

# A Guide for the Placement of Students Presenting Foreign Transcripts

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*A Guide for the Placement of Foreign-Born Students.*

The guide was developed during the 2006-2007 school year and serves to assist schools in interpreting the transcripts presented by students coming from education systems outside of the United States.

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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this guide is to provide teachers, administrators, and guidance counselors with a reference source for interpreting the transcripts presented by students who have been educated in a system outside of the United States. In order to appropriately place students in the grade and program of study commensurate with their prior educational experiences, a clear understanding of how other nations organize their school systems is essential. As students are positioned for matriculation through Pasco County's schools, high school graduation, and preparation for post-secondary studies, users of this guide are directed to consult the *Student Progression Plan* for district procedures.

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It is our desire that this guide will serve as a valuable resource for all personnel in their work with students who have had international academic experiences.

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## **PLACEMENT AND INTERPRETATION OF RECORDS**

### **STEPS FOR IMMEDIATE PLACEMENT OF FOREIGN STUDENTS AND INTERPRETATION OF FOREIGN STUDENT RECORDS, K-12**

1. If the student arrives at your school with foreign transcripts, refer to this guide to help interpret grades and classes. If possible, ask the help of staff that speaks that language and/or is from the country in question, to assist you. If no transcript is immediately available, follow School Board policy for temporary grade placement with all new students without school records. Use the following chart to make a temporary placement when records are not available.

<b>AGE (S)</b>	<b>LEVEL ASSIGNED</b>
5-10	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
11	Elementary school or middle school, depending on grade level configuration of the foreign school.
12-13	MIDDLE SCHOOL
14	Middle school or high school depending on grade level configuration of the foreign school.
15 and older	HIGH SCHOOL

2. It may be beneficial to do an online search for the sending school or regional school authority. School websites often offer an overview of the school's programs. This may prove helpful in evaluating the records.
3. If you need further assistance fax the records to the District ESOL Services Office at (813) 794-2152, or send them via the courier to the District ESOL Services Office in CIS-North. Indicate if you have an ORIGINAL document, a PHOTOCOPY, or a FAXED copy.
4. Please report the date and place of birth of the student when you send the records. (You may wish to provide a copy of the completed Home Language Survey.)
5. Note that the validity of the documents depends on the information you provide. Indicate if you see any type of alteration, for example, use of correction fluid or strike through, that would not be evident on a document faxed to our office for review.
6. The District ESOL Services Office serves as an additional resource to assist school counselors and staff in evaluating and interpreting foreign records. No tangible official evaluation is generated as a result of this consultation. Recommendations, consultation and best policy is given. When there is conflicting information as to where to place the student, it is recommended that the guidance counselor consult with the principal. Following School Board policy, it is the principal who makes the final decision regarding student placement.



# FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS

COUNTRY	LEVELS			DIPLOMA AWARDED	GRADING SYSTEM	ACADEMIC YEAR	COUNTRY NOTES
<b>AFGHANISTAN</b>	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 8	<u>Lycée</u> 9 - 12		Baccaluria or Upper Secondary School Diploma	90 - 100 A Excellent 80 - 89 B Very Good 50 - 79 C Good 35 - 49 C- Good Below 35 F Fail Minimum pass = 40	August - June March - December	Warm Region Cold Region
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 8	9 - 12					
<b>ALBANIA</b>	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 8	<u>Secondary "General Education"</u> 9 - 12		Secondary School Leaving Diploma (Deftese Pjekurie Diploma)	5 - Excellent 4 - Good 3 - Fair 2 - 1 Not passing	September - June	
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 8	9 - 12					
<b>ALGERIA</b>	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 9	<u>General Secondary</u> 10 - 12		Baccalauréat de L'enseignement Secondaire (Secondary School Diploma)	16 - 20 A Excellent 14 - 15 B Très Bien 12 - 13 C Bien 10 - 11 D Passable 0 - 9 F Echet	October - June	
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 9	10 - 12					
<b>ARGENTINA</b>	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 9	<u>Secondary Academic Cycle</u> 1 2 3		"Bachiller" "Bachillerato"	9 - 10 A Sobresaliente 7 - 8 B Distinguido 5 - 6 C Bueno 4 - 4.9 C- Aprobado 2 - 3 F Insuficiente 0 - 1 E Reprobado	March - November	1 polymodal = 10th 2 polymodal = 11th 3 polymodal = 12th
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 9	10 11 *(12)					
<b>AUSTRIA</b>	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 4	<u>Lower Secondary</u> 5 - 8	<u>UpperSecondary</u> "Oberstufen Real Gymnasium" 9 - 12	Secondary School Leaving Certificate	1 A 2 B 3 C 4 C- 5 F	September - June	
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 12				

