

## Foreign Transcript Evaluation Guide

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A Resource Guide for the Somerville Public Schools
Provided by the Multilingual Learner Education Department, Enrollment Office,
and Somerville High School – Counseling Department.

### Introduction

This document is intended as a reference tool to assist school staff members with evaluating foreign transcripts for students newly enrolling from other countries and to ensure that the process is fair and transparent for all students and families.

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 their countries and grade scales, recommended courses, and the equivalent credit within the U.S. Public Schools System.

### Evaluators are advised to:

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

### Placement Recommendations:

### Language Assessment

Students who speak or understand a language other than English as reported on the home
language survey will be tested for oral and written language proficiency. A Multilingual Learner
Education program recommendation will be made according to the language test results.<sup>1</sup> Students
with interrupted or limited formal education (SLIFE) will be screened for further program placement.

### Elementary level

- In grades K-8, report cards and student's age are reviewed for grade level assignment by the Enrollment Office and Multilingual Learner Education Office.
- When a student arrives in Quarter 1, 2, or 3 of our school year they will be placed in the subsequent grade according to age.
- When a student arrives in Quarter 4 of our school year, they will be placed in their current grade level for the remained of the school year (because they have missed a majority of the school year)

### High School

- Transcript and credits will be reviewed for grade assignment by the SHS Registrar.
- Grade placement of incoming students at Somerville High School is entirely dependent upon the number of credits earned in secondary education (only high school level courses will be counted for credits at SHS).
- English Language Arts/ESL credits In order to have foreign language credits applied to ELA/ESL credits, the newly enrolled student must provide an official documentation (transcript/school curriculum/syllabus) from the student's former school to confirm that the foreign language was English.
- No Credit Policy This grading policy applies to newly enrolled students with no transfer credits
  from another school system or country or with course grades which cannot be accepted for credit
  at Somerville High School. In the latter case, determination of acceptance or non-acceptance of
  courses for credit will be made by the School Counseling Department.

https://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr14.html?section=02

- Newly enrolled students with 50+ credits from another country will be assigned to a grade according to SHS Registrar/Counseling Department determination after a review of an official transcript and credits earned.
- If a new student transfers to SHS with 70 or more credits earned at a prior school but they cannot
  graduate in one year because they cannot meet their SHS graduation requirements, then the
  student will be enrolled in the 11th grade.
- Final determination of grade level and course will be determined by the SHS Counseling
   Department in consultation with the High School Registrar.
- Students and families can appeal the grade placement AFTER their meeting with the school counselor by contacting the Principal. The Principal will, in consultation with the registrar, MLE Department Chair, and Director of School Counseling, review the placement.
- As a reminder, students who have graduated high school in any other country or school system are
  not eligible to enroll at Somerville High School<sup>2</sup>, but may be referred to Higher Education or Adult
  Education programming including SCALE.

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https://www.doe.mass.edu/hse/eligibility.html

## **Useful Resources**

DOE Massachusetts - Education of English Learners Regulations <a href="https://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr14.html?section=02">https://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr14.html?section=02</a>

DOE Massachusetts - HiSet Eligibility Requirements https://www.doe.mass.edu/hse/eligibility.html

DOE Massachusetts - HiSet Eligibility Verification Form https://www.doe.mass.edu/hse/verification.pdf

DOE Massachusetts - Adult Diploma Programs <a href="https://www.doe.mass.edu/hse/adp/">https://www.doe.mass.edu/hse/adp/</a>

DOE Massachusetts - Diplomas & Transcripts <a href="https://www.doe.mass.edu/hse/diplomas-transcripts.html">https://www.doe.mass.edu/hse/diplomas-transcripts.html</a>

DOE Massachusetts - <u>Enrolling and Supporting Newcomer Students in MA Schools https://www.doe.mass.edu/ele/guidance/default.html</u>

NCAA - Guide to International Academic Standards <a href="http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility">http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility</a> center/International Information/International Guide.pdf

NCAA - International Country-Specific Academic Information <a href="https://www.ncaa.org/sports/2021/7/21/countries.aspx">https://www.ncaa.org/sports/2021/7/21/countries.aspx</a>

DOE Pennsylvania - Evaluating Foreign Transcript

https://www.education.pa.gov/Documents/Teachers-Administrators/Curriculum/ESL/Evaluating%20Foreign%20Transcripts.pdf

DOE Rhode Island - Evaluating Foreign Transcript

https://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Instruction-and-Assessment-World-Class-Standards/Instructional-Resources/Foreign-Transcript-Review/Foreign-Transcripts-Review-Resource-Guide-2-27-2012.pdf

International Education Database https://www.scholaro.com/db/Countries

UNESCO - International Bureau of Education <a href="http://www.ibe.unesco.org/en/ibedocs/basic-search">http://www.ibe.unesco.org/en/ibedocs/basic-search</a> <a href="http://www.ibe.unesco.org/en/where-we-work">http://www.ibe.unesco.org/en/where-we-work</a>

Evaluation World - Foreign Credential Evaluation Service http://blog.evaluationworld.com/2009/10/29/high-school-diploma-evaluation/

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## **AFGHANISTAN**

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 13, Grades 1 through 9

**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	US EQUIVALENT		
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages	
Elementary/Primary (6 years)	1-6	6-12	1-5	6-10	
Middle School/Lower Secondary (3 years)	Entrance exam	`			
(o years)	7-9	12-14	6-8	11-13 (14)	
	End of compulsory education				
High School/Upper Secondary	10-12 15-17		9-12	14-18	
(3 years)	Certific upper-seconda		Diploma af	ter 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	

### **Tracking**

After completing 6th grade, students take an exam allowing them to enter either middle school or a vocational school for three years (grade 7-9). After the 9th grade, students may take an examination to enter three years of either an academic or vocational upper school (high school/secondary education).

