11	15-16	9-12	14-18
	Diploma after 11 th grade		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

No tracking system exists. There are specialized high schools providing advanced education in mathematics, art, music, economics, etc. There are no final exams in elementary schools. Middle and high school students in Russia and Belarus have final exams after senior grade only, but in Ukraine, at the end of each school year.

Grading System

Belarus Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent	
5	Excellent	A	95%
4	Good	B	85%
3	Satisfactory	C	75%
Pass	Poor	D	65%
2	Failure	F	55%

BELIZE

Compulsory Education: Ages 5 to 14
Grades 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 80% (UNESCO)
93% (Belize Government)

School Year

The school year is divided into trimesters and runs from mid-September to mid-July. Primary school hours are from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and secondary school hours are from 8:00 AM -1:30 PM for 5 days a week.

	BELIZE EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary/Elementary	8 years *exam	5-13	1-5	6-11
Intermediate			6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary High School	4 years	14-18	9-12	14-18
	(Forms I-IV)		Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

Students must pass the Belize National Examination* after the Primary Level is completed in order to advance to the Secondary Level. Students must pay a nominal tuition fee for Secondary Level education. There are two special schools for children with mental and physical disabilities.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Belize Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
81-100	A	90%
71-80	B	80%
61-70	C	70%
50-60	D	65%
35-49	E (fail)	55%
0-34	F (fail)	50%

Passing is a grade of 50 (D) or higher.

Additional Resources

Ministry of Human Development
E-mail: mhd@btl.net

BOLIVIA

Compulsory Education: Ages 5 to 12
Grades K through 5

Adult Literacy Rate: 78%

School Year

The school year lasts nine months. It begins in February and ends in October. Secondary school lasts for six years, at which point a high school diploma is issued. Night school and special sessions are offered to older students who are unable to attend the normal session, i.e., adults who want to study. There is no age limit for a public education.

	BOLIVIA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	K-5	5-11	1-5	6-11
Middle School			6-8	11-13 (14)
Secondary High School	1-6 years Full time and/or part time	12-no age limit	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

Most public schools do not use tracking. Students are grouped by grade level in a classroom, similar to a homeroom. Teachers rotate according to subject area. In more remote areas, several grades are housed together in a classroom.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Bolivia Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent	
Excelente	5	A	90%
Bueno	4	B	80%
Regular	3	C	70%
Deficiente	2	D	55%
Malo	1	F	50%

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Compulsory Education: Ages 7 to 15
Grades 1 through 8

Adult Literacy Rate: 90%

School Year

School begins each year at the beginning of September and ends in the third week of June. Each school has its own curriculum. Many schools have two separate sessions: morning, 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM; afternoon, 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

	BOSNIA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	Pre-primary 1-8	5-6 7-14	1-5	6-11
	Compulsory exam			
Lower Secondary			6-8	11-13 (14)
High School	9-10 Voc.	14-16	9-12	14-18
	9-11 Voc. 9-12 Aca.	14-16 14(15)-18		
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

Students take a compulsory exam at the end of the 8th grade, dividing students into three groups: two-year vocational; three-year vocational; four-year academic secondary school.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Bosnia Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent	
Odlican	5	A+	Excellent
Vrlo Doba	4	A	Very Good
Dobar	3	B	Good
Dovoljan	2	C	Fair
Nedovoljan	1	F	Failure

Passing is a grade of 2 or higher.

Additional Resources

<http://www.fbihvlada.gov.ba>

BRAZIL

Compulsory Education: Ages 7 to 14
Grades 1 through 8

Adult Literacy Rate: 81%

School Year

The school year is from March to December and is divided into two semesters. School is conducted five days a week, from 7:00 AM to noon. High school students have some special classes and tests on Saturday.

	BRAZIL EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	Pre-primary 1-6	5-6 7-12	1-5	6-11
Middle School / Lower Secondary	7-8	13-15	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Secondary*	3 years full time	15-17	9-12	14-18
	4 or 5 years part time	15-19	Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

There is no tracking in Brazilian schools. All classes have the same curriculum and programs.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Brazil Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
Excelente	9-10	A
Muito bom	7-8.9	B
Regular	5-6.9	C
Insuficiente	3-4.9	D
Deficiente	0-2.9	F

Passing is a grade of 5.0 or higher.

The student must have an overall average of 5 for promotion.

BULGARIA

Compulsory Education: Ages 7 to 15
Grades 1 through 8

Bulgaria has undergone major changes since 1990. One significant change is the introduction of the privatization of education.

Adult Literacy Rate: 98%

School Year

Primary and secondary schools are in session from mid-September to the first week of June. The high school semester extends into the first week of July. Each school has two sessions, or shifts, per day: morning and afternoon. The morning session goes from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM. The afternoon session goes from 1 PM to 6:30 PM. Each class lasts 45 minutes. There is a break between classes. Schools operate five days per week.

	BULGARIA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary	K 1-8	5 6-12	1-5	6-11
Secondary	Vocational* 9-10 Academic** 9-12	12-14 12-15	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Gymnasium	4	14(15)-17	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Secondary diploma

**High School diploma

Tracking

There is no tracking during elementary and secondary school. There is voluntary tracking during the Gymnasium. Students can choose schools offering the career they want.

Grading System (U.S. Characters)

Bulgaria Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
Otnneyet	6	Excellent	A
Mhoro Ao6bp	5	Very Good	A
Ao6bp	4	Good	B
CpeAeH	3	Average	C
Cna6	2	Fail	F
Now		Fail	F
3a4ntace		Pass	Pass

CAMBODIA

Compulsory Education: Ages 7 to 16
Grades 1 through 10

Adult Literacy Rate: 74%

School Year

The school year runs from the first week of September to the second or third week of June. School is held five days per week. The year is divided into trimesters: September to December, December to March, and March to June. Summer vacation is from mid-June until the end of August. There are two weeks of vacation in October. Due to the large school-age population, there are two sessions per day: 7:00 AM to noon and noon to 5:00 PM. There are fifteen-minute breaks between classes.

	CAMBODIA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	Pre-primary 1-6	5-6 7-12	1-5	6-11
Middle School / Intermediate	7-10	13-16	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Secondary*	11-13	17-19	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

There is no tracking system.

Grading System

Cambodia Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent	
Tres Bien	17-20	95%	A
Bien	14-16	85%	B
Assez Bien	12-13	75%	C
Passable	10-11	65%	D
Nul-mediocre	0-9	55%	F

Passing is a grade of 10 or higher.

CAMEROON

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 12
Grades 1 through 7

Adult Literacy Rate: 65%

School Year

The school year is 200 days, five days a week, Monday through Friday. English and French educational systems operate in the country. There are three terms in the academic year: September to December; January to April; and, April to June. Elementary and secondary schools run from 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Form 5 students return to classes from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Form 5 students are expected to live in boarding houses or live close to the school. Catholic schools operate a boarding system for all their students.

	CAMEROON EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary	1-7 Compulsory Exams	6-12	1-5	6-11
Middle School			6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Secondary*	Forms I-V Compulsory Exams	12(13)-16	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

A tracking system is in effect. Elementary school ranges from grades 1 to 7, at the end of which pupils take the entrance examination to the secondary school. Those students above 12 years of age who are not admitted to the government secondary schools may go to private school. Class 7 pupils in the elementary schools, as well as Form 5 students in the secondary schools, have extension classes in the evenings to prepare them for terminal exams and entrance exams to the next level of the educational system.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Cameroon Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent	
A+	95-100	95%	Excellent
A	80-94	90%	Excellent
B	75-79	85%	Very Good
C+	65-74	80%	Good
C	60-64	75%	Fairly Good
D	50-59	65%	Credit
E	40-49	65%	Pass
F	0-48	55%	Failure

Passing is a grade of E (40) or higher.

CANADA

Compulsory Education: Ages 5-6 to 15-17

Adult Literacy Rate: 99%

School Year

The school year is from September to June. Annualization, semesters, and trimesters all exist depending on the province and school. The education policy is a provincial responsibility and the period of compulsory education varies.

	CANADA EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary		ages 5 or 6 to 13-14	1-9	6-14
Intermediate				
Secondary	3 to 5 years		Grades 10-12	

Tracking

Canada does not have a federal educational system. The responsibility for education is vested in the provinces; therefore, there are many different sets of standards. In general, high school programs consist of two streams. The first prepares the student for university; the second prepares the student for post-secondary education at community college or for the workplace. There are also special programs for students unable to complete the conventional courses of study. In some schools these decisions are based on examinations.

GRADING SCALES			
U.S. Equivalence	Alberta	Brit.Columbia	Brunswick
95%	80-100	86-100	80-100
85%	65-79	73-85	70-79
75%	50-64	60-72	60-69
65%	40-49	50-59	50-59
55%(failing)	0-39	0-49	0-49
Manitoba	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario
4	80-100	80-100	75-100
3	70-79	70-79	66-74
2	60-69	60-69	60-65
1	50-59	50-59	50-59
0	0-49	0-49	0-49
Prince Ed Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	U.S. Equivalence
80-100	80-100	90-100	95%
70-79	70-79	70-89	85%
60-69	60-69	60-69	75%
50-59	50-59	50-59	65%
0-49	0-49	0-49	55%(failing)

CANADA *(continued)*

Additional Resources

Ministry of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
www.hrsdc.gc.ca

Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation
www.osstf.on.ca

Alberta Teachers' Association
www.teachers.ab.ca

CHILE

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 15
Grades 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 92%

School Year

The school year runs for 38 weeks, from the beginning of March to December 21. Schools operate on semesters or trimesters. Summer vacation is from the third week of December to March 1. The school day consists of five classes a day, each class 40 minutes long. They also operate on two or three shifts a day, depending on the school. School meets five days a week, 25 classes a week.

	CHILE EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary	Pre-primary 1-5	5 6-11	1-5	6-11
Middle School / Basic Secondary	2 years Basic Secondary Exam	11-13	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Higher Secondary*	2 years Higher Secondary Exam	13-15	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

In the first two years of secondary school the basic classes are the same for everyone. In the latter two years of secondary school there is voluntary tracking. Each student can choose an area of interest to pursue.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Chile Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
Sobresaliente	7	A+	95%
Muy Bueno	6	A	90%
Bueno	5	B	85%
Mas que regular	4	B-	75%
Regular (suficiente)	3	C	70%
Menos que regular	2	F	55%
Deficiente	1	F	50%

CHINA

Compulsory Education: Ages 7 to 15/16
Grades 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 70%

School Year

The length of the school year is roughly the same in China, Taiwan and Hong Kong. The fall term runs from September to January; the spring term runs from March to July. Winter recess is in February; summer vacation is in July and August. Elementary school students usually stay in the same room with the same teacher(s) all day long. Students in junior and senior high schools have to report to their homeroom for 30 minutes to one hour to study while the teacher takes attendance. Students attend school from Monday through Saturday. Seniors must return to school on Sunday morning to study. In elementary school the school day runs from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM, followed by a lunch break, and then schools run from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. In junior and senior high schools the school day runs from 7:00 AM to 11:30 AM, followed by a lunch break, and then school run from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

	CHINA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary	6	6-12	1-5	6-11
Middle School/ Lower Secondary often called Normal School	3	13-15	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Upper Secondary often called Normal College	3	15-17	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

High school students will be programmed into two groups according to their marks, grades and test results at the beginning of the sophomore year. One group will prepare the students to major in literature, history, library science and law. Another group will prepare the students to major in science, mathematics and technology.