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<b>BAHAMAS</b>	<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>		The majority of students take either the *GCE or *CXC exams after Form V or grade 11. For Secondary School graduation, student must pass five (5) subjects, four (4) of which must be academic. Cambridge Overseas School Certificate Only students who are planning to go to a university are expected to enter Form VI, which lasts 2 years.	80 - 100 A 65 - 79 B 50 - 64 C 35 - 49 D 0 - 34 F	September - June	* <b>GCE</b> - General Certificate of Education * <b>CXC</b> - Caribbean Examination Council  Elementary grades 1 - 6  Junior High grades 7 - 9  Senior High grades 10-11	
	Infants, Year 1	K					
	Infants, Year 2	1					
	Standard I	2					
	Standard II	3					
	Standard III	4					
	Standard IV	5					
	Standard V	6					
	Form I	7					
	Form II	8					
	Form III	9					
	Form IV	10					
Form V	11						
	* (12)						
<b>BANGLADESH</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Jr. Secondary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>	<b>Higher Secondary</b>	Higher Secondary Certificate (H.S.C.) <b>Testing after 9/10</b> To continue on Vocational or College bound Track.	600 - 1000 1 <sup>st</sup> Division 450 - 599 2 <sup>nd</sup> Division 330 - 449 3 <sup>rd</sup> Division 0 - 329 Fail	June - March  <b>80 - 100 = A</b> <b>79 - 70 = B</b> <b>69 - 60 = C</b> <b>59 - below = F</b>
	1 - 5	6 - 8	9 - 10	11 - 12			
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 5	6 - 8	9 - 10	11 - 12			
<b>BARBADOS</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>		The majority of students take either the *GCE or *CXC exams after Form V or grade 11. For Secondary School graduation, student must pass five (5) subjects, four (4) of which must be academic. Cambridge Overseas School Certificate. Only students who are planning to go to a university are expected to enter Form VI, which lasts 2 years.	80 - 100 A 65 - 79 B 50 - 64 C 35 - 49 D 0 - 34 F	September - June  * <b>GCE</b> - General Certificate of Education  * <b>CXC</b> - Caribbean Examination Council	
	Standards 1 - 6	Forms I - V					
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 11	* (12)				

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<b>BELGIUM</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary Type I</u>			Certificat d' enseignement secondaire supérieur. (Higher secondary certificate general, technical, or artistic education) and Maturity Examination Diploma	September - June		
		<u>Common Unit 1</u>	<u>Transitional Unit II</u>	<u>Unit III</u>				
	1 - 6	1 - 2	3 - 4	5 - 6	<u><b>Type I - Modern Educational System</b></u> <b>Model A</b> - Student is successful and promoted. <b>Model B</b> - Student is promoted with certain restrictions. <b>Model C</b> - Student has failed; must repeat year or change to a different field of study. <u><b>Type II - Traditional Educational System</b></u> 90 - 100 18-20 A+ 80 - 89 16 - 17.9A 70 - 79 14 - 15.9B 50 - 69 10 - 13.9 B- /C+ Below 50 Below 10 F			
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 8	9 - 10	11 - 12				
<b>BELIZE</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Jr.Secondary</u>	<u>Sr.Secondary</u>		The majority of students take either the *GCE or *CXC exams after Form V or grade 11. For Secondary School graduation, student must pass five (5) subjects, four (4) of which must be academic. Belize Academic High School Diploma with at least a "C" or "average" standard.	85 - 100 A 66 - 84 B+ 55 - 65 B 51 - 54 C 50 - D Below 50 F	September - June	* <b>GCE</b> - General Certificate of Education  * <b>CXC</b> - Caribbean Examination Council
	Infants I, II Standards 1 - 6	9 - 11	12 - 13					
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 8	9 - 11	12					
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>High School</u>						
	Infants I, II Standards 1 - 6	9 - 12						
	1 - 8	9 - 12						