Α	fghanistan	Equivalent	Recommended US Equivalent	
9-10	100-89	Excellent	Α	А
7-8	85-79	Very Good	В	В
5-6	78-70	Good	С	С
3.5-4	65-40	Poor/Satisfactory	D	D
0-3	<40	Failure	F	F

<sup>\* 40</sup> is the lowest passing grade

## **BOLIVIA**

Compulsory Education: Ages 5 to 12, Grades K through 5

**School Year:** The school year is from March to December and is divided into two semesters. School is conducted five days a week, with two shifts. Morning: 7:00 AM to noon Afternoon: 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. High school students have some special classes and tests on Saturday.

	BOLIVIA E	QUIVALENT	US EQL	JIVALENT
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary Education (Educación Básica Primaria)	1-3 4-6	6-11	1-5	5-10
Intermediate/Middle School (Educación Intermedia)	7-8	12-13 (14)	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Secondary *	9-12	14-18	9-12	14-18
(Educación Secundaria)			Diploma afte	er 12 <sup>th</sup> grade

<sup>\*</sup> Vocational or Academic Comprehensive (Diploma de Bachiller Técnico o Diploma de Bachiller Humanístico)

### **Tracking**

Elementary education lasts for eight years divided in three cycles of 3, 3 and 2 years. Secondary education covers four years divided into two cycles of two years each, one devoted to technical training and the other to specialized training. The latter is divided into a general academic and a technical option. At the end of the first two years in technical fields pupils obtain a Diploma of Técnico Básico. The next two years lead to the Diploma de Bachiller Técnico which is equivalent to the title of Técnico Medio. Pupils taking the general academic option obtain the Diploma de Bachiller Humanístico in a chosen subject.

Bolivia Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
Sobresaliente	7	90-100	А
Distinguido	6	77-89	В
Bueno	5	64-76	С
Suficiente	4	51-63	D
Reprobado	below 3.6	0-50	F

### **BRAZIL**

**Compulsory Education:** Ages 6 to 15, Grades K through 8 (year 1-9)

**School Year:** The school year is from March to December and is divided into two semesters. School is conducted five days a week, with two shifts. Morning: 7:00 AM to noon Afternoon: 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. High school students have some special classes and tests on Saturday.

	BRAZIL EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary Education (Ensino Fundamental)	K-5	6-11	K-5	5-10
Elementary/Middle School (Ensino Fundamental)	6-8	12-14 (15)	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Secondary *	3 years	15-18	9-12	14-18
(Ensino Médio/ Profissional/Técnico)			Diploma afte	er 12 <sup>th</sup> grade

<sup>\*</sup> Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

#### **Tracking**

A 12-years system of education with children starting school at age 6. **Elementary Education** (*Ensino Fundamental*) has a duration of 9 years and is obligatory for children aged 6-14. **High school** (*Ensino Medio*) 3 years, ages 15-18 offers a curriculum that includes at least one foreign language, philosophy, sociology, Portuguese, geography, history, physics, chemistry, geology, mathematics, arts and physical education. **Vocational Secondary Education** (*Educacao Profissional/Técnica*) 3 years after completing *ensino fundamental*, students may choose to attend a vocational secondary school. The curriculum can include general as well as specialized vocational subjects.

## **Grading System (Varies by School)**

Brazil Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
Excelente	9-10	А	Α
Muito bom	7-8.9	В	В
Regular	5-6.9	С	С
Insuficiente	0-4.9	F	F

Passing is a grade of 5.0 or higher.

### **CHILE**

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 15, Grades 1 through 9

**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		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary (Educación Básica)	1-8	6-13	K-8	5-13 (14)
High School / Secondary* (Educación Media)	9-10 General/Basic Secondary	14-18	9-12	14-18
(Education Ficular)	11-12 Secondary Specialization		Diploma afte	Ü

<sup>\*</sup>Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

#### **Tracking**

Secondary education in Chile is compulsory and lasts for 4 years. This educational level provides specialized education and training, and prepares students for higher education or vocational education and training. Secondary education is split up into 2 cycles of 2 years each. 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 (sciences or humanities).

## **Grading System (Varies by School)**

Chile Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
Sobresaliente	7	A+	A+
Muy Bueno	6-6.9	А	А
Bueno	5-5.9	В	В
Mas que regular	4-4.9	С	С
Regular (suficiente)	3	D	F
Menos que regular	2	F	F
Deficiente	1	F	F

Passing is a grade of 4.0 or higher.