Grading System (Varies by School)

China Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent	
Excellent	9-10	A	4.0
Good	8-8.9	B	3.0
Fair	7-7.9	C	2.0
Poor	6-6.9	D	1.0
Failure	0-5.9	F	0

Additional Resources

Ministry of Education

<http://www.moe.edu.cn>

COLOMBIA

Compulsory Education: Ages 5 to 15
Grades 1 through 5

Adult Literacy Rate: 87%

School Year

There are 200 days of school per year over 40 weeks, but there are many school holidays. There are two school calendars used in Colombia: Calendar A is used in most of the country. School runs from February 1 to June 15. Vacation is from June 15 to July 15. School continues from July 16 to November 30, and there is another vacation in December and January. Calendar B is used in the southwest part of the country. School runs from September 1 to December 15. There is a vacation from December 16 to January 15, and school resumes on January 16, continuing through June 30. There is vacation in July and August. School runs five days a week, Monday through Friday. The school day consists of a mandated six hours. There are two sessions, each of three periods (45 minutes in duration) with a lunch period in between. In much of the country there are two shifts due to the large school-age population: morning shift runs from 6:50 AM to 12:40 PM and an afternoon shift from 12:50 PM to 6:40 PM.

	COLOMBIA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary	Pre-Primary 5 years	5-6 7-11	1-5	6-11
Middle School / Lower Secondary	Lower Secondary- Basic 4 years	12-15	6-9	11-14
High School / Upper Secondary*	Upper Secondary- Diversified 2 years	16-17	10-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

COLOMBIA *(continued)*

Tracking

On the secondary level, the first four years are spent in the Basic Common Cycle, after which comes the choice between Arts and Sciences, Vocational, Commercial or Technical studies. These tracks are chosen according to students' aptitudes and abilities.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Colombia Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent		
Excelente	9.5-10	A+	4.0	95%
Muy Bueno	8.5-9.4	A	4.0	90%
Bueno	7.5-8.4	B	3.0	85%
Regular	6.5-7.4	C	2.0	75%
Deficiente	6.0 passing	D	1.0	65%
No Aceptado	1-5.9	F	0	55%

If a student receives a grade of below 6 in three subjects, the entire school year must be repeated.

Additional Resources

Colombian Institute for Higher Education
<http://www.icfes.gov.co>

COSTA RICA

Compulsory Education: Ages 5 to 13
Grades K through 6

Adult Literacy Rate: 93%

School Year

The school year lasts nine months. It begins in March and ends in November. The school day starts at 7:00 AM and ends at 1:30 PM, lasting approximately 6-1/2 hours, five days a week.

	COSTA RICA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary	K-8	4.5-13	1-5	6-11
Intermediate			6-8	11-14
High School / Upper Secondary	Liberal Arts 1-5	13-17	9-12	14-18
	or Vocational Technical 1-6	13-18	Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

Students are tracked by career area for high school. Students can either enter five years of liberal arts in high school or enter six years of vocational training. Either track can apply to attend university upon completion.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Costa Rica Equivalent				Recommended US Equivalent	
Sobresaliente	95%	Excellent	9-10	A	4.0
Muy Bueno	85%	Good	8-8.9	B	3.0
Bueno	75%	Fair	7.5-7.9	C	2.0
Suficiente	65%	Poor	6.0-7.4	D	1.0
Insuficiente	55%	Failure	0-5.9	F	0

CROATIA

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 15
Grades 1 through 8

Adult Literacy Rate: 97%

School Year

The school year is from the beginning of September to mid-June, divided into two semesters. Students attend five days per week. Elementary school runs from 8:00 AM to noon; secondary school runs from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Each class is 45 minutes in duration. These are approximate times depending on the grade and on the differing programs in 9th and 12th grades.

	CROATIA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary	Pre-Primary 1-8	5 6-13(14)	1-5	6-11
Intermediate			6-8	11-13
High School / Secondary*	1-4	14-17	9-12	14-18
	Examination to University		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

There is no tracking system on the elementary level. Voluntary tracking does exist in secondary school; students may choose between academic or trade programs.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Croatia Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent			
Odlican	5	Excellent	A+	4.0	95%
Vrlo Doba	4	Very Good	A	3.0	85%
Dobar	3	Good	B	2.0	75%
Dovoljan	2	Fair/Passing	C	0	65%
Nedovoljan	1	Failure	F	0	55%

CUBA

Compulsory Education: Ages 7 to 15
Grades 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 96%

School Year

The school year commences early in September and ends in the first half of July. On the secondary level there are 34 weeks of study with an additional 6 to 9 weeks of non-academic work. The year is divided into two semesters. Vacation is for six weeks in July and August. The school day is 5^{1/2} hours per day, five days per week, Monday to Friday.

	CUBA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary	Pre-Primary 1-6	5-6 7-11	1-5	6-11
Intermediate			6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Secondary	Secondary 7-9	12-15	9-12	14-18
	Pre-University 10-12	16-18	Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

Tracking exists in the secondary upper level (grades 10-12) where polytechnic and professional (trade) schools offer courses to under-schooled youngsters and dropouts. Here, study is usually combined with work.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Cuba Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent		
Sobresaliente	Excellent	90-100%	A	4.0	95%
Notable	Good	80-89%	B	3.0	85%
Aprovechado	Fair	70-79%	C	2.0	75%
Aprobado	Poor	60-69%	D	1.0	65%
Suspensio y Desaprobado	Failure	Below 60%	F	0	55%

A grade of 60% or higher is passing.

DOMINICA

Compulsory Education: Ages 5 to 15

Adult Literacy Rate: 96%

School Year

The school year consists of trimesters starting in mid-September to mid-July. The days are from 8 AM to 1:30 PM, five days per week.

	DOMINICA EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	7 years	5-12	1-5	6-11
Intermediate	5 years	13-17	6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary High School*	2 years	17-19	9-12	14-18
	Student must pass the GCE advanced exam in order to graduate from high school and enter college.		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive.

Tracking

Education is free and provided by both government and religious schools, although enrollment of eligible children in the primary age group is approximately 70%. There are also a number of schools for the mentally and physically handicapped.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Dominica Equivalent	Recommended US Equivalent
A	9-10
B	8
C	7
D	5-6
E	4
F	1-3

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Compulsory Education: Ages 7 to 13

Seventy percent of all students are over-aged for their grade in the Dominican Republic. Forty-seven percent enrolled in primary schools finish the sixth grade and only nineteen percent of these finish in six years.

Adult Literacy Rate: 83%

School Year

The school year is 196 days long. School begins on the 15th of September and ends on the 30th of June. It is divided into trimesters. Students attend school five days a week in shifts. There are three shifts each day:

Morning: four hours—from 8:00 AM to noon

Afternoon: four hours—from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Evening: four hours—from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

All students completing each semester by attending one of these shifts receive the same certificate or diploma.

	DOMINICAN EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary	Pre-Primary 1-7	5-6 7-13(14)	1-5	6-11
Intermediate	8	14(15)	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Upper Secondary*	1-4	15-18	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

On the secondary school level (grades 9-12), tracking occurs in the last year. Students may choose courses related to the professional interests that they plan to pursue in the university.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Dominican Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent		
Sobresaliente	Excellent	90-100%	A	4.0	95%
Muy Bueno	Good	80-89%	B	3.0	85%
Bueno	Fair	70-79%	C	2.0	75%
Suficiente	Poor	60-69%	D	0	65%
Insuficiente	Failure	0-59%	F	0	55%

Passing is a grade of 60% or higher.

ECUADOR

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 14
Grades 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 88%

School Year

There are ten months of school in a year. In the coastal regions, school begins in the first week of May and runs until February, with vacation in March and April. In the mountainous regions, school runs from September to June with vacation in July and August. The school year is divided into trimesters. Between each trimester there are four days of vacation. School runs five days per week, Monday through Friday. On the secondary level there are seven periods, each 45 minutes long. There are also three sessions: morning, afternoon and evening (only four hours).

	ECUADOR EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary	Pre-Primary 1-6	5 6-11	1-5	6-11
Intermediate	Middle School Basic 1-3	12-14(15)	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Secondary*	Secondary Voc (2 to 3 years Advance Voc. Diploma) or Secondary Academic 3 years	15-17	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

On the upper secondary level (9th-12th grades) tracking exists according to the student's career choice and abilities.

ECUADOR (continued)

Grading System (Varies by School)

Please note that there are a variety of systems so it is imperative to check with the individual school for the passing grade.

School Classwork and Trimester examinations:

Ecuador Equivalent				Recommended US Equivalent	
Excelente	Excellent	20	A+	4.0	95%
Muy Bueno	Very Good	18-19	A	4.0	90%
Bastante Bueno	Good	16-17	B	3.0	85%
Bueno	Good	13-15	C	2.0	75%
Regular	Passing	10-12	C-	1.0	65%
Malo	Failure	0-9	F	0	55%

Final Examinations including Bachillerato examination

Ecuador Equivalent				Recommended US Equivalent	
Excelente	Excellent	10	A	4.0	90%
Muy Bueno	Very Good	9	A	4.0	90%
Bastante Bueno	Good	7-8	B	3.0	85%
Bueno	Good	5-6	C	2.0	75%
Regular	Passing	3-4	C-/D	1.0	65%
Malo	Failure	Below 3	F	0.0	55%

A grade of 5 or above is required for promotion.

Additional Resources

National Council of Higher Education

<http://www.conesup.net>

EGYPT

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 15
Grades 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 48%

School Year

The school year runs from September to June for a total of 225 school days. Students are required to attend 90 percent of the school days. There is a two-week midyear break in addition to the holidays. School runs from Saturday to Thursday; Friday is a holiday and there is no school. In elementary school the day goes from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM and in preparatory school from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM or from noon to 4:00 PM. High school runs from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. During the month of Ramadan the school day is shortened by two hours; schools start one hour later and end one hour earlier.

	EGYPT EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary	6 years.	6-12	1-5	6-11
Intermediate	Lower secondary 3 years	12-14 (15)	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Upper Secondary*	Upper 3 years	15-17 (18)	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

Students are grouped homogeneously according to their grades and national test results. Classes are programmed from class A (highest achieving students) to class B, C, D or E respectively. From elementary school on, students will be separated into schools by gender. In the first year of high school, students will choose between liberal arts or science majors. In the senior year, the science majors will have another choice between a math and biology minor. Students have a fixed program and are assigned to one classroom with the same group of students for the whole year; teachers move to classrooms.

EGYPT

Grading System (Varies by School)

Egypt Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent	
80-100%	Excellent	A	4.0	95%
70-79%	Good	B	3.0	85%
60-69%	Fair	C	2.0	75%
50-59%	Poor	D	0	55%
0- 9%	Failure	F	0	50%

Passing is a grade of 60% or higher.

EL SALVADOR

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 12
Grades 1 through 6

Adult Literacy Rate: 75%

School Year

The school year begins in January and ends in October, lasting approximately nine months. School is conducted five days a week, Monday through Friday; the school day lasts six hours.

	EL SALVADOR EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary	Early Primary Primary	6-8 9-11	1-5	6-11
Intermediate	Upper Primary 7-9	12-14	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Secondary*	Secondary 3 Years	15-17	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

Most schools do not have tracking. In some rural areas children of different ages will be grouped together, similar to a one-room schoolhouse. For the most part, students stay in their classroom and the teachers of each subject move from class to class.