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<b>BERMUDA</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>		The majority of students take the GCE exams after Form V or grade 11.	80 - 100 65 - 79 50 - 64 35 - 49 0 - 34	A B C D F	September - June	
	Standards 1 - 6	Form I - V						
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 11	*(12)	Bermuda Secondary School Certificate				
<b>BOLIVIA</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>High</u>	"Bachillerato" "Bachiller" "Perito or Técnico Medio"	6-7 5 4 3 0-2	A B C D F	March - December	
	1 - 5	6 7 8 or 1 2 3	1 2 3 4					
<b>U. S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 5	6 7 8	9 10 11 12					
<b>BRAZIL</b>	<u>Primary</u> (1º Grãu)	<u>Secondary</u> (2º Grãu)		"Certificado de Conclusão do 2º Grãu" "Diploma de Escola Normal" "Diploma de Escola Técnica"	9 - 10 5 7 - 8.9 4 5 - 6.9 3 3 - 4.9 2 1 - 2.9 1	A B C D F	March - November	
	1 - 8	1ª 2ª 3ª (Série)						
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 8	9	10 11 *(12)					
<b>BULGARIA</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Secondary</u>	Certificate of Completion (Svidetelstvo)	6 5 4 3 2-1	Otlichen Mnogo dob"r Dob"r Sreden Losh	A B C C- F	September - June
	1 - 3	4 - 7	8 - 10					
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 3	4 - 7	8 - 10 *(11, 12)					

	<b>DIPLOMA</b>	<b>GRADING</b>	<b>ACADEMIC</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>
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COUNTRY	LEVELS		AWARDED	SYSTEM	YEAR	NOTES
CANADA (Quebec Province)	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 6	<u>Secondary</u> 7 - 11	"Diplome d'études Secondaires"	90 - 100 A	September - June	
				80 - 89 B		
U.S. Equivalent	1 - 6	7 - 11 *(12)		70 - 79 C		
				60 - 69 D		
				0 - 59 F		
ALBERTA, MANITOBA, BR. COLUMBIA, NEW BRUNSWICK, NOVA SCOTIA, SASKATCHEWAN	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 6	<u>Secondary</u> 7 - 12	Grade XII Completion Diploma	90 - 100 A		
				80 - 89 B		
				70 - 79 C		
				60 - 69 D		
U.S. Equivalent	1 - 6	7 - 12		0 - 59 F		
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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 6	<u>Secondary</u> 7 - 12	Baccalauréal de l' Enseignement du Second Degré	17 - 20 A+	September - June	
				14 - 16 A		
U.S. Equivalent				12 - 13 B		
				10 - 11 C		
				9 D		
	1 - 6	7 - 12		0 - 8 F		
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CHILE	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 8	<u>Secondary Academic</u> 1 2 3 4	- Bachillerato - Perito Agrícola - Licencia de Educación Media, Secundaria	6.5 - 7 A	March - December	
				5.5 - 6 B		
	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 8	<u>Secondary Professional</u> 1 2 3 4 5 (Business Schools)		4.5 - 5 C		
				3.5 - 4 D		
				0 - 3 F		
U.S. Equivalent	1 - 8	9 10 11 12				
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COUNTRY	LEVELS		DIPLOMA AWARDED	GRADING SYSTEM	ACADEMIC YEAR	COUNTRY NOTES