### **CHINA**

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

**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 EC	CHINA EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages	
Elementary/ Primary	6	6-12	1-5	6-10	
Middle School/ Lower Secondary often called Normal School	3	13-15	6-8	11-13 (14)	
High School / Upper Secondary	3	15-17	9-12	14-18	
often called Normal College			Diploma afte	er 12 <sup>th</sup> 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	4-5	A
Good	8-8.9	3	В
Fair	7-7.9	2	С
Poor	6-6.9	1	D
Failure	0-5.9	0	F

Passing is a grade of 6.0 or higher

### **COLOMBIA**

Compulsory Education: Ages 5 to 15, Grades 1 through 5

**School Year:** 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.

	COLOMBIA EQ	UIVALENT	US EQUIVALENT		
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages	
Elementary/Primary (Educacion Basica Primaria)	Pre-Primary 5 years (1-5)	5-6 7-11	1-5	6-10	
Middle School/Basic Secondary (Educacion Basica Secundaria)	Lower Secondary- Basic 4 years (6-9)	12-15	6-9	11-14	
High School/Secondary	Upper Secondary- Diversified	16-17	10-12	14-18	
Education/ Upper Secondary* (Educacion Media)	2 years (10-11)		Diploma a	fter 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	

<sup>\*</sup>Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

#### **Tracking**

Formal education is organized into three levels: a) Preschool, b) Basic education, with a duration of nine grades that will be completed in two cycles: Basic primary education (grades 1-5) and basic secondary education (grades 6-9), Secondary Education or High School (grades 10-11). This level is also known as upper secondary education. Students must have completed Grade 9 for entry into the upper secondary educational level. The actual programme of study at this level is known as bachillerato or baccalaureate, which is equivalent to U.S. high school graduation.

## **Grading System (Varies by School)**

Colombia Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
Excelente	9.5-10	A+
Muy Bueno	8.5-9.4	А
Bueno	7.5-8.4	В
Regular	6.5-7.4	С
Deficiente	6.0 passing	D
No Aceptado	1-5.9	F

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

### **DENMARK**

**Compulsory Education:** Age below 16 and takes place at *folkeskole* public schools or private ones. Primary Education varies from grades 1 to 9 or 1 to 10 (transition year to secondary school).

**School Year:** The school year is from September-June.

	DENMARK EQUIV	US EQUIVALENT		
	Years of Approximate School Ages		Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary/Basic Education	1-8		1-5	5-10
Pre-secondary "basic" education / Lower Secondary *	9 -10	6-16	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School / Upper Secondary **	11-13 (years varies by	14-18	9-12	14-18
educational path)			Diploma af	ter 12 <sup>th</sup> grade

<sup>\*\*</sup> Folkeskolens Afgangsprøve (leaving examination after Class 9 or 10) or Folkeskolens 10 -klasse prøve (Class 10 exam)

#### **Tracking**

Pre-secondary "basic" education takes place at the same institution throughout the mandatory period, at the end of which a leaving examination takes place. There are two options at secondary school. A 3 year gymnasium program prepares young people for tertiary education, while vocational education readies them for specific jobs.

#### Upper secondary options:

- The 3-year Gymnasium programme is the traditional general upper secondary programme (Studentereksamen after 3 years' study - upper Secondary School Leaving Examination or Højere Forberedelseksamen-HF - Higher Preparatory Examination after two years' study.
- Vocational Education "Højere Handelseksamen" (HHX) or "Højere Teknisk Eksamen" (HTX) prepare students for professional bachelor's program and employment in trade and industry.

## **Grading System (Varies by School)**

Denmark Equiva	alent	Recommended US Equivalent
Excellent	12	A+
Very Good	10.00 - 11.99	А
Good	7 - 9.99	В
Fair	4 - 6.99	С
Minimum	2 - 3.99	D
Fail	0 - 1.99	F

#### Passing is a D with a 2 or better

<sup>\*\*</sup> Uddannelsesbevis or Svendebrev certificate (equivalent to Associates Degree)

### **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

Compulsory Education: Ages 7 to 13

**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.

	DOMINICA	AN EQUIVALENT	U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary	1-6	6(7) - 12(13)	1-5	6-10
Intermediate/Lower secondary (Nivel Basico)	7-8	13 -14(15)	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School/Upper Secondary*	1-4	14-17(18)	9-12	14-18
(Nivel medio)			Diploma afte	er 12 <sup>th</sup> grade

<sup>\*</sup>Bachillerato / Bachillerato en (specialization)

#### **Tracking**

Primary school lasts for six years and is compulsory. In secondary education, the system comprises a six-year cycle divided into a two-year intermediate cycle (*nivel basico*) and a four-year second cycle (*nivel medio*). On completion of the first two years (grades 7-8, students obtain the <u>Certificado de Suficiencia en los Estudios Intermedios</u>. During the second cycle (grades 9-12), students follow an academic, technical-vocational or teacher-training track. During the last year, students can choose to specialize. On completion of this cycle, students are awarded the <u>Bachillerato</u> in their specialization.

## **Grading System (Varies by School)**

Dominican Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
Sobresaliente	Excellent	90-100	А
Muy Bueno	Good	80-89	В
Bueno	Fair	70-79	С
Suficiente	Poor	60-69	D
Insuficiente	Failure	0-59	F

Passing is a grade of 60 or higher.

### **ECUADOR**

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 14, Grades 1 through 9

**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( or April-December), with vacation in March and April. In the mountainous regions, school runs from September to June with vacation in July and August.