Grading System (Varies by School)

El Salvador Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent		
Excelente	Excellent	10	A+	4.0	95%
Muy Bueno	Very Good	9	A	4.0	90%
Bastante Bueno	Good	8	B	3.0	80%
Bueno	Good	6-7	C	2.0	75%
Regular	Passing	5	C-/D	1.0	65%
Malo	Failure	Below 1-4	F	0.0	55%

Variations in grading practices exist from school to school. However, 5 is required for promotion.

FRANCE

Compulsory Education: Ages: 6 to 16

Adult Literacy Rate: 99.9%

School Year

The school year is from September to June from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM for 5½ days per week.

	FRANCE EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Nursery/Pre-School	2		Pre-school	
Primary/Elementary	Grades: 1-2 Grades: 3-5	6-7 7-10	1-5	6-11
Intermediate	4 years	10-14	6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary High School*	Lycee: Second generate 1 year Premier and terminale 2 years		9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

*The high school diploma is called the Baccalaureat General or the Baccalaureat Technologique

Tracking

Teachers meet in a council for the purpose of determining the students' abilities and interests. They then guide the students into the courses of study that are best suited for them. Often the council recommends repeating a year which is called redoublement. This ensures that all students master their studies at a very high level of achievement.

Grading System (Varies by School)

France Equivalent	Recommended US Equivalent
16.0-20.0	Tres Bien 95%
14.0-15.9	Bien 85%
12.0-13.9	Assez Bien 75%
10.0-11.9	Passable 65%
8.0-9.9	*failing* 55%

In individual subjects, grades within the range of 8.0-9.9 are passing; therefore, care must be taken when awarding credit and grade equivalents.

Additional Resources

Agence France

www.expatica.com

GAMBIA

Compulsory Education: Ages 8 to 16
Grades 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 30%

School Year

The school year is divided into trimesters and runs from September to July. School is conducted five days a week, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Each class is 40 minutes. Evening schools are established for adults and run from 7:00 AM -10:00 PM.

	GAMBIA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary	1-6	8-14	1-5	6-11
Intermediate	Junior Secondary School 7-9	14-16	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Upper Secondary*	Senior Secondary School 10-12 GCE Diploma	16-18(19)	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

No tracking exists, even though there are technical schools. Regular courses are offered in the grammar schools.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Gambia Equivalent	Recommended US Equivalent		
A = 80-100	A+	4.0	95%
B = 75-79	B+	3.0	85%
C = 60-74	C+	2.5	75%
D = 50-59	C	2.0	70%
E = 40-49	D	1.0	65%
F = 0-48	F	0	55%

Passing is a grade of E (40) or above.

GEORGIA

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 14
Through Grade 8

Adult Literacy Rate: 96%

School Year

The system is presently undergoing reform. Some schools still follow the Russian system (refer to Russian Federation in this manual).

	GEORGIA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary/Elementary	4 years	6-10	1-5	6-11
Intermediate/Lower Secondary	4 years End of compulsory education	10-14	6-8	11-13 (14)
Upper Secondary*/High School	3 years Completion of high school**	15-17	9-12 Diploma after 12th grade	14-18

*Academic or Specialized Secondary Schools need 3 years

**Vocational/Technical Secondary Schools need 4 years

Tracking

Diversification occurs at the upper secondary school level where students may opt for a 3 year program of academic studies or a 4 year program of technical studies.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Georgia Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
5	Priadi	Excellent	90%
4	Kargi	Good	80%
3	Damakmakopilebeli	Satisfactory	70%
2	aradamakmakopilebeli	Unsatisfactory	60%

Passing is a grade of 3 or higher. The grade of 2 is rarely shown on transcripts. A grade of Chatvla indicates credit is given but failed to pass required exam. This would equate to our CR (credit).

Additional Resources

www.euroeducation.net

GERMANY

Compulsory Education: Varies from grades 1 to 9 or 1 to 10, depending on the state

Adult Literacy Rate: 100%

School Year

The school year is usually 180 days in length, depending on the state. The school year is divided into three terms: April-July; September-December; January-March. There is a one month summer vacation, usually between July and August. There are also two weeks off for the New Year. Spring vacation comes after the annual examination. At the end of the school year there is a two-week break before the next year begins. Primary schools usually run classes only in the morning. Secondary schools, mostly grades 11-13, have classes both in the morning and afternoon. Students attend classes five days a week and two Saturdays a month.

	GERMANY EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary/ Elementary	4 years	4-8	1-5	6-11
Lower Secondary (also called Intermediate or Grammar School)/ Intermediate	5 or 6 years	8-13(14)	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Upper Secondary (Gymnasium)	4 or 2 years	15-16(18)	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

Exams are given at the end of intermediate/grammar school for admission into specialized schools. Comprehensive exams are given throughout the secondary school.

Tracking

There is tracking during primary school and/or junior high school. There is also voluntary tracking for high schools. Students can choose between general education or vocational high schools.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Germany Equivalent				Recommended US Equivalent	
1	13-15	Sehr Gut	Very Good	A	95%
2	10-12	Gut	Good	B	85%
3	7-9	Befriedigend	Satisfactory	B-/C+	75%
4	4-6	Ausreichend	Sufficient	C	70%
5	1-3	Mangelhaft	Deficient	D	55%
6	0	Ungenugend	Failure	F	50%
Passing is a C/65% with a 4 or better					

Additional Resources

Accreditation Council of Germany_
<http://www.akkreditierungsrat.de>

Federal Ministry of Education
<http://www.bmbf.de>

GHANA

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 16
Grades 1 through 10

Adult Literacy Rate: 60%

School Year

The school year is ten months, five days per week, with trimesters from September-December; January-April; April-June. Most schools are boarding schools. School days usually begin at 7:30 AM and end at 2:30 PM. Evening classes start at 3:30 PM and end at 5:00 PM.

	GHANA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary/ Elementary	6 years	6-11	1-5	6-11
Junior Secondary/ Intermediate	7-9(10) 3 or 4 years*	12-15(16)	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Senior Secondary	2,3,4 years	15-19	9-12	14-18
	2 years are Forms II and III 3 years are Forms I,II,III 4 years are Forms I, II, III, IV Diploma granted after exams at Form 3 (SS3)		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*A student who takes 4 years of junior secondary school begins senior secondary school at Form II

Tracking

There is no tracking up to the tenth grade, after which students select an area of specialty.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Ghana Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
A	80-100	Distinction	95%
B	70-79	Very Good	85%
C	60-69	Good	80%
D	50-59	Credit	70%
E	40-49	Pass	65%
F	0-39	Fail	55%

Passing is a grade of E (40) or higher.

GREECE

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 15
Grades 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 93%

School Year

The school year is 164 days. There are two months of summer vacation and one month between the winter and spring semesters. School runs five days a week with six academic periods. Each period is 45 minutes, with a five minute break between periods.

	GREECE EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary	K-6	5½ -12	1-5	6-11
Intermediate	7-9	13-14	6-8	11-13 (14)
Secondary*/ High School	10-12	15-18	9-12	14-18
	Diploma after 12 th grade		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

There is no tracking up to the tenth grade. Eleventh and twelfth grade students may elect a major: Humanities, Sciences or Vocational. The Lyceum Academic Certificate (Apolitirion), as well as the general level of grades in all three grades (10th, 11th and 12th), are requirements for entry, along with the successful passing of examinations into the country's establishment of Higher Education. Those who have failed their entrance exams are entitled to try an infinite number of times to improve their grades in order to be accepted by the school of their choice.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Greece Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent	
Excellent	18-20	A	95%
Good	14-17	B	85%
Fair	12-13	C	75%
Poor	10-11	C-/D	65%
Failure	0-9	F	55%

Passing is a grade of 10 or above.

Additional Resources

<http://www.icfes.gov.co>

GRENADA

Compulsory Education: Ages 5 to 15
Attendance is not enforced

Adult Literacy Rate: 99.9%

School Year

The school year is from September to August for 5 days a week.
Primary school runs from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM and Secondary school runs from 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM.

	GRENADA EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary/Elementary	7 years	5-12	1-5	6-11
Junior Secondary/ Intermediate	5 years	12-17	6-8	11-13(14)
Senior Secondary/ High School	2 years	17-19	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

Students must pass an examination in order to be eligible for senior secondary school. The government provides the students with scholarships that allow them to attend for free.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Grenada Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
70-100	A	90%
50-69	B	80%
40-49	C	70%
30-39	D	65%
20-29	E	55%
0-19	F	50%

Passing is a grade of 30 (D) or higher.

Additional Resources

Ministry of Education and Labor
E-mail: psmind@yahoo.com

GUATEMALA

Compulsory Education: Age 7 to 14
Grades 1 through 6

NOTE: Education in many parts of the country is not free, so many students who can't afford it do not attend school.

Adult Literacy Rate: 55%

School Year

The school year begins the first or second week of January and finishes in the third week of October. There are 180 school days per year. School runs five days per week, Monday through Friday. There are five hours of class per day. Each period is 40-45 minutes. There are 35 periods per week.

	GUATEMALA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary/ Elementary	Pre-Primary 1-6 end of compulsory education	5-6 7-11	1-5	6-11
Intermediate	3 years	12-15	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Secondary*	2 to 3 years depending on course of study	14-18	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

The diversified cycle of secondary school (equivalent to 10th-12th grades) offers the student the choice between academic courses or a more vocational/technical course of study.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Guatemala Equivalent					Recommended US Equivalent
Sobresaliente	Excellent	81-100	A	4.0	95%
Muy bueno	Good	71-80	B	3.0	85%
Bueno	Fair	61-70	C	2.0	75%
Suficiente	Poor	51-60	D	0	65%
Aplazado	Failure	0-50	F	0	0%

Passing is 51% or higher.

To download PK-6 National Curriculum, visit:

<http://www.avivara.org/aboutguatemala/educationinguatemala.html>

GUINEA-BISSAU

Compulsory Education: Ages 7 to 13

Adult Literacy Rate: 59%

School Year

The educational systems in Guinea-Bissau are patterned on the system in France. French is the language of instruction. Although curriculum and structure is French, since the country's independence, African History and Geography are now stressed.

	GUINEA-BISSAU EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary/Elementary	6 years	7-13	1-5	6-11
Intermediate			6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary/ High School	7 years	13-19	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

Although education by law is compulsory until the age of 13, in practice few children complete their schooling. According to UNESCO reports, approximately 40% attend primary school and enrollment in secondary school is approximately 12%.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Guinea-Bissau Equivalent	Recommended US Equivalent
19-20	95%
16-18	90%
14-17	85%
12-13	75%
10-11	65%
8-9	Credit in some schools, failing in others

GUYANA

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 14
8 years

Adult Literacy Rate: 98.6% (highest in South America)

School Year

The school year is from September to August, 5 days per week.