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<b>PEOPLE'S REP. OF CHINA</b>	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 5	<u>Jr. Middle School</u> 6 - 8	<u>Sr. Middle School</u> 9 - 10	Sr. Middle School 9 - 10*	90 - 100 5 A 80 - 89 4 B 70 - 79 3 C	September - July	A serious problem of errors in translation exists with records from China. Evaluations should be based upon original documentation and qualified translations.
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 5	6 - 8	9 - 10 *(11, 12)	Normal School 9 - 11**	60 - 69 2 D 0 - 59 0 F		
	* Students who receive the Senior Middle School Diploma and score over 280 on the National Entrance Examination are eligible for freshman admission.			Vocational School 9 - 12***			
	**Students with a diploma from a Normal School entered after junior middle school should be placed in grade 11 or 12.						
	***Students who have received a Vocational School Certificate upon completion of a 3-4 year vocational school program beyond junior middle school should be placed in grade 11 or 12.						
<b>COLOMBIA</b>	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 5	<u>Secondary Basic Cycle</u> 1 2 3 4 or 6 7 8 9	<u>Secondary Advanced Cycle</u> 5 6 or 10 11	"Bachiller" "Bachillerato"	A+/A 10 - 9.5 - Superior B+/B 9.4 - 8.5 - Excellent C+/C 7.2 - Good D+/D 5.9 - 4.5 Satisfactory/Pass F 4.4 - 0 - Fail	Calendar A Feb. - Nov.  Calendar B Sept. - June	Sobresaliente Outstanding A+ Superior  Excelente Excellent A/B+
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 5	6 7 8 9	10 11 *(12)				
<b>COSTA RICA</b>	<u>Primary</u> Cycle I 1 - 3	<u>Secondary Cycle III</u> 1 2 3	<u>Secondary Cycle Diversified</u> 4 - 5	"Diploma de Conclusión de Estudios de Educación Diversificada or Diploma de Técnico Medio"	92 - 100 A 83 - 91 B 65 - 82 C 0 - 64 F	March - November	
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 3	4 - 6	7 8 9	10 - 11 *(12)			
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>			<u>Technical Track</u> 10 - 11 - 12 10 - 11 - 12				

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COUNTRY	LEVELS			DIPLOMA AWARDED	GRADING SYSTEM	ACADEMIC YEAR	COUNTRY NOTES
<b>CUBA</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>	<u>1960 - 1976</u> <u>Instituto</u> <u>Pre-Universitario</u>	Bachillerato	90 - 100 80 - 89 70 - 79 0 - 69	A B C F	September - July
	1 - 6	1 - 4	1 - 3	Diploma de Graduado Pre-Universitario			
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 10	11 - 12				
<b>U. S. Equivalent</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Phased in by 1977 - 1978</u> <u>Basic Secondary</u> <u>Pre- University</u>					
	1 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12				
	1 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12				
<b>CYPRUS</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary General School</u>		"Apolyterion" Certificate of Completion	18.5 - 20	A	September - June
	1 - 6	<u>Gymnasiun</u>	<u>L.E.M.</u> <u>(Lyceum)</u>		15.5 - 18.4 12.5 - 15.4 10.1 - 12.4 0.0 - 10	B C C- F	
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12				
<b>CZECH &amp; SLOVAK FEDERAL REPUBLICS</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>		"Vysvedcení o maturitní zkousce" or "Vysvedcenie o maturitnej skúske" - Maturity certificate from Gymnasium, Specialized School, Special School for Handicapped Students, Conservatory or four-year program of Apprentice School.	1 - Vyborny - Excellent 2 - Chvalitebny - Good 3 - Dobry - Very Good 4 - Dostalecny - Satisfactory 5 - Nedostalecny - Unsatisfactory	September- June	
	<u>First Stage</u>	<u>Second Stage</u>	<u>Gymnasium, Technical</u>				
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 5	1   2   3	1   2   3   4				
	1 - 5	6   7   8	9   10   11   12				
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>LEVELS</b>			<b>DIPLOMA AWARDED</b>	<b>GRADING SYSTEM</b>	<b>ACADEMIC YEAR</b>	<b>COUNTRY NOTES</b>
					13 - 12   A+		