	ECUADOR EQUI	VALENT	US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/Primary (6 years)	1-6	(5) 6-11	1-5	6-10
Primary Secondary (ciclo basico)	7- 9 (10) (1-3)	12-14(15)	6-8	11-13 (14)
(Middle School) (3 years)	End of compulsory education			
Upper Secondary/High School	3 years	15-17	9-12	14-18
Education* (ciclo diversificado) (2-3 years)	: <b>,</b> ,		Diploma after 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	

<sup>\*</sup>Bachillerato

### **Tracking**

Primary education is compulsory and lasts for nine years composed of six years of elementary education and three years of primary secondary educación (junior high school) or "ciclo basico" (7-9/10). Upper Secondary is high school education, and the years of studies vary by educational path. Secondary Voc (2 to 3 years); Advance Voc. Diploma) or Secondary Academic 3 years.

E	Ecuador Equiv	Recommended US Equivalent		
10	18-20	Très bien	Very Good	A+
9-9.99	16-17.9	Bien	Good	A
8-8.99	14-15.9	Assez Bien	Good Enough	В
7-7.99	12-13.9	Passable	Satisfactory	С
-	10-11.9	Moyen	Sufficient	D
<7	<10	Échec	Failure	F

<sup>\* 7</sup> is the lowest passing grade (10 pts. scale) / 10 is the lowest passing grade (20 pts. scale)

### **EL SALVADOR**

Compulsory Education: Ages 7 to 15, Grades 1 through 9

**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 EQU	JIVALENT	U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximat e Age s	Years of School	Approximate Ages
	1-3 1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle Primary	7-9		
Elementary/Primary ( <i>Educación Básica</i> )	4-6 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cycle Primary	10-12	1-5	6-10
	7-9 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cycle Primary	13-15	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School/Upper Secondary*	10-12	15-18	9-12	14-18
(Educación Media)			Diploma afte	er 12 <sup>th</sup> grade

<sup>\*</sup> Bachillerato General or Bachillerato Técnico Vocacional

### **Tracking**

Following optional kindergarten children enroll in primary school at age 7. Basic education lasts for nine years and it is divided into 3 cycles of 3 years each, of which the third is a transition to middle education leading to a Certificate. Secondary education lasts for two years for the Bachillerato General (grade level 10-11) and three years for the Bachillerato Técnico Vocacional (grade level 10-12). In the Bachillerato General, students take basic courses as prerequisites to entry to college. In the third year of the Bachillerato Técnico Vocacional, students take very specialized career courses.

## **Grading System (Varies by School)**

El Salvador Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
Excelente	Excellent	10	A+
Muy Bueno	Very Good	9	A
Bastante Bueno	Good	8	В
Bueno	Good	6-7	С
Regular	Passing	5	D
Malo	Failure	0-4	F

Passing grade is 5.0 or higher.

## **FRANCE**

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 16, Grades 1 through 9

School Year: The academic calendar runs from September to June...

	FRANCE EQUIV	/ALENT	US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/Primary (6 years)	1-5	6-11	1-5	6-10
Middle School/Lower Secondary	6-9 12-15		6-8	11-13 (14)
(4 years) Brevet des Collèges	End of compulsory education			
High School / Upper Secondary	10-12 16-18		9-12	14-18
(3 years) lycée	Requires a Baccalaureate exam to complete		Diploma aft	er 12 <sup>th</sup> grade

<sup>\*</sup>Baccalauréat or Baccalauréat Technique

#### **Tracking**

Primary school consists of five years of study, from approximately age six to age eleven (similar to a US elementary school). After primary school, students move to the secondary level, which is divided into two stages. The first stage, the collège, is composed of four years of study, for students ages eleven through fifteen (similar to a US middle school). Students receive a brevet des collèges upon its completion.

After the collège students attend the lycée (high school) for the final three years (seconde, première, terminale) of secondary education. Students then take an examination to receive the baccalauréat (bac) qualification. The baccalauréat is equivalent to the US high school diploma.

F	rance Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
18-20	Très Honorable	Excellent	A+
16-17.9	Très Bien	Very Good	Α
14-15.9	Bien	Good	В
12-13.9	Assez Bien	Satisfactory	С
10-11.9	Passable	Sufficient	D
<10	Échec	Failure	F

<sup>\* 10</sup> is the lowest passing grade

### **GERMANY**

**Compulsory Education:** Varies from grades 1 to 9 or 1 to 10, depending on the state. All Germans are obliged to attend primary and secondary education from age 6 up until they complete a 9-year full-time schooling at *Gymnasium*, or 10 years of full-time years for other general education schools.

**School Year:** The school year is usually 180 days in length, depending on the state. The school year is divided into three terms: September-December; January-March; April-July.

	GERMANY EC	QUIVALENT	US EQUIVALENT		
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages	
Elementary/ Primary Education	1-4	6-10	1-5	5-10	
Junior High/Lower Secondary (Gesamtschule/Gemeinschaftsschule) (Sekundarstufe I)	5-9 (5 or 6 yrs)	11-13 (14)	6-8	11-13 (14)	
High School / Upper Secondary "Sekundarstufe II	years varies	14-18	9-12	14-18	
Sekulludistule II	by educational path		Diploma af	ter 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	

<sup>\*</sup> Sekundarstufe II - Upper secondary Common name:

- Academic education: Gymnasium/Gymnasiale Oberstufe (grades 11-13 or 10-12).
- *Vocational education*: Berufsschule; Berufsfachschule; Fachoberschule; Übergangssystem (grades vary by vocational track)

#### **Tracking**

Grundschule (primary school) offers mandatory education through mixed-ability classes for children of age 6 until they complete grade 4 (or 6 in Berlin and Brandenburg) of school studies. German Secondary education takes place after the primary school, and it's separated into lower secondary level "Sekundarstufe I" (junior high school) and upper secondary level "Sekundarstufe II" (high school). The upper secondary education is the education that pupils receive for the purpose of getting a university entrance qualification or a vocational qualification.