	GUYANA EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary/Elementary	Infant school: 1 year	5	1-5	6-11
	Primary: 6 years	6-12		
Lower Secondary/ Intermediate	4 years	12-15	6-8	11-13(14)
Upper Secondary/ High School	1 to 2 years	16-17	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

Education is free and compulsory between the ages six and fourteen. Entrance into secondary school is based upon the results of the Secondary School Entrance Examination (SSEE). Students take this test at the age of eleven.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Guyana Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
A+	90-100	95%
A	76-89	90%
B	70-75	80%
C	60-69	70%
D	59-50	65%
F	0-49	55%

Additional Resources

Ministry of Education

E-mail: moegyweb@yahoo.com

HAITI

Compulsory Education: Grade 6 in Traditional System
Grade 9 in Reform System

Primary: 6 years (Traditional), 9 years (Reform)
Secondary: 5-7 years (Traditional), 3 years (Reform)

Adult Literacy Rate: 53%

School Year

The school year runs from October to mid-July when promotional examinations are given. Primary school lasts for six years. Students stay with the same teachers five days a week, Monday through Friday. There are two parallel systems of education in Haiti. In the traditional system the secondary program is offered in four streams: A– Latin and Greek; B–Latin, languages and literature; C–mathematics and physical sciences; D–mathematics and natural sciences. The Reform system, which is now being implemented in large cities, is similar to the United States' system. At present, both systems are in operation. It is also important to note that in rural areas many students do not have opportunities for secondary education.

REFORM SYSTEM

	HAITI EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary	9 years		1-5	6-11
	end of compulsory education			
Intermediate			6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Secondary	3 years (Form III, II, I) then exams for University		9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

High school students, beginning the seventh year of study, immediately following the completion of the primary school sequence, have an option of either entering pre-vocational school or following an academic track. After the ninth year of school those students who chose the academic track have another opportunity to enter vocational training, called Second Degree Vocational Training. Young girls make up 90% of the enrollment in the pre-vocational programs.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Haiti Equivalent				Recommended US Equivalent		
19-20	10	Excellent	91-100%	A	4.0	95%
17-18	9	Tres Bien	80-90%	B	3.0	85%
15-16	8	Bien	60-79%	C	2.0	75%
13-14	7	Moyen	50-59	C	2.0	70%
11-12	6	Passable	40-49%	D	1.0	65%
			Below 40	F	0	55%

Passing is a grade of 40% (11-12 or 6) or higher.

HONDURAS

Compulsory Education: Age 7 to 12
Grades 1 through 6

Adult Literacy Rate: 73%

School Year

The school year consists of 200 class days and runs from February to November, six days per week, Monday through Saturday. The school year is divided into five cycles: February-March; April-May; June-July; August-September; October-November. Vacation takes place in December and January. On the secondary level students normally receive 36 hours of instruction, but there are schools where the class load is up to 44 hours per week, according to the course of study.

	HONDURAS EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary	Pre-Primary 1-6	5-6 7-12	1-5	6-11
Intermediate	1-3	13-15	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Secondary*	1-2 or 3	16-17	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

Students in grades 10 through 12 may choose from among 10 tracks offered in academic studies, business, commercial studies, science, social sciences, etc.

Grading System (Secondary Only)

Honduras Equivalent				Recommended US Equivalent		
Sobresaliente	91-100%	Excellent	1	A	4.0	95%
Muy Bueno	80-90%	Good	2	B	3.0	85%
Bueno	60-79%	Fair	3	C	2.0	75%
Aplazado	40-59%	Poor	4	F	0	55%
Insuficiente	1-39%	Failure	5	F	0	50%

Passing is a grade of 60% or higher.

HONG KONG

Compulsory Education: Age 6 to 15
Grades 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 90%

School Year

The length of the school year is roughly the same in China, Taiwan and Hong Kong. The school year is broken up into two terms. The fall term runs from September to January; the spring term runs from March to July. School runs six days per week, Monday through Saturday. Seniors must return to school on Sunday morning to study. In elementary school the school day runs from 7:30 AM -11:30 AM, followed by a lunch break, and then more school from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Junior high school and senior high school days run from 7:00 AM -11:30 AM, followed by a lunch break, and then more school from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

	HONG KONG EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary	1-9	6-15	1-5	6-11
Intermediate/ Lower Secondary	3 (being phased in)		6-8	11-13 (14)
	End of compulsory education			
High School / Upper Secondary	2		9-12	14-18
	Exams Receive Certificate of Education		Diploma after 12 th grade	
Advanced Secondary/Pre- University	1 or 2 years exams		Advance Placement=US College Credit	

Note: Some schools still use the British system of six years of primary school, five years of secondary Form IV. After the high school diploma is awarded, students may opt for Form VI in preparation for the university entrance examination.

HONG KONG (continued)

Tracking

High school students will be programmed into two groups according to their marks, grades and test results at the beginning of the 10th year. One group will major in literature, history, library science, law, etc. Another group will major in science, mathematics and technology.

Grading System (Many grading systems are used; several are listed below.)

System 1	System 2	Recommended US Equivalent
Pass with Distinction	A	90%
Pass with Credit	B,C	80%
Pass	D,E	70%
Fail	F,G,H	55%
System 3	System 4	System 5
A	1	75-100%
B	2	65-74%
C	3	50-64%
D	4	40-49% (Pass)
E*	5*	
F	6 failure	

**Fail or Pass, depending on school*

Additional Resources

Institute of International education_

<http://www.iiehongkong.org/hked/hkededucation.htm>

INDIA

Compulsory Education: Age 6 to 14
Grades 1 through 8

Adult Literacy Rate: 48%

School Year

The academic years vary from state to state. Usually the school year starts in June and ends nine months later in March or April. The year is divided into three terms of 15 weeks each, six days a week. The number of weeks varies widely, but the standard is 39 weeks in many regions. External exams are given at the end of class 10 and 12. There are 220 days of school; 48 periods a week, each period being 30-40 minutes in length. School is conducted for 5-1/2 days per week. The school day is approximately five hours long for primary school (grades 1-5) and six hours long for higher primary (6-8 grades) and secondary (9-10 grades).

	INDIA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary	5	6-11	1-5	6-11
Intermediate	3	11-14	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Lower Secondary	2 exam	15-16	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	
Upper Secondary	exam 1 to 2 years completes H.S.	18-19		
Pre-Professional Certificate	1 (college level work)	18-19		

Note: Students may receive their High School diploma after the 11th grade depending on their successful completion of their compulsory examinations.

Tracking

Curriculum at the lower secondary stage seeks to give all students the “competence to enter life.” At the upper secondary stage the national plan calls for providing introductory courses for college education.

Grading System (Varies by School)

India Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent	
First Division, Class I	60% or higher	A	85%-95%
Second Division, Class II	45%-59%	B	75%-84%
Pass, Class III	33%-44%	C	65%-74%

Passing is a grade of 33% or higher.

Additional Resources

Directory of Indian Government Websites, Educational
<http://goirectory.nic.in/education.htm>

INDONESIA

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 15.
9 years

Adult Literacy Rate: 84%

School Year

The school year is from July to June.

	INDONESIA EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	6 years	7-12	1-5	6-11
Intermediate			6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary High School*	6 years	12-18	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

* Secondary High School is comprised of two cycles of 3 years each with compulsory exams.

Tracking

Education is mainly under the control of the Ministry of National Education, but the Ministry of Religious Affairs is in charge of Islamic religious schools at the primary level. At the end of the first 3-year cycle of (general junior) secondary school, the exams indicate the senior secondary school program students will be given.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Indonesia Equivalent	Recommended US Equivalent
10	90%
9	80%
8	75%
7	70%
6	65%
1-5	

Generally the passing grade is 6; however, in a few private schools, 5 is passing.

Additional Resources

Ministry of National Education:

www.depdiknas.go.id

ISRAEL

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to15

Adult Literacy Rate: 99.9%

School Year

The school year runs from September to June and is generally annualized.

	ISRAEL EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary/Elementary	1-6	6-11	1-5	6-11
Lower Secondary/ Intermediate	3	12-14	6-8	11-13(14)
Upper Secondary/ High School	3	15-17	9-12 Diploma after 12th grade	14-18

Tracking

Many students take college level courses in the 3rd year of upper secondary school, which is similar to our advanced placement program.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Israel Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
10	90-100%	Excellent	95%
9	85-94%	Very Good	85%
8	75-84%	Good	80%
7	65-74%	Almost Good	75%
6	55-64%	Satisfactory	70%
5	45-54%	Almost Satisfactory	65%
0-4	0-44%	Fail	55%

Passing is a grade of 5 (45%) or higher.

ITALY

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 15
Grade 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 98.5%

School Year

The school year is from September to June.

	ITALY EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary/Elementary	8 or 5 years		1-5	6-11
Intermediate			6-8	11-13(14)
Upper Secondary* and Lycees/ High School	1 to 5 years		9-12	14-18
	a) 1 yr compulsory (equiv. to grade 9) a) 2-3 years vocational b) 3 years teacher training for pre-school c) 4 years diploma de maturito d) 5 years diploma de maturito with state examinations		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*One year of upper secondary school is compulsory.

Tracking

After the 8th grade, students may opt for 2 to 3 vocational programs to complete their education; however, these programs do not make them eligible to attend university. Students who opt for a 4 or 5 year secondary program receive the equivalent of the U.S. high school diploma. Upon completion, they are eligible for university. The 5 year diploma is generally for students studying the classics, science, linguistics, technical studies and business.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Italy Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
10	A+	95%
9	A	90%
8	B	85%
7	C	80%
6	D	75%
0-5	F	50-55%

Additional Resources

Ministry of Education, University and Scientific Research

www.istruzione.it

E-mail: comunicazione.uff2@istruzione.it

IVORY COAST

Compulsory Education: Ages 7 to 12

Adult Literacy Rate: 51%

School Year

The school year is divided into trimesters, September to June, 5½ days per week. Since the Civil War in 2002 many students have had interrupted schooling, particularly in rural areas.

	IVORY COAST EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary/Elementary	6 years	7-12	1-5	6-11
	A) Preparatory 7-9 B) Elementary 9-10 C) Intermediate 11-12 CEPE exam			
Intermediate			6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary/ High School*	Lower secondary 4 years	12-16	9-12	14-18
College	BEPC EXAM 2-3 years Baccalaureate Degree	16-19	Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

The Ivorian education system is an adaptation of the French system; however, most instruction encourages mental discipline of memorization and oral recitation rather than analytical thinking or creativity. Performance on the primary school-leaving examination determines entrance into secondary institutions. After 4 years of study in a secondary school, students are required to pass an examination for further study in the Lycee or college (further secondary school), after which they earn a Baccalaureate Degree.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Ivory Coast Equivalent	Recommended US Equivalent	
17-20	14-20	95%
14-16	12-13	85%
12-13	10-11	75%
10-11	9	65%
9	0-8	55%

Check the legends; in some schools 9 is passing while in other schools it is failing.

JAMAICA

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 15

Adult Literacy Rate: 88%

School Year

The school year is divided into trimesters from September to July for 5 days per week. In primary school pupils are in large classes of 60 students, sit in long neat orderly rows and may not speak unless called upon.