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<b>DENMARK</b>	<u>Primary/Middle</u> <u>Folkeskole</u> 1 - 9	<u>Secondary</u> <u>Gymnasium</u> 10 - 12	"Studentereksamen Bevis" (Leaving Certificate)	11 10 9 8 7 6 5	A A-/B+ B C+ C C- F	August- June		
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 9	10 - 12						
<b>DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</b>	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 6	<u>Intermediate</u> 7 8	<u>Secondary</u> 1 2 3 4	"Bachiller"	85 - 100 70 - 84 55 - 69 40 - 54 0 - 39	A B C D F	September - June	
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 8	9 10 11 12					
	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 6	<u>Basic Cycle</u> 1 2 3 4	<u>Higher Cycle</u> 5 6					
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 8 9 10	11 12					
<b>ECUADOR</b>	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 6	<u>Secondary Basic</u> <u>Cycle</u> 1 2 3	<u>Secondary Diversified</u> <u>Cycle</u> 4 5 6	Bachillerato en Ciencias Bachillerato en Humanidades	19 - 20 16 - 18 14 - 15 12 - 13 0 - 11	A B C D F	October - July	
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 8 9	10 11 12					
<b>EGYPT</b>	<u>Primary (Basic)</u> 1 - 9	<u>General Secondary</u> 1 - 3		Thanawiya 'Amma' (General Secondary Education Certificate) awarded upon passing the Tawjihi (Final examinations)	80 - 100 70 - 79 60 - 69 50 - 59 0 - 49	A B C D F	September - June	The Al- Azhar or religious system follows a 13-year plan.
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 9	10 - 12						This system is used with minimum and maximum grades in each subject. Grades awarded may be converted into percentages.
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>LEVELS</b>		<b>DIPLOMA AWARDED</b>	<b>GRADING SYSTEM</b>	<b>ACADEMIC YEAR</b>	<b>COUNTRY NOTES</b>		





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<b>GUADELOUPE, GUYANE FRANCAISE, MARTINIQUE</b>	<b><u>Primary</u></b>  Cours Préparatoire Cours Elémentaire I Cours Elémentaire II Cours Moyen I Cours Moyen II	<b>U.S. Equivalent <u>Primary</u></b>  1 2 3 4 5	Baccalauréat de L'Enseignement Secondaire or Baccalauréat de Technique	18 - 20 15 - 17 12 - 14 10 - 11 below 10	A B C D F	September - June
	<b><u>Secondary</u></b>  Sixième Cinquième Quatrième Troisième Seconde Première Terminale	<b>U.S. Equivalent <u>Secondary</u></b>  6 7 8 9 10 11 12				
<b>GUATEMALA</b>	<b><u>Primary</u></b> 1 - 6	<b><u>Secondary</u></b> <b><u>Basic Cycle</u></b> 1 2 3 <b><u>Diversified Cycle</u></b> 1 2 or 3 (The 3rd year is a specialized optional year)	After grade 11, the usual Diploma is a "Bachiller en Ciencias y Letras."  Maestro de Educación Primaria Urbana	90 - 100 80 - 89 70 - 79 60 - 69 0 - 59	A B C D F	January - October
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 8 9 10 11 or 12				
<b>GUYANA (BRITISH)</b>	<b><u>Primary</u></b> 1 - 6	<b><u>Secondary</u></b> Forms I - V	*GCE or *CXC results listing 5 subjects as passed or Cambridge School Certificate	90 - 100 80 - 89 60 - 79 50 - 59 46 - 49 0 - 45	A B C D Pass F	September - June  <b>*GCE</b> - General Certificate of Education  <b>*CXC</b> - Caribbean Examination Council
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 11    *(12)				
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>LEVELS</b>		<b>DIPLOMA AWARDED</b>	<b>GRADING SYSTEM</b>	<b>ACADEMIC YEAR</b>	<b>COUNTRY NOTES</b>

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HAITI	U.S. Equivalent					
Douzième (12e) or Cours Préparatoire I	1	"Certificat de Fin d'Etudes	10.0 - 9.0	A	October - July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To determine grade percent divide subject grade by maximum grade. Convert to letter grade and refer to "grading system".</li> <li>• "admise en" = promoted to</li> <li>• "retenu" = retained</li> </ul>
Onzième (11e) or Cours Préparatoire II	2	Secondaires Classiques	8.5 - 6.5	B		
Dixième (10e) or Cours Élémentaire I	3	Première Partie"	6.4 - 5.0	C		
Neuvième (9e) or Cours Élémentaire II	4	Grade (12)	4.0 -	F		
Huitième (8e) or Cours Moyen I	5					
Septième (7e) or Cours Moyen II	6	"Certificat de Fin d'Etudes				
Sixième (6e) Secondaire	7	Secondaires Classiques				
Cinquième (5e) Secondaire	8	Deuxième Partie"				
Quatrième (4e) Secondaire	9	Grade (13)				
Troisième (3e) Secondaire	10					
Seconde (2e) Secondaire	11					
Première (1e) Rhetorique	12					
Philosophie Terminale	13					