## **Grading System (Varies by School)**

Germany Equivalent				Recommended US Equivalent
Very Good	Sehr Gut	1	13-15	А
Good	Gut	2	10-12.99	В
Satisfactory	Befriedigend	3	7-9.99	С
Sufficient	Ausreichend	4	4-6.99	D
Failure	Mangelhaft	5	1-3.99	F
Failure	Ungenugend	6	0	F

### Passing is a D with a 4 or better

### **GUATEMALA**

Compulsory Education: Age 7 to 14, Grades 1 through 6

**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. EQUI	VALENT
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/Primary ( <i>Ciclo 1</i> )	1-3	7-9	1-5	6-10
Elementary/Primary ( <i>Ciclo 2</i> )	4-6	10-12		
Middle School /Lower secondary Educación Media - Ciclo Básico	3 years (ano 1-3)	13-15	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School/ Upper Secondary*	2-3 years	(15) 16-18	9-12	14-18
Educación Media - Ciclo Diversificado	(ano 4-6)		Diploma after 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	

<sup>\*</sup>Bachillerato General or Bachillerato Técnico Vocacional

### **Tracking**

Primary education is compulsory and consists of six years of studies divided into two three-year cycles. Secondary Education, also referred to as "educación de nivel medio" is divided into two distinct cycles, "Ciclo Básico" and "Ciclo Diversificado". During "Ciclo Básico" (*grados* 7-9), students receive three years of general education akin to middle or junior high school in the U.S. Upon completion of "Ciclo Básico," students receive a diploma. "Ciclo Básico" is technically mandatory under the law. "Ciclo Diversificado" (*high school*) is elective and lasts for two or three years depending on the career path chosen. Students completing "Ciclo Diversificado" are granted a title permitting them to practice in the profession studied. This title is often referred to as a Bachillerato" and is the U.S. equivalent of a high school diploma. A Bachillerato is required to attend post-secondary, university level educational institutions.

## **Grading System (Varies by School)**

Guatem	ala Equivaler	Recommended US Equivalent	
Sobresaliente	Excellent	81-100	А
Muy Bueno	Good	71-80	В
Bueno	Fair	61-70	С
Suficiente	Poor	51-60	D
Insuficiente	Failure	0-50	F

Passing grade is 51 or higher.

## **HAITI**

**Compulsory Education:** There are two parallel systems of education in Haiti. Under the traditional system, compulsory education lasts six years, from age 6 through the age of 11 or 12. The reform system, based on the French educational system, consists of a nine year set of three cycles of three years each, Ages 6-14.

**School Year:** The academic year generally runs from October through July with two breaks for Christmas and Easter.

HAITI TRADITIONAL SYSTEM Organizational Phase		HAITI EQUIVALENT (Tr	aditional System)	U.S. EQUIVALENT	
		Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
	Preparatoire I	Douziéme	6		
	Preparatoire II	Onziéme	7		
	Elementaire I	Dixiéme	8	4.5	6-10
Elementary/Primary	Elementaire II	Nueviéme	9	1-5	0-10
Etudes Primaires	Moyen I	Huitiéme	10		
9 vears	Moyen II	Septiéme	11		
,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Middle School (Lower Secondary)	Sixième	12		11-13 (14)
		Cinquiéme	13	6-8	
	(======================================	Quatriéme	14		
Secondary		Troisième	15		
Etudes Secondaires 3-4 years	High School/Upper	Seconde	16	9-12	14-18
	Secondary	Premiére	17	· ·-	
	•	Philosophie Terminale	18	Diploma after 1	2th grade

	HAITI REFORM SYSTEM Organizational Phase		HAITI EQUIVALENT (Reform System)		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
			Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages	
	Première Année Fondamentale	1 <sup>e</sup> AF	6			
	Seconde Année Fondamentale	2° AF	7			
	Troisième Année Fondamentale	3° AF	8			
	Quatrième Année Fondamentale	4° AF	9	1-5	6-10	
Elementary/ Primary	Cinquième Année Fondamentale	5° AF	10			
Fondamental 9 years	Sixième Année Fondamentale	6° AF	11			
	Septième Année Fondamentale	7° AF	12			
	Huitième Année Fondamentale	8° AF	13	6-8	11-13 (14)	
	Neuvième Année Fondamentale	9° AF	14			
High School * Seconde	Premiére Année (Technical & Academic)	1 <sup>e</sup>	15			
Classique (Academic) Seconde	Seconde (Technical) Seconde Année Rhétorique (Academic)	2 <sup>e</sup>	16	9-12	14-18	
Technique (Technical)) 3 years	Terminale (Technical) Troisième Année Philosophie (Academic)	3°	17	Diploma aft	er 12th grade	

<sup>\*</sup>Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

#### **Tracking**

The Traditional system - Upon completion of primary studies (6 years of compulsory education), students are awarded a "Certificat d'Etudes Primaires". The secondary education lasts for seven years and is divided into a three year cycle (lower secondary) and a subsequent four year cycle (upper secondary). At the end of the three year cycle, students passing the state examination for promotion receive a "Baccalauréat 1e partie" certificate. Upon completion of the next four years, students passing state requirements receive a "Baccalauréat 2e partie" denoting the end of secondary education.