	JAMAICA EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	infant school:1 year 6	4-5 6-11	1-5	6-11
Intermediate			6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary/ High School	Lower: 3 years (Forms 1-3) then exam (GNAT) Upper: 2 years (Forms 4-5, after form 5 , completion of HS with the passing of CXC or GCE exam) Post sec: 1 or 2 years (Form 6, for students who have passed the CXC exam and are preparing for college)		9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

Entrance into the Lower secondary school is on the basis of the performance on the common entrance (CE) examination. Students will be tracked according to vocational or academic indications. At the end of the 9th grade (Form 3) all students must take the Grade Nine Assessment Test (GNAT). Promotion to the next grade (Form 4) is based on the test results. At the end of the 10th grade (Form 4) all students must take the Jamaica School Certification Examination (JSC). Promotion to the next grade is based on the test results. At the end of the 11th grade (Form 5) students must take the Caribbean Examination Council Examination (CXC). The exam is used for entry into Form 6 in preparation for college.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Jamaica Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
	A+	10	95%
1	A	8.0-9.9	90%
2	B	6.9-7.9	80%
3	C	5.0-5.9	70%
4	D	4.0-4.9	65%
5/6	E/F	1-3.9 (failing)	55/50%

Note: Many different grading scales are used; always check the report card legend or whenever possible contact the individual school.

Additional Resources

Ministry of Education, Youth and Culture

www.moec.gov.jm

JAPAN

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 through 15
Grades 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 100%

School Year

School year is from April to March in an annualized system. Classes are 5 and a half to 6 days per week, generally from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

	JAPAN EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Yochien/Primary/Elementary	Kindergarten 1-6	3-5 6-11	1-5	6-11
Intermediate			6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary High School*	Lower: 3 years End of compulsory ed. Entrance exam	12-14	9-12	14-18
	Upper: 3 years completion of HS University Prep: 1 year		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational and Academic

Tracking

Students take examinations to get into schools of their choice, beginning in pre-school and continuing throughout the educational levels. Entrance into upper secondary, the stage following compulsory levels, is by exam only and most charge tuition.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Japan Equivalent	Recommended US Equivalent
5	95%
4	85%
3	75%
2	65%
1	55%

Additional Resources

Ministry of Education

www.europaworld.com

www.mext.go.jp

KOREA. REPUBLIC OF SOUTH

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 15
Grades 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 96%

School Year

The school year consists of 220 school days. The first semester runs from March through June, followed by summer vacation in July and August. The second semester runs from September through December, followed by a winter vacation in January and February. School is conducted 5 and a half days a week, Saturday being a half-day.

	SOUTH KOREA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary	1-6	6-12	1-5	6-11
Intermediate	7-9	12-15	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Upper Secondary*	10-12	15-18	9-12	14-18
	Diploma after 12 th grade		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

There is no tracking system up to the tenth grade. For 11th and 12th grades, students select a major: humanities, science or vocational. There is no grouping according to ability, only preference of study.

Grading System (Varies by School)

South Korea Equivalent				Recommended US Equivalent		
90-100	A	Excellent	9-10	A	4.0	95%
80-89	B	Good	7-8	B	3.0	85%
70-79	C	Fair	5-6	C	2.0	75%
60-69	D	Poor	3.5-4	D	0	70%
0-59	E	Failure	0-3	F	0	65%

There are no failures in the grading system. E is the lowest grade a student can achieve. Students never repeat a course. In rare cases, students are compelled to repeat the entire school year.

LIBERIA

Compulsory Education: Age 7 to 12
Grades 1 through 6

Adult Literacy Rate: 40%

School Year

The school year runs from March to December and consists of two semesters. The first semester is from March to July, with a two-week break; the second semester is from July to December. School is conducted five days a week, Monday through Friday. Day schools run from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM with a 30-minute break. Night session with full programs run from 6:00 PM to 10:30 PM. The night schools are designed to accommodate adults and workers.

	LIBERIA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary	1-6	7(8)-12	1-5	6-11
Intermediate	7-9	13-15	6-8	11-13(14)
High School / Upper Secondary*	10-12	15-18	9-12	14-18
	GCE diploma		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

There is no tracking system. Every child takes general courses in the primary schools. Secondary schools are organized into two phases: junior secondary school (grades 7-9) and senior secondary school (grades 10-12).

Grading System (Varies by School)

Liberia Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent		
90-100%	Excellent	9-10	A	4.0	95%
80-89%	Good	7-8	B	3.0	85%
73-79%	Fair	5-6	C	2.0	75%
70-72%	Sufficient	3.5-4	D	0	65%
0-69%	Poor	0-3	F	0	55%

MACEDONIA

Compulsory Education: Age 7 to 15
Grades 1 through 8

Adult Literacy Rate: 89%

School Year

The school year begins in September and lasts to mid-June; it is divided into two semesters. Students attend five days a week. In elementary school the day runs from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM; the secondary school day runs from 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

	MACEDONIA EQUIVALENT		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary	Pre-Primary 1-8	5-6 7-14	1-5	6-11
	Completion of Compulsory education			
Intermediate			6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Secondary*	1-3 Vocational Diploma 1-4	15-18	9-12	14-18
	(entrance exam, academic diploma)		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive. Students must pass an entrance exam in order to attend the academic secondary school.

Tracking

No tracking system exists on the primary level. There is voluntary tracking during secondary school—students may choose between an academic or trade program. Those choosing academic tracks must pass entrance examinations.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Macedonia Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent	
5	OtnNyho	Excellent	95%
4	MhoroAobpe	Very Good	85%
3	Aobpe	Good	75%
2	3aAoBonNtenHo	Fair	65%
1	be3ycnewHo	Insufficient	55%

Additional Resources Euroeducation_

<http://www.euroeducation.net/prof/macenco.htm>

University of Skopje <http://www.ukim.edu.mk>

MEXICO

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 14
Grades 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 92%

School Year

The school year runs from September to mid-June. School is Monday through Friday. Saturday classes are optional for both secondary school students and prep students.

	MEXICO EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/Primary	6 years	6-12	1-5	6-11
	End of compulsory education			
Lower Secondary/ Intermediate	3 years	12-15	6-8	11-13(14)
Upper Secondary/ High School	2 to 3 years	15-18	9-12	14-18
	High School Degree after obtaining an avg. of 8 (80%) or better		Diploma after 12 th grade	
	4 years (HS plus teaching degree)	15-19		

Tracking

Tracking does not normally occur until the first year of preparatory school, where a student may select a course of study, e.g., medicine, science, humanities. Selection of a career field of study does take place during the first year of preparatory school. After two years, the student is ready for admission to the university. A third optional year is for those students whose grades are below an 8 (or B in U.S. terms).

MEXICO (continued)

Grading System (Varies by Schools)

Mexico Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
Two types generally used:		
Six Point Scale		
10	Excelente	95%
9-9.9	Muy Bien	90%
8-8.9	Bien	80%
7-7.9	Regular	75%
6-6.9	Suficiente/pass	65%
0-5.9	No Suficiente	50%
Five Point Scale		
10	Excelente	95%
9-9.9	Muy Bien	90%
8-8.9	Bien	80%
7-7.9	Suficiente	70%
0-6.9	No Suficiente	50%

Additional Resources Secretary of Public Education

<http://www.sep.gob.mx>

NEPAL

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 10

Adult Literacy Rate: 44%

School Year

The school year is year-round.

	NEPAL EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/Primary	5 years	6-10	1-5	6-11
Lower Secondary/ Intermediate	3 years	11-13	6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary High School*	Upper 2 years	14-15	9-12	14-18
	Higher 2 years	16-17	Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

Free primary education is available for ages 6 to 11 with approximately only 80% of eligible students attending, mostly boys. Traditional schools (pathshalas) provide a classical education emphasizing languages. A national curriculum is slowly expanding into all schools and replacing the traditional school. Gompas along the northern border train boys and men to become Buddhist religious leaders. Less than 50% of students attend school past the primary level.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Nepal Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
Division I	85-100	90%
Division II	75-84	80%
Division III	60-74	70%
Failing	45-59	65%
	Below 45 failing	

Note: Two types of grading systems seem to exist. Check the legends for individual school differences.

Additional Resources

Ministry of Education and Sports

www.moe.gov.np

NICARAGUA

Compulsory Education: Ages 7 to 16
Grades 1 to 11

Adult Literacy Rate: 74%

School Year

The school year is 187 days, consisting of two semesters and running from mid-February to July and August to November, with a vacation of 15 days at the end of July.

	NICARAGUA EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	Pre-primary 1-6	5-6 7-12	1-5	6-11
Intermediate	Secondary Basic: 1-3	13-15	6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary High School*	Secondary Diversified: 1-2	16-17	9-12 Diploma after 12 th grade	14-18

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

In the last two years of secondary school, students move into the diversified cycle. The three tracks available are Academic (general studies), Normal (teacher education) and Technical. Each track enables a student to enter the university.

Grading Systems (Varies by Schools)

Nicaragua Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent	
Sobresaliente	9.51-10	A	95%
Muy Bueno	8.51-9.50	B	85%
Bueno	7.51-8.50	C	75%
Regular	6.51-7.50	D	65%
Deficiente	Below 6.51	F	55%

NIGERIA

Compulsory Education: None

Adult Literacy Rate: 42%

School Year

The length of the school year is about 220 days divided into trimesters. Each term ends with an exam while an additional final exam is given at the end of the third term. The school day is about 6½ hours with a recess period of about one hour. School generally starts at 8:00 AM and ends at 2:30 PM. There are usually extension periods for the seniors for the preparation of their final National Exam.

	NIGERIA EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	Pre-primary	3-5	1-5	6-11
	Primary 1-6(7)	6-11		
Intermediate	Junior School 3 years	12-14	6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary High School*	Senior School 3 years	15-17(18)	9-12	14-18
	GCE diploma with an average of 6 or better on the National Exams		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

The junior secondary school is both pre-vocational and academic in nature. The senior secondary schools are comprehensive with a core curriculum which every pupil must take in addition to his or her specialties.

Grading System (Varies by School)

West African School Certificate		Recommended US Equivalent
1	A+	95%
2	A	90%
3	B	85%
4-6	C	75%
7-8	D (Failure for GCE)	65%
9	F	55%

*GCE=General Certificate of Education

Additional Resources

Council for Nigerian Higher Education

<http://www.cnhe.org>

NORWAY

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 16

Adult Literacy Rate: 100%

School Year

The school year runs from September to June.

	NORWAY EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Lower (barnetrinnet)	Kindergarten 1-4	5 years old 6-10	Kindergarten 1-6	5 years old 6-11
Intermediate (Mellontrinnet)	3	0-13	6-8	11-13(14)
(Ungdomstrinnet)	3	13-16		
Gymnasium/High School	1-3 years		9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

After 10 years of compulsory education, students may choose from a variety of options for secondary school:

- a) **vocational 1 year**- completes high school education
- b) **academic 3 years**- completes high school education and grants access to university
- c) **vocational 3 years**- completes high school education and qualifies for vocational trades and university.

In addition to the regular educational system, there also exist Folk High Schools to provide students with personal growth and development rather than academic. These are associated with the Scandinavian tradition of public enlightenment.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Norway Equivalent Beginning in 2002-2003	Recommended US equivalent
A	A
B	B
C	B-
D	C+
E	C
F (failing)	F
Prior to 2002-2003	
1.0-1.5	A+
1.6-2.5	A
2.6-3.2	B+
3.3-4.0	C+
<i>Passing is a grade of 4.0 or higher.</i>	

Additional Resources

Ministry of Education of Norway

<http://www.odin.dep.no>

National Academic Info of Norway

<http://www.internationalcomparisons.org.uk/html/Norway/countryfile.htm>

PAKISTAN

Compulsory Education: None

Adult Literacy Rate: 26%

School Year

The length of the school year is 220 days: January to December up to the 10th grade, July to June beyond the 10th grade. Education is not compulsory, though it is free, recommended and encouraged. A new law will soon make it compulsory. The length of the school day is 5 to 6 hours long.