HAITI	Haitian Education Reform Movement, 1982					
	US Equivalent					
		Certificat de Fin d' Etudes	10.0 - 9.0	A	October - July	
		Secondaires Classiques	8.5 - 6.5	B		
		Baccalaureate I & II	6.4 - 5.0	C		
			4.0 -	F		
		Baccalaureate Technique				
1 e	AF - Première Année Fondamentale					
2 e	AF - Seconde Année Fondamentale					
3 e	AF - Troisième Année Fondamentale					
4 e	AF - Quatrième Année Fondamentale					
5 e	AF - Cinquième Année Fondamentale					
6 e	AF - Sixième Année Fondamentale					
7 e	AF - Septième Année Fondamentale					
8 e	AF - Huitième Année Fondamentale					
9 e	AF - Neuvième Année Fondamentale					
10e	AF - Dixième Année Fondamentale					
	<u>Academic Track</u>	<u>Technical Track</u>				
	(Classical Baccalaureate)	(Technical Baccalaureate)				
	Seconde	Seconde	11			
	Rhetorique	Premiere	12			
	Philosophie	Terminale	13			

COUNTRY	LEVELS	DIPLOMA AWARDED	GRADING SYSTEM	ACADEMIC YEAR	COUNTRY NOTES
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<b>HONDURAS</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>			Upon completion of the academic program, (after grade 11) student receives the "Bachiller en Ciencias y Letras".  Upon completion of the vocational program (after grade 12), student receives the "Bachiller Técnico"	91 - 100 A 80 - 90 B 60 - 79 C 1 - 59 F	February - November
	<u>(Cycles I &amp; II)</u>	<u>Common Cycle</u>	<u>Diversified Cycle</u>	<u>Vocational</u>			
	1 - 6	1 2 3	4 5	6			
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 8 9	10 11	12			

<b>HONG KONG</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Middle School</u>	<u>High School</u>	Hong Kong Certificate of Education  or  Hong Kong Higher Level Examination	Distinction A Very Good B Good C Fair D Pass E Fail F	September - June
	1 - 6	7 - 9  Forms I - III	10 - 12  Forms IV - VI			
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12			

<b>HUNGARY</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Upper Cycle</u>	<u>Gymnasium</u>	Maturity Certificate "Erettségi Bizonyítvány"	5 Jeles - Excellent 4 Jõ - Good 3 Közepes - Fair 2 Elégséges - Satisfactory 1 Elégtelen - Unsatisfactory	September - June
	1 2 3 4	5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4			
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 2 3 4	5 6 7 8	9 10 11 12			

<b>INDIA</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>	Higher Secondary Certificate Examination Standard XII (Grade 12)	60 - 100 A - 1 <sup>st</sup> Division 50 - 59 B - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Division 35 - 49 C - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Division	June - March
	1 - 8	Standards IX, X, XI, XII			
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 8	9 - 12			

COUNTRY	LEVELS		DIPLOMA AWARDED	GRADING SYSTEM	ACADEMIC YEAR	COUNTRY NOTES
<b>INDONESIA</b>	<u>Academic</u>	<u>Academic</u>	Certificate of Completion of	9-10 Excellent A	July - June	

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	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Junior Secondary</u>	<u>Senior Secondary</u>				
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12	Studies (Sekolah Menengah Atas, SMA)	7-8 Good 6 Fair 5 Pass 1-4 No Pass	B C D F	
<b>IRAN</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Guidance Cycle</u>	<u>Intermediate Cycle</u>	Passing grades on June Written Examination (JWE)	17 - 20 15 - 16 12 - 14 10 - 11 0 - 9	A B C D F	September - June
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	6 - 8	9 - 12				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year averages may be obtained by adding the first two terms plus the June Written Exam grades, multiplying by two and dividing the total by four.</li> </ul>
<b>IRAQ</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Inter.</u>	<u>Preparatory Secondary</u>	Secondary Baccalaureate Examination with a minimum grade of 68-70 percent. Student may be considered for admission to freshman standing.	90 - 100 80 - 89 70 - 79 60 - 69 50 - 59 Below 50	A B C D F Fail	September - June
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 9	10 11 12				
<b>IRELAND</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>	<u>Senior Cycle</u>	Ardeistiméireacht Training Certificate	85 - 100 70 - 84 55 - 69 40 - 54 39 - 0	A B C D F	September - June
<b>U.S Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 11 *(12)				
<b>ITALY</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Middle School</u>	<u>Lyceum-Tech.Institute</u>	Diploma di: - Maturita Classica	10 - Excellent (rarely awarded)		September - June
		(Licenza Media)	(Maturita Tecnica)				