The Reform system, based on the French educational system, is intended to replace the traditional system. It consists of a nine year set of three cycles of three years each. The first two cycles are similar to an American elementary school and the third, similar to an American middle or junior high school, is considered the first leg of secondary education (high school). After 3 years of secondary school, students take the exams for University. Students entering high school (secondary education) have an opportunity to enter vocational training, called Second Degree Vocational Training.

Haiti Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent		
10-Point Scale	20-Point Scale	100-Point Scale		
8.75-10.00	19-20	90-100	Très Bien (Excellent)	A
7.5-8.74	17-18	80-89	Bien (Very Good)	В
6.25-7.49	14-16	65-79	Assez Bien (Good)	С
5.0-6.24	11-12	50-64	Passable (Pass)	D
0-4.99	0-10	0-49	Nul/Mal (Poor)	F
	Admise en	= promoted to		Retenu = retained

### **HONDURAS**

Compulsory Education: Age 7 to 12, Grades 1 through 6

**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; and 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.

		HONDURA	S EQUIVALENT	U.S. EQUIVALENT		
		Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages	
	Elementary/Primary (Ciclo 1)	1-3	6-8	1- 5	6-10	
Educación Basica (Compulsory Education)	Elementary/Primary (Ciclo 2)	4-6	9-11(12)	3		
Education)	Elementary/Primary (Ciclo 3)	7-9	12-14 (15)	6- 8	11-13 (14)	
Educación Media	High School/	2-3 years	15-17 (18)	9-12	14-18	
Secondary*				Diploma af	ter 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	

<sup>\*</sup>Bachillerato General or Bachillerato Técnico Vocacional

#### **Tracking**

Elementary school (1st-9th grade) "Educación básica" is compulsory for children ages 6 to 14 and is divided into three cycles, each three years in duration. Secondary Education (10th or 12th grade), known as "Educación media," continues with grades 10 through 12 and is intended for students 15 to 17 years of age. Students have a choice of following a two year academic or a three year pre-vocational track. The academic track leads to a "bachillerato científico humanista" and the pre-vocational track leads to a "bachillerato técnico professional," the U.S. equivalent of a high school diploma. Both credentials allow graduates to either enter the workforce or continue studies at a University or trade school.

## **Grading System (Varies by School)**

Honduras Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
Sobresaliente	Excellent	91-100	А
Muy Bueno	Very Good	80-90	В
Bueno	Good	60-79	С
Aplazado	Poor	40-59	F
Insuficiente	Failure	0-39	F

Passing grade is 60 or higher.

### **INDIA**

Compulsory Education: Age 6 to 14, Grades 1 through 8

**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. External exams are given at the end of class 10 and 12. There are 220 days of school.

	INDIA EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/Primary (6 years)	1-5	6-11	1-5	6-10
Intermediate/Higher Primary	6-8	12-14	6-8	11-13 (14)
(3 years)	End of compulsory edu			
High SchoolGeneral/Lower Secondary (2 <i>years</i> )	9-10 (cycle 1) Standard X Exam	15-16	9-12	14-18
High School / Upper/Senior	11-12 (cycle 2) Standard XII Exam	17-19		
Secondary (2 years)	completed HS		Diploma afte	er 12 <sup>th</sup> grade

<sup>\*</sup>Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC), All India Senior School Certificate (CBSE), Indian School Certificate, Certificate of Vocational Education (CISCE), Senior Secondary Certification (NIOS), Intermediate Certificate and the Pre-University or Pre-Degree Certificate.

### **Tracking**

Secondary education begins in grade 9 and lasts until grade 12. The secondary stage is broken into two, two year cycles, generally referred to as General/Lower Secondary School, or 'Standard X', and Upper/Senior Secondary School, or 'Standard XII'. Public examinations are held at the end of both cycles and grant access to grade 11 and university level study respectively.

Senior/Upper Secondary School offers the students a chance to select a 'stream' or concentration of study, offering science, commerce, and arts/humanities. Education is administered both in schools or two-year junior colleges which are often affiliated with degree granting universities or colleges.

Indi	a Equivalent	Recommended US Equivalent	
60-100	First Division, Class I	60% or higher	A
50-59	Second Division, Class II	45%-59%	В
40-49	Pass, Class III	33%-44%	С
35-39 Grade Marks (Conceded Pass)			D
<34	Fail	<33%	F

<sup>\*</sup> Passing is a grade of 35 (33%) or higher.

## **MOROCCO**

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 15, Grades 1 through 9

**School Year:** The academic calendar runs from September to June..

	MOROCCO EQUIVALENT		US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/Primary (6 years)	1-6	6-11	1-5	6-10
Elementary/Primary Secondary	7-9	12-14(15)	6-8	11-13 (14)
(Intermediate) (3 years - Cycle collégial)	End of compuls	sory education		
High School / Secondary Education*	10-12	15-17	9-12	14-18
(3 years - Lycée)	Requires a Bacc to con		Diploma aft	er 12 <sup>th</sup> grade

<sup>\*</sup>Baccalauréat or Baccalauréat Technique

### **Tracking**

Elementary (pre-high school) education is compulsory and lasts for nine years followed by 3 years of high school education. After fundamental education, students enter either general secondary education or technical education and study for three years. High school education is taught in both Arabic and English, with students being required to take three years of English. Students are graded out of a 20-point scale, with 10/20 counting as a minimum passing grade. Additionally, to graduate, students must complete the Baccalaureate exam.