	PAKISTAN EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	K-5	5-10(12)	K-5	5-11
Intermediate	Lower Secondary 6-10	11-15(17)	6-8	11-13(14)
	Completion certificate			
High School*	Higher secondary	16-17(19)	9-12	14-18
	1 year for certificate.		Diploma after 12 th grade	
	Highest Secondary 2 years			
	Secondary school certificate.			

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive.

Tracking

Grouping in Humanities, Science and Business starts from the ninth grade in some schools only. However, there's no tracking in general up to 10th grade. Tracking starts from 11th grade. Students choose their preference rather than being placed in school.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Pakistan Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent	
School Grading			
Excellent	79-100	A+	
Very Good	60-79%	A	
Good	50-59%	B	
Average	40-49%	C	
Passable	33-39%	C-	
Failure	0-32%	F	
External Examination and Post Secondary (grades 11 and 12)			
First Division	60-100%	A	95%
Second Division	45-59%	B	85%
Third Division	33-44%	C	75%
A grade of 33 is passing			

PANAMA

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 11
Grades 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 88%

School Year

The school year runs from April until mid-December. In some schools the year is divided into four semesters, in others into trimesters. There has been a move to unify the system between the public and private schools. The vacation period is from mid-December to the end of March (the dry season) with an additional two weeks of vacation in August. The school day normally runs from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Each class is 45 minutes long with 7 class periods per day.

	PANAMA EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	Pre-primary 1-6	5 6-11	1-5	6-11
Intermediate	Secondary (1 st cycle) 1-3	12-14	6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary High School*	Secondary (2 nd cycle) 4-6 (3 years)	15-17	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive.

Tracking

During the last three years of secondary school (grades 10-12) students are in the diversified cycle. They can choose between six tracks: academic, commercial, industrial, agricultural, normal and vocational.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Panama Equivalent					Recommended US Equivalent	
Sobresaliente	5	1	10	91-100%	A	95%
Bueno	4	1	8-9	81-90%	B	85%
Regular	3	3	6-7	71-80%	C	75%
				61-70%	D	65%
Malo or Fracasado	1,2	4,5	0-5	0-60%	F	55%

PERU

Compulsory Education: Ages 5 to 16
Grades K through 11

Adult Literacy Rate: 89%

School Year

The school year goes from early April to mid-December with 4 terms each year. There are two sessions each day: mornings run from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM and afternoons run from 1:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

	PERU EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	K-6	5-12	1-5	6-11
Intermediate			6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary High School*	1-5	12-17	9-12	14-18
	Exam (see tracking info below)		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive.

Tracking

The public schools are becoming co-educational. Students who have been left back are placed in a special class apart from the main track. There is an evening track for students over 15 years of age. On the upper secondary level (last two years of secondary school) there are separate tracks for students who take general education and are university-bound and those who are looking to attain marketable skills and intend to enter the work force after high school.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Peru Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
Excelente	16-20	90%
Muy Bueno	14-15	80%
Bueno	13-13.5	70%
Aprobado	11-12	55%
Aplazado, Malo or Reprobado	0-10	50%

Passing is a grade of 13 or higher.

PHILIPPINES

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 15
Grades 1 through 10

Adult Literacy Rate: 89%

School Year

The school year lasts ten months, starting the second or third week of June, and ending the last week of March or first week of April. The school day is from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Each class lasts 45 minutes. During the lunch break most of the students go home. There are five school days per week.

	PHILIPPINES EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/Primary	Pre-Primary	5-6	1-5	6-11
	Primary 1-6	7-12		
Intermediate			6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary / High School*	4	13-16	9-12	14-18
	High school diploma awarded at completion of compulsory education.		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive.

Tracking

There is no tracking on the elementary school level. Students with higher grades in elementary school have the option to go to a specialized Science and Arts high school. The majority of high school students follow the regular academic track. There are also specialized trade schools available. Diplomas are awarded at the end of secondary school and students can then enter the university level.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Philippines Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
1.0-1.5	91-100%	95%
1.75-2.25	82-90%	85%
2.5-3.0	75-81%	75%
3.25-5.0(failing)	Below 75%	55%

1 is the highest grade, 3.0 is passing. Below 75% is failing.

POLAND

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 through 14
Grades 1 through 8

Adult Literacy Rate: 99%

School Year

There are 180 school days in two semesters from September to January and February to June. Due to overcrowding, students attend either morning or afternoon sessions, five days per week.

	POLAND EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/Primary	1-8	6-14	1-5	6-11
Intermediate			6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary High School*	9-12 or 9-13 for advanced diploma	14-18(19)	9-12	14-18
	diploma after 12(13) grade		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive.

Tracking

There is a selection done by exams and grades for students entering high schools and colleges. There is no grouping according to ability, only preference of study. In academic high schools students select a major: Humanities, Science or Vocational.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Poland System		Recommended US Equivalent	
Bardso Dobry	Very Good	A	95%
Dobry	Good	B	85%
Dostateisny	Satisfactory	C	75%
Nie Dostateisny	Unsatisfactory	F	55%

ROMANIA

Compulsory Education: Ages 7 to 15
Grades 1 through 8

Adult Literacy Rate: 95%

School Year

The school year runs from October thru July, in trimesters. Primary schools are 4 hours a day, lower secondary schools are 5 to 6 hours a day and high schools are 6 to 7 hours a day, for 5 days a week.

	ROMANIA EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	Pre-primary 1-4	5-6 7-10	1-5	6-11
Intermediate	Lower secondary gymnasium 5-8	11-15	6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary High School*	Upper secondary 1-4	15-18	9-12	14-18
	Diploma of Bacalaureat or Certificate of Absolvire a Liceuli		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive.

Tracking

Tracking is only available to gifted students on the elementary level. Voluntary tracking is available to high school students who choose academic, vocational or trade curricula. Both high school completion diplomas (Bacalaureat or Absolvire a Liceuli) are equivalent to the United States high school diploma.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Romania Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent	
Excellent	9-10	A	95%
Good	7-8	B	85%
Satisfactory	5-6	C	75%
Failing	below 5	F	55%

Additional Resources

<http://www.naric.org.uk/home.html>

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 16
Grades 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 98%

School Year

The school year runs from September through June

	RUSSIAN EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/Primary	1-6	6-12	1-5	6-11
Intermediate	3 years	12-15	6-8	11-13(14)
	Certificate after 9 th grade			
Secondary High School*	2 to 3 years	15-17	9-12	14-18
	2 nd yr of incomplete secondary education. Year is equivalent to 1 year of college in US.		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive.

Tracking

No tracking system exists. There are high schools providing advanced education in Math, Art, Music, Economics, etc. There are no final exams in Elementary schools. Middle and high school students in Russia and Belarus have final exams after senior grade only, but in Ukraine at the end of each school year.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Russian Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent	
otnNuho	Excellent	5	A	95%
Xopowo	Good	4	B	85%
YaoBnetBopntenbHo	Satisfactory	3	C	75%
3auet/3auteHo	Pass			65%
nnoxo/heyaoBnetBopNtenHo	Unsatisfactory	2	F	55%

Additional Resources

Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation

<http://www.ed.gov.ru>

Russian Ed Institutions database

<http://db.informika.ru/aie>

SIERRA-LEONE

Compulsory Education: None

Adult Literacy Rate: 21%

School Year

The length of school year is 200 school days. There are three terms in the school year: September - December; January - April; and May - June. School starts at 8:00 AM and ends at 2:00 PM. Evening classes are also held between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM.

	SIERRA-LEONE EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary	1-6	6-12	1-5	6-11
Junior Secondary/ Intermediate	Forms 1,2,3	13-15	6-8	11-13(14)
Senior Secondary/ High School*	Forms 4,5,6,	16-18	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive.

Tracking

There is no tracking system but there are special vocational schools.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Sierra-Leone Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
A	80-100	Distinction	95%
B	70-79	Very Good	85%
C	60-69	Good	75%
D	50-59	Credit	70%
E	40-49	Pass	65%
F	0-39	Fail	55%

SLOVENIA

Compulsory Education: Ages 7 to 14
Grades 1 through 8/9

Laws are attempting to raise the compulsory education age to 15 and to grade 9. The Slovenian educational system is continuing to evolve.

Adult Literacy Rate: 99%

School Year

The school year runs from October to June. The year consists of two semesters.

	SLOVENIA EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/Primary	Pre-primary 1-8	5-6 7-14	1-5	6-11
Intermediate			6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary High School*	1-4	15-18	9-12	14-18
	Some specialized programs require five years Exam		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive.

Tracking

There is no tracking on the primary level except for gifted students. There is voluntary tracking on the secondary level for vocational studies, trades, and the 5-year advanced high school program.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Slovenia Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
Odiicno/Zelo uspesno	5	A
Pravdobro/upesno	4	A
Dobro/upesno	3	B
Zadostno/manjuspesno	2	C
Nezadostno	1	F

SPAIN

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 16

Adult Literacy Rate: 97%

School Year

Usually the academic year runs from the 1st of September to the end of June. The daily schedule runs for five hours, usually three hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon. Each class lasts anywhere from 50 minutes to one hour, five days per week.

	SPAIN EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	6	6-12	1-5	6-11
Lower Secondary/ Intermediate	4	12-15	6-8	11-13(14)
	Bachillerato de Grado Diploma			
Upper Secondary/ High School*	Pre-Univ 1	15	9-12	14-18
	Bachillerato de Grado Superior (U.S. 11 th grade-- equals high school diploma)		Diploma after 12 th grade	
	Colegio 2	16-17		
	Bachillerato Unificado (U.S. 11 & 12 grade or grade 12 & 13--also equals U.S. high school diploma)			

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive.

Tracking

Tracking may take place at the upper secondary level. Students may opt for a 1, 2, or 3 year upper secondary option, depending on their post-secondary plans. These studies are very rigorous in their specific fields of study. The curriculum does not equate well to the United States' system.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Spain Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent	
Sobresaliente	8.5-10	A	90%
Notable	7.0-8.49	B	80%
Aprobado	5.0-6.99	C	70%
Suspense	Below 5.0	F	55%

SRI LANKA

Compulsory Education: Ages 5 to 15
Grades 1 through 10

Adult Literacy Rate: 87%

School Year

Schools are open 190 days a year, 5 days per week. The school year is divided into trimesters from October-December, January-March and April-July. In some urban schools there are morning and afternoon sessions, reducing the time spent on instruction.

	SRI LANKA EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/Primary	1-5	5-10	1-5	6-11
Secondary/Intermediate	6-10 Exam	11-15	6-8	11-13(14)
Advanced Secondary/ High School	2 years	entry by exam	9-12	14-18
	Exam to receive general certificate of advanced education		Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

At the primary stage (1-5) and at the secondary stage (grades 6-10) students' progress is monitored by the school. At the end of the compulsory cycle (usually at the age of 15), qualified students may take the General Certificate of Education-Ordinary-Level (GCEO Level) examination and may study for two more years and take the General Certificate of Advanced Education Level (GCEA-level) examination prepared and administered by the Commissioner of Examinations under the Ministry of Education.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Sri Lanka Equivalent	Recommended US Equivalent
4	95%
3	85%
2	75%
1 (fail)	55%(fail)
0 (fail)	50%(fail)

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

Compulsory Education: 7 years
Ages 5 to12 (not enforced and low attendance is reported)

Adult Literacy Rate: 85%

School Year

The school year is in trimesters, from mid-September to mid-July. Primary school hours are from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and Secondary school hours are from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM; both are for 5 days per week. 76% of eligible students attend primary school and 24% attend secondary schools. Many of the students receive interrupted education.

	ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	7 years Exam	5-12	1-5	6-11
Intermediate			6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary High School*	Stage I: 5 years	12-16	9-12	14-18
	Stage II: 2 years	6-18	Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

At the end of primary school, all students must pass the Primary-School Learning Certificate Examination and/or the Common Entrance Examination before moving to the next level of schooling. Most secondary schools are run by religious organizations. Government schools for children with special needs serve handicapped students

Grading System (Varies by School)

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
A+	9.5-10	95%
A	7.5-9.4	90%
B	6-7.4	80%
C	5-5.9	70%
D	4-4.9	65%
E/F (failing)	0-3.9	55/50%

Additional Resources

Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
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ST. LUCIA

Compulsory Education: Ages 5 to 15
10 years

Adult Literacy Rate: 77%

School Year

The school year runs in trimesters, which are from mid-September to mid-July. Primary school hours are from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM and secondary school hours are from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, all for 5 days per week.

	ST. LUCIA EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary Infant School	7 Exam	5-12	1-5	6-11
Intermediate/Junior Secondary	3 Exam	12-15	6-8	11-13(14)
Senior Secondary/ High School	2	15-17	9-12	14-18
			Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

Promotion from one grade to the next is automatic if students meet minimum requirements. After 7 years of school, the student must take the common entrance exam in order to determine placement in secondary school. After the completion of the last year of junior secondary school, the student must take the common Middle School Examination. For some, this is the end of their formal education. Others are allowed to continue their education for two more years, thus earning a diploma of completion.

Grading System (Varies by School)

St. Lucia Equivalent	Recommended US Equivalent
A	8-10
B	6.6-7.9
C	4.5-6.5
D	3.5-4.4
E/F (failing)	0-3.5

Additional Resources

Ministry of Education, Human Resource Development, Youth and Sports
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TAIWAN

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 14
Grades 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 90%

School Year

The length of the school year is roughly the same in China, Taiwan and Hong Kong. The fall term is from September to January and the spring term is from March to July. Students attend school from Monday through Saturday. Seniors must return to school on Sunday morning to study. In elementary school, the length of the school day is from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. In junior high school and high school the length of the day is from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. There are 6 days per week of school.

	TAIWAN EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary/Elementary	6	6-12	1-5	6-11
Intermediate/Junior High/Lower Secondary	3	12-14	6-8	11-13(14)
	Lower high school certificate Upper high school (upper secondary) entrance exams			
Upper Secondary/High School*	3	14-17	9-12	14-18
	Exam Senior High School graduation certificate		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive.

Tracking

Upper secondary school students will be programmed into two groups according to their marks, grades and test results at the beginning of the 10th year. One group will prepare the students majoring in the Humanities. Another group will prepare the students majoring in Sciences.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Taiwan Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
80-100%	A	95%
70-79%	B	85%
60-69%	C	75%
50-59%	D fail	55%
below 50%	F fail	50%

Passing is a grade of 60% (C) or higher. Some private schools differ; always check secondary school transcripts legends.

Additional Resources

Ministry of Education of Taiwan

<http://www.moe.gov.tw>

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Compulsory Education: Ages 5 to12
Grades 1 through 6.

Adult Literacy Rate: 98%

School Year

The school year is divided into trimesters, from August to May, 5 days per week. Many schools are administered jointly by the state and religious bodies so schools are closed for many holidays. There are two types of secondary education. The traditional system consists of 5 years of secondary school while the new system provides 3 years of junior secondary school and 2 years of senior secondary school. Five years of study in either system qualifies the student to sit for the National Exam or the CXC exam. Students must pass one of these exams to be awarded their high school diploma. The passing of the CXC is needed to enter pre-university level.

	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/Primary	7 years		1-5	6-11
Intermediate			6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary High School	a)junior: 3 years Forms 1,2,3 b)senior:2 years Forms 4,5 National exam or CXC*		9-12	14-18
Pre-University	2 years Form 6		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*A national examination, The Caribbean Examinations Council of Secondary Education Certificate (CXC), administered by the British Examining Board, is given at the end of secondary school and is needed to obtain a diploma and move into the pre-university level.

Tracking

At the end of each stage of schooling there is an examination required for promotion to the next level. Many students, therefore, end their education after 6th grade, which is the end of compulsory education.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Trinidad and Tobago Equivalent	Recommended US Equivalent
1	90%
2	85%
3	80%
4	75%
5	70%
6-fail	
7-fail	

Note: In some schools a grade of 40% or lower is failing.

UKRAINE

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 14
Grades 1 to 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 98%

School Year

The school year is 39 weeks, from September to June.

	UKRAINE EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/Primary	1-6	6-11	1-5	6-11
Intermediate/Lower Secondary	7-9	11-14	6-8	11-13(14)
	Certificate after 9 th grade			
Upper Secondary/High School*	2 to 3	15-16(17)	9-12	14-18
	Diploma after 2 years. Advanced academic diploma after 3 years.		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

No tracking system exists. There are high schools providing advanced education in Math, Art, Music and Economics. There are no final exams in elementary schools. Middle and high school students in Russia and Belarus have final exams after senior grade only, but in Ukraine, at the end of each school year.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Ukraine Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
Excellent	5	10-12	95%
Good	4	7-9	85%
Satisfactory	3	4-6	75%
Unsatisfactory	2	1-3	55%
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UNITED KINGDOM

Compulsory Education: Ages 5 to 16
Through grade 11

Adult Literacy Rate: 99.9%

School Year

The school year runs from October to July.

	UNITED KINGDOM EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Nursery Primary	1 6 years	5	K-5	5-11
Intermediate			6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary High School	Lower:3 years, Forms 1,2,3 Upper:2 years, Forms 4,5		9-12	14-18
Pre-University	Completion of HS after attendance of 11 years Certificate of Secondary Education May be admitted to pre-university level based on passing the National Examinations Pre-univ: 2 years, Form 6		Diploma after 12 th grade	

Note: There is no official method of equating the British and American systems. However, it is generally accepted that completion of Form 5, or 5GCSE exam, is equivalent to a United States high school diploma.

Tracking

Officially, no tracking system exists. However, based upon student interests and teacher evaluation, students may select academic or vocational training programs.

Grading System (Varies by School)

United Kingdom Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
A	95%	A+
B	90%	A
C	80%	B
D	75%	C+
E	70%	C
F	55%	F
G	50%	F

Note: The American concept of school reports or transcripts is not used. Schools in the United Kingdom base promotion and achievement on standardized national examinations.

Additional Resources

Department for Education and Skills

www.dfes.gov.uk

E-mail: info@dfes.gsi.gov.uk

UZBEKISTAN

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 14
Grades 1 through 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 99%

School Year

The school year runs from September to June. Uzbekistan is in the process of educational reform. Some schools still use the Russian system (refer to Russian Federation in this manual). In addition, Uzbekistan is changing its alphabet from Cyrillic into Latin.

	UZBEKISTAN EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	4 years	1-4	1-5	6-11
Intermediate			6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary High School A) general secondary B) specialized secondary	A) 5 years	5-9	9-12	14-18
	B) 2 years vocational OR 3 years academic		Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

Students may enter either a vocational (2 years) or academic (3 years) upper secondary program. Both lead to a high school completion certificate.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Uzbekistan Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
5	Excellent	90%
4	Good	80%
3	Satisfactory	70%
2	Unsatisfactory	55%
1	Unsatisfactory	50%

Passing is a grade of 3 or higher. Grades of 2 or 1 are rarely shown on transcripts. A pass mark is issued when an exam was not taken but all course requisites were met. This can be equated to a CR (credit) in our system.

Additional Resources

Education Level in Uzbekistan

<http://www.bibl.u-szeged.hu/oseas/uzbek.html>

VENEZUELA

Compulsory Education: Ages 7 to 12
Grades 1 through 6

Adult Literacy Rate: 92%

School Year

Some schools are year-round, others are from 6 to 10 months. Usually schools operate on semesters or trimesters, ending each one with an exam. About 50% of the schools are private and can pick their own schedule. Classes are from 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Each class lasts about 45 minutes.

	VENEZUELA EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/Primary	Pre-primary 1-6	5-6 6(7)-12	1-5	6-11
Lower or Basic Secondary/ Intermediate	3 years	13-15	6-8	11-13(14)
	Certificado de educacion primaria			
Secondary High School*	Upper- 2years	16-17	9-12	14-18
	Certificado de educacion secundaria (Equivalent to US HS diploma) diversified Secondary 1 year Bachiller ciclo diversificado.		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

All public schools in Venezuela are co-educational. On the secondary level there are three voluntary tracks: general (grades 10-11), professional (grades 10-12) and technical (grades 10-11).

Grading System (Varies by School)

Venezuela Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent	
16-20	Sobresaliente	A	90-95%
14-15	Distinguido	B	80-85%
10-13	Bueno	C	70-75%
1-9	Aplazado	F(fail)	50%

Passing is a grade of 10 (C) or higher.

VIETNAM

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 14
Completion of grade 9

Adult Literacy Rate: 88%

School Year

The school year runs for nine months, from September through May, six days a week, Monday through Saturday. The overall attendance in all schools is excellent, hovering consistently around 98%. Absenteeism and truancy are practically nonexistent.

	VIETNAM EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/Primary/ Level I	5 years	6-12	1-5	6-11
	Certificate of Lower Level Completion			
Intermediate/Level II	4 years	12-15	6-8	11-13(14)
	Diploma of Completion of Lower/Pre Secondary School			
Secondary High School/ Level III*	3 years	15-18(19)	9-12	14-18
	Specialized Secondary Upper School Diploma		Diploma after 12 th grade	

*Technical or Academic Comprehensive

Tracking

Schools provide a high achievement class in the sciences and math at the third level (10th to 12th grade).

Grading System (Varies by School)

Vietnam Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
8-10	Excellent	A
7-7.5	Very good	B
6-6.5	Good	B-
5-5.5	Average	C
below 5	Below Avg.	Failure

Passing is a grade of 5 or higher.

YEMEN

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 15
Compulsory education is not enforced

Adult Literacy Rate: 40%

School Year

The school year is year-round with numerous holidays, dependent upon the Islamic Lunar calendar.

	YEMEN EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	9 years	6-15	1-5	6-11
Intermediate			6-8	11-13(14)
Secondary High School	3 years 2 years	16-18 18	9-12	14-18
Military	Compulsory for males		Diploma after 12 th grade	

The education system is based on Islamic Law.

Grading System (Varies by School)

Yemen Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
90-100	1	A	95%
80-89%	2	B	85%
65-79%	3	C	75%
50-64%	4/5	D/fail	65%

Passing is a grade of 50% or higher.

ZIMBABWE

Compulsory Education: Grades 1 to 5

Adult Literacy Rate: 76% (UNESCO)
90% (Zimbabwe government estimates)

School Year

The school year runs from January to December, with three-month terms broken up by one-month vacations after each term. Due to a lack of funding, many primary schools are on double sessions, with students attending 4 hours per day.