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	1 - 5	6 - 8	1	2	3	4	5	- Maturita Scientifica	8 - 9	Good
								- Maturita Linguistica	6 - 7	Fair
								- Maturita Tecnica	0 - 5	Not passing
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 5	6 - 8	9	10	11	12	- Maturita Profissionale			
							- Maturita Magistrale			
							- Maturita Artistica			
							(High School Equivalent)			

<b>ISRAEL</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Post Primary</u>		See Notes	95 - 100	A+	September - June	Post primary = 3 years of jr. high, and 3 years of high school
	1 - 6	7 - 12			85 - 94	A		
<b>U.S Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 12			75 - 84	B		
					65 - 74	C		
					50 - 64	D		
					0 - 49	F		
	<b>Notes:</b>							
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants who complete the twelfth grade and pass examinations in five (5) subjects, four (4) at the lower level (general) and one at higher level (field of emphasis) have the equivalent of a high school diploma.</li> <li>Applicants who complete the twelfth grade with passes in 3 or 4 bagrût examinations and do not receive the matriculation certificate may be granted freshman standing to programs not requiring a strong academic background. Bagrût are national school-leaving examinations.</li> <li>Applicants who hold a matriculation certificate with good marks on the bagrût examination may be considered for admission to U.S. colleges.</li> </ul>							

COUNTRY	LEVELS					DIPLOMA AWARDED	GRADING SYSTEM	ACADEMIC YEAR	COUNTRY NOTES	
<b>JAMAICA</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>				High School Diploma	90 - 100	A	September - June	<b>Forms mean Years of Schooling.</b>
	1 - 6	Forms I	II	III	IV	V	80 - 89	B		
							65 - 79	C		

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<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7	8	9	10	11	*(12)	Diploma	50 - 64 0 - 49	D F	* <b>CXC</b> - Caribbean Examination Council  * <b>GCE</b> - General Certificate of Education
<p><b>Notes:</b> After Form V, Jamaican students who are pursuing university education, take the official *CXC or *GCE exams. They need to pass at least five (5) subjects, four (4) of which must be academic.</p>											

<b>JAPAN</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Lower Secondary</u>	<u>Upper Secondary</u>	Sotsugyó Shósho	91 - 100 81 - 90 61 - 80 50 - 60 Below 50	A 5 B 4 C 3 D 2 F 1	April - March
	1 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12				
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12				

<b>KOREA</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Junior High School</u>	<u>Senior High School</u>	“General High School Diploma”	90 - 100 80 - 89 70 - 79 60 - 69 59 or less	A B C D F	March - December
	1 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12	“Vocational High School Diploma”			
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12				

<b>KUWAIT</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Intermediate Education</u>	<u>Secondary</u>	Secondary School Certificate	4 - 3 - 2 - 1 -	A B C D	September - May
	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 4				
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 12				

COUNTRY	LEVELS			DIPLOMA AWARDED	GRADING SYSTEM	ACADEMIC YEAR	COUNTRY NOTES
<b>LAOS</b>	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 5	<u>Lower Secondary</u> 6 - 8	<u>Upper Secondary</u> 9 - 11	Baccalauréat	18 - 20 16 - 17.9 14 - 15.9 12 - 13.9	A A- B B-	October - June

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<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 5	6 - 8	9 - 11	*(12)	10 - 11.9 0 - 9.9	C F
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<b>LEBANON</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Lower Secondary</u>	<u>Upper Secondary</u>		Baccalauréat Part II Certificate	18 - 20 Excellent A+ 16 - 17.9 Très Bien A+ 14 - 15.9 Bien A