N	Morocco Equivalent		Recommended US Equivalent
18-20	Très bien	Very Good	A+
16-17.9	Bien	Good	А
14-15.9	Assez Bien	Good Enough	В
12-13.9	Passable	Satisfactory	С
10-11.9	Moyen	Sufficient	D
<10	Échec	Failure	F

<sup>\* 10</sup> is the lowest passing grade

### **NEPAL**

Compulsory Education: Age 6 to 13, Grades 1 through 8

**School Year:** The school year runs from April to March. The school year for the final 2 years of secondary education (higher secondary) starts in June/July. It is also important to consider that the Nepali calendar is on a different year, 57 years ahead of ours.

	NEPAL EQUIV	ALENT	U.S. EQUIVALENT		
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages	
Elementary	1-5	6-10	1-5	6-10	
Intermediate (Lower Secondary)	6-8	11-13 (14)	6-8	11-13 (14)	
High School/Secondary*	9-10 (Secondary)	15-18	9-12	14-18	
(4 years split in two phases)	11-12 (Higher Secondary)		Diploma afte	er 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	

<sup>\*</sup>Vocational or Academic Comprehensive

### **Tracking**

Elementary education - the current program begins with 5 years of primary school and three years of lower secondary grade education (middle/Intermediate education).

Secondary education takes place in 2 stages. Grades 9 to 10 follow a common academic curriculum leading to a school leaving certificate. During grades 11 to 12 though, there are opportunities to follow separate streams in commerce, education, humanities or science, and to receive a higher education certificate.

## **Grading System (Varies by School)**

Nepal Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
Division I	Distinction	85-100	А
Division II	Distinction	75-84	В
Division III	Merit	60-74	С
Failing	Pass	45-59	D
	Failure	Below 45	F

Passing is a grade of 45 or higher.

## **PERU**

Compulsory Education: Ages 5 to 16, Grades K through 11

**School Year:** The school year goes from early April to mid-December with four 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		U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Primary	K-6	5-12	1-5	6-11
Intermediate/Lower Secondary	7-8 (Ciclo I & II)	13-14	6-8	11-13 (14)
Secondary High School*	9-11 (Ciclo III, IV & V)	15-17	9-12	14-18
(3 years)	Exam (see tracking info below)		Diploma a	fter 12 <sup>th</sup> grade

<sup>\*</sup>Certificado de Educación Secundaria Común Completa / Bachillerato Académico

### **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 workforce after high school.

### **Grading System (Varies by School)**

Peru Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
Excelente	16-20	90	Α
Muy Bueno	14-15	80	В
Bueno	13-13.5	70	С
Aprobado	11-12	55	D
Aplazado, Mal o Reprobado	0-10	50	F

Passing is a grade of 13 or higher

### **SRI LANKA**

Compulsory Education: Ages 5 to 15, Grades 1 through 10

School Year: The school year is divided into trimesters from October-December, January-March and April-July.

	SRI LANKA EQUIV	US EQUIVALENT		
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary	1-5	5-10	1-5	6-10
Intermediate/Junior Secondary ( <i>Middle</i> <i>School</i> )	6-9 Exam	11-14(15)	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School /Senior Secondary & Collegiate	2 years- Senior secondary (10-11 = Lower High School) GCEO level exam	15-16	9-12	14-18
	2 years - College level or Advanced level (12-13 = Upper High School) (GCEA Level exam	17-18	Diploma af	ter 12 <sup>th</sup> grade

<sup>\*</sup>Vocational or Academic Comprehensive.

#### **Tracking**

Primary education is from Grade 1 to Grade 5, junior secondary level is from Grade 6 to Grade 9 (middle school), senior secondary level (lower high school) is only two years which is from Grade 10 to Grade 11. As provided by the law, it is compulsory to attend up to at least Grade 9 and after that students may opt for an apprenticeship on a skilled job or become a farmer. For those who want to enroll in a college program, a 2 year preparatory course to obtain a General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level, which is from Grades 10 to 11, and another 2-year preparatory course for a General Certificate of Education Advanced Level, Grades 12 to 13 (upper high school) are strictly needed to be completed. (*Must pass GCEA Level exam to enter University*)

The education structure is divided into five parts: primary, junior secondary, senior secondary, collegiate

## **Grading System (Varies by School)**

Sri Lanka Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
Α	75-100	Distinction	A
В	65-74.99	very Good Pass	В
С	55-64.99	Credit Pass	С
S	40-54.99	Ordinary Pass	D
W	0-39.99	Failure	F

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

### **SWEDEN**

Compulsory Education: Ages 7 to 16, Grades 1 through 9

**School Year:** The academic year in Sweden is divided into two semesters, each lasting 20 weeks. The academic year consists of 40 weeks (20 weeks per semester). The autumn semester runs from the beginning of September to mid-January, and the spring semester runs from mid-January until the beginning of June.