	ZIMBABWE EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	7	6-12	1-5	6-11
Junior Certification Forms I and II	2	13-14	6-8	11-13(14)
	Lower high school certificate Upper high school (upper secondary) entrance exams			
O Level (Forms III and IV)	2	15-16	9-10 11-12	14-16 17-18
A Level (Forms V and VI)	2	17-19	Diploma after 12 th grade	

Tracking

Huge discrepancies exist between rural and urban, private, boarding and public schools. "Group A" schools are more rigorous academically and have greater resources. In Group A schools, students study English beginning in the first grade; in other schools, the study of English begins in the 4th grade. Placement into primary schools is based upon ability to pay.

Placement into secondary schools is based on the grades earned on the four required primary school national examinations, as well as the ability to pay. Based on the Form I and Form II reports, students are assigned to courses and tracked classes for their O Level programs. Only students who receive sufficient scores on their CSE (Forms III and IV) exams are accepted into A Level programs to study science, business or the arts. Most students end their formal education at the end of Form IV.

ZIMBABWE (continued)

Grading System

Zimbabwe National Exam Grades	Recommended US Equivalent
A	90%
B	80%
C	70%
Below C is failing	55%

Passing is a grade of 60% (C) or higher. Some private schools differ; always check secondary school transcripts legends.

It is important to note that secondary schools do not usually produce transcripts for their students. Students receive informal, handwritten school reports twice a year. Also, teachers often downgrade all student reports the term before exams as a motivator for them to work harder. The O and A Level certificates are considered the official academic qualifications, as opposed to a school-generated report. The exam results are certified and stamped by the Head Master, the Minister of Education or the United States Embassy.

SECTION III

References and Resources

References included throughout this manual are intended to be those which are readily available. Internet and agency references were all available at the time of publications; however, these references may change.

State resources for additional assistance regarding newly enrolling students from foreign countries	
Agency	Contact Information
International Institute Rhode Island	645 Elmwood Ave., Providence, RI 02907 401-461-5940
University of Rhode Island, Office of International Students & Scholars	University of Rhode Island • Office of International Students & Scholars • International Center, 37 Lower College Road; Kingston, Rhode Island, 02881
International Student Services Johnson & Wales University	Student Services Center 274 Pine Street Providence, RI 02903 phone: 401-598-4669 http://www.jwu.edu/content.aspx?id=49721
Brown University Office of International Student & Scholar Services	J. Walter Wilson, Suite 510 69 Brown Street, Box 1906 Providence, RI 02912 phone 401.863.2427 fax 401-863-7543 oisss@brown.edu
Rhode Island College International Student Office	Rhode Island College Faculty Center 600 Mount Pleasant Avenue Providence, RI 02908 (401) 456-8649 http://www.ric.edu/iss/
Roger Williams University International Student Services	Intercultural Center Maple Hall, Roger Williams University, One Old Ferry Rd., Bristol, RI 02809, (401) 254-3121 http://www.rwu.edu/campus-life/gender-culture/iss/prospective-new-students
Providence College International Students and Scholars	Center for International Studies, Harkins Hall, 2 nd Floor, 1 Cunningham Square, Providence, RI 02918 http://www.providence.edu/cis/International-Students/Pages/Incoming-International-Students.aspx

Consulates and Embassies Located in New York City and/or Washington D.C.

Afghanistan

Embassy of the Republic of Afghanistan
2341 Wyoming Ave., NW
Washington DC 20008
Telephone: (202) 234-3770

Consulate General of the Republic of
Afghanistan
360 Lexington Avenue, 11th floor
New York, NY 10017
212-972-2276

Albania

The Republic of Albania Embassy
2100 S. Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008
202-223-4942

Antigua & Barbuda

Antigua and Barbuda Embassy
3216 New Mexico Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20016
202-362-5122

Argentina

Embassy of the Argentine Republic
1600 New Hampshire Avenue, NW,
Washington DC 20009
202-238-6400

Consulate General of Argentina
12 West 56th Street
New York, NY 10019
212-603-0400

Australia

Australian Embassy
1601 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20036-2273
202-797-3000
Fax: 202-797-3168

Australian Consulate General
150 East 42nd St., 34th floor
New York, NY 10017
212-351-6500

Austria

Austrian Embassy
3524 International Court
Washington D.C. 20008-3035
202-895-6750

Austrian Consulate General
31 East 69th St.
New York, NY 10021
212-737-6400

Austrian National Tourist Office
P.O.Box 1142
New York, NY 10018-1142
212-944-6880
Fax: 212-730-4568

Bahamas

The Commonwealth of the Bahamas Embassy
2220 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008
202-319-2660

Bangladesh

The People's Republic of Bangladesh Embassy
3510 International Drive, NW
Washington, DC 20007
202-244-2745

Consulate General of Bangladesh
211 East 43rd St.
New York, NY 10017
212-599-6767

Barbados

Barbados Embassy
2144 Wyoming Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008
202-939-9200

Consulate General of Barbados
800 Second Avenue, 2nd floor
New York, NY 10017
212-867-8435

Belarus (Republic of)

Embassy of Belarus
1619 New Hampshire Avenue., N.W.
Washington, DC 20009
202-986-1606

Consulate General of the Republic of Belarus
708 Third Avenue #21
New York, NY 10017
212-682-5392

Belgium

Embassy of Belgium
3330 Garfield Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008
(202) 333-3079

Belgium Consulate General
330 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10014
212-586-5110

Belgian National Tourist Office
220 East 42nd Street, Suite 3402
New York, NY 10017
(212) 758-8130

Belize

Embassy of Belize
2535 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington DC 20008
202-332-9636

Bolivia

Embassy of Bolivia
3014 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008
202-483-4410
Consulate General of Bolivia
211 East 43rd St.
New York, NY 10017
212-687-0530

Bosnia-Herzegovina

Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina
2109 E Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20037
202-337-1500

Brazil

Brazilian Embassy
3006 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008-3634
202-238-2700

Brazilian Consulate General
1185 Avenue of the Americas (Sixth Avenue),
21st Floor
New York, NY 10036
917-777-7777

Bulgaria

Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria
1621 22nd Street, NW
Washington D.C. 20008
202-387-0174

Bulgarian Consulate General
121 East 62nd Street,
New York, NY 10021
212-935-4646

Burma

The U.N. Permanent Mission of Myanmar
10 East 77th St.
New York, NY 10021
212-535-1310

Cambodia

The Royal Embassy of Cambodia
4530 16th Street NW
Washington D.C. 20011
202-726-7742

Cameroon

Embassy of the Republic of Cameroon
2349 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008
202-265-8790

Canada

Canadian Embassy
501 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20001
202-682-1740

Canadian Consulate General
1251 Avenue of the Americas (50th
St.) New York, NY 10020-1175
212-596-1783

Chile

Embassy of Chile
1732 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
202-785-1746

Consulate General of Chile
866 U.N. Plaza, Suite 601
New York, NY 10017
212-980-3366

China

Embassy of the People's Republic of China
2300 Connecticut Ave., NW,
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202-328-2500

Consulate General of the People's Republic of
China
520 12th Avenue
New York, NY 10036
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Colombia

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2118 Leroy Place
Washington D.C. 20008
202-387-8338

Consulate General of Colombia
10 East 46th St.
New York, NY 10017
212-949-9898

Costa Rica

Embassy of Costa Rica
2114 "S" Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008
202-234-2945

Consulate of Costa Rica
80 Wall St., Suite 718
New York, NY 10005
212-509-3066

Croatia

Embassy of Croatia
2343 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington DC, 20008-2803
202-588-5899

Consulate General of Croatia
369 Lexington Avenue, 11th floor
New York, NY 10017
212-599-3066

Cuba

Permanent Mission to the UN
315 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10016
212-689-7215

Czech Republic

Embassy of the Czech Republic
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Washington, D.C. 20008
202-274-9100

Denmark

Royal Danish Embassy
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Royal Danish Consulate General
1 Dag Hammarskjold Plaza
New York, NY 10017
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Dominica

The Commonwealth of Dominica
3216 New Mexico Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20016
202-364-6781/2

Dominican Republic

Embassy of the Dominican Republic
1715 22nd Street NW
Washington DC 20008
202-332-6280

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1501 Broadway
New York, NY 10036
212-768-2480

Ecuador

Ecuador Embassy
2535 15th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20009
202-234-7200

Consulate General of Ecuador
800 Second Avenue #600
New York, NY 10017
212-808-0170

Egypt

Arab Republic of Egypt Embassy
3521 International Court, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008
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Consulate of the Arab Republic of Egypt
1110 2nd Ave., 2nd Fl., Room 201
New York, NY 10022
212-759-7120

El Salvador

Embassy of El Salvador
2308 California Street, NW
Washington DC 20008
202-265-9671

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46 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10016
212-889-3608

Estonia

Embassy of Estonia
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Washington, DC 20036
202-588-0101

Consulate General of the Republic of Estonia
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212-883-0636

Ethiopia

Ethiopia Embassy
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Ethiopian Consulate General
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212-421-1830

Finland

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France

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Fiji

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Gambia

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Georgia

Embassy of the Republic of Georgia
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202-387-2390

Germany

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Gibraltar

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212-599-0301

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15929 Yukon Lane
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New York, NY 10022
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Iceland

Consulate General of Iceland
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New York, NY 10022
212-593-2700

India

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299 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10171
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Korea

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Consulate General of Korea
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Lebanon

9 East 76th St.
New York, NY 10021
212-744-7905

Liberia

The Republic of Liberia Embassy
5201 16th Street, NW
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Lithuania (Republic of)

Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania
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Consulate General of Lithuania
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New York, NY 10018
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Luxembourg

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Consulate General of Luxembourg
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Macedonia

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Malaysia

Consulate General of Malaysia
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Mexico

Embassy of Mexico
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202-728-1600

Consulate General of Mexico
27 East 39th St.
New York, NY 10016
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Monaco

Consulate General of Monaco
565 Fifth Ave #23
New York, NY 10017
212-286-0500

Morocco

Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco
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Washington, DC 20009
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Consulate General of Netherlands
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New Zealand

Embassy of New Zealand
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Washington, DC 20008
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Consulate General of Nicaragua
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Nigeria

Consulate General of Nigeria
828 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10017
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Royal Norwegian Embassy
2720 34th St, NW
Washington, DC 20008
202-333-6600

Royal Norwegian Consulate General
825 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022
212-421-7333

Pakistan

Embassy of Pakistan
3517 International Court, NW
Washington DC 20008
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Consulate General of Pakistan
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New York, NY 10021
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Panama

Consulate General of Panama
1212 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10036
212-840-2450

Paraguay

Consulate of Paraguay
211 E 43rd Street #2101
New York, NY 10017
212-682-9441

Peru

Consulate General of Peru
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New York, NY 10016
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Washington, DC 20036
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Philippine Consulate General
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New York, NY 10036
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Embassy of Poland
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Washington, DC 20009
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Consulate General of the Republic of Poland
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Embassy of Portugal
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Embassy of Romania
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Sierra Leone Embassy
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New York, NY 10017
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Scandinavian Tourist Board
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New York, NY 10017
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New York, NY 10016
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2375 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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New York, NY 10155
212-355-4080

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St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Embassy of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
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Washington, DC 20016
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New York, NY 10017
212-583-2550

Switzerland

Embassy of Switzerland
2900 Cathedral Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20008
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New York, NY 10017
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