	SWEDEN EC	UIVALENT	US EQUIVALENT		
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages	
Elementary/ Primary	1-3		1-5	6-10	
Middle school	4-6	7-16	6-8	11-13 (14)	
Junior High School/Lower Secondary	7-9				
Senior High School/Upper		16-19	9-12	14-18	
Secondary* (gymnasium)	3		Diploma af	ter 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	

<sup>\*</sup>Academic Comprehensive or Vocational.

#### **Tracking**

Compulsory school includes nine years of basic school - the elementary school (lågstadiet) for years 1–3 is followed by middle school (mellanstadiet) for years 4–6 and then junior high school (högstadiet) for years 7–9. Senior high school/Upper secondary (gymnasium) is optional and free of charge. Senior high school programs run for three years (years 10-12). Almost all students who finish compulsory school start senior high school.

Sweden Equivalent	Recommended US Equivalent
A	А
В	А
С	В
D	В
E	С
F (Failure)	F

### **TAIWAN**

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 14, Grades 1 through 9

**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.

	TAIWAN EQUI	VALENT	US EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/ Primary	6	6-12	1-5	6-10
Intermediate/Junior High/Lower Secondary	3	12-14 (15)	6-8	11-13 (14)
	Lower high school certificate Upper high school (upper secondary) entrance exams	12-14 (13)		
High School / Upper	3	14-17	9-12	14-18
Secondary*	Exam Senior High School graduation certificate		Diploma afte	er 12 <sup>th</sup> grade

<sup>\*</sup>Vocational or Academic Comprehensive.

### **Tracking**

Senior high school (Upper secondary) lasts for 3 years during which the goal of students is to aspire to enter university. 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
Excellent	80-100	Α
Very Good	70-79	В
Good	60-69	С
Satisfactory	50-59	D
Failure	< 50	F

Passing is a grade of 50 (D) or higher. Some private schools differ; always check secondary school transcripts legends.

### **UNITED KINGDOM**

**Compulsory Education:** Ages 5 to 16, through grade 11. Although, students are required to participate in some sort of education or training until they are 18.

School Year: The school year runs from October to July.

	UNITED KINGDOM	I EQUIVALENT	U.S. EQUIVALENT	
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/Primary Basic stage 1	1-6	5-10(11)	1-5	6-11
Junior High/Lower Secondary Basic stage 2	7-9 (3 years) Forms 1, 2 3	11-13(14)	6-8	11-13 (14)
High School/Upper Secondary	10-11* Forms 4, 5 (Comprehensive School) *GCSE Exam	15-16		
Further Education/ Pre-university	12-13* (Form 6)	17-18	9-12	14-18
	*A level Exam		Diploma after 1	2 <sup>th</sup> grade

GCSE Exam - Admission to Pre-university level A level Exam - Admission to University

#### **Tracking**

Usually, the primary stage in the UK education system starts from four or five and covers about seven years of schooling. After primary school, students move into junior school. After completing junior school, students move on to comprehensive school (Years 10 & 11). At the end of Year 11 (at age 15 or 16, depending on their birthdays) students typically take the GCSE exams and receive the General Certificate of Secondary Education. Post-16 education can take a number of forms, and may be academic or vocational. Most students complete two more years (Form 6 - Years 12 & 13) to apply to universities. At the end of Year 13, the students receive A level Certificates.

### **Grading System (Varies by School)**

UNITED KINGDOM Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
Α	70-100	Excellent to Outstanding	Α
В	65-69.99	Very Good	A-
С	60-64-99	Good	B+
D	50-59.99	Satisfying/Pass	В
E	45-49.99	Sufficient/Pass	C+
F	40-44.99	Sufficient/Pass	С
G	0-39.99	UnsatisfactoryFail	F

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

<sup>\*</sup> Completion of Form 5 or 5 GCSE exam, is equivalent to a United States high school diploma.

## **VENEZUELA**

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 15, Grades 1 through 9

**School Year:** The academic year for public education starts in September and ends in June. Some schools are year-round, others are from six to 10 months. Usually schools operate on semesters or trimesters, ending each one with an exam.

	VENEZUELA EQU	U.S. EQUIVALENT		
	Years of School	Approximate Ages	Years of School	Approximate Ages
Elementary/Primary (Educación Básica)	1-6	6 - 11(12)	1.5	6-11
Middle Education Intermediate	7-9 (Educación Básica - año 1-3)	12 - 14 (15)	6- 8	11-13 (14)
(Educación Básica)	Certificado de educación primaria		0	
Secondary/ High School*	10-11 (2 years) Educación Media Diversificada año 4-5	14 - 16 (17)	9-12	14-18
	10-12 (3 years) 14 - 17 (18)  Educación Media Profesional año 4-6		Diploma af	ter 12 <sup>th</sup> grade

<sup>\*</sup>Bachiller en Ciencias (Técnico en Ciencias) or Bachiller en Humanidades

#### **Tracking**

All public schools in Venezuela are co-educational. Secondary education (Educación media) is divided into two cycles: Diversified/General (grades 10-11) and Professional/Technical (grades 10-12). Training for bachilleres in science, arts, or humanities lasts two years, and training for professional or mid-level technicians técnicos medios lasts three years.

### **Grading System (Varies by School)**

Venezuela Equivalent			Recommended US Equivalent
16-20	Sobresaliente	90-95	А
14-15	Distinguido	80-85	В
10-13	Bueno	70-75	С
1-8	Aplazo	50	F (fail)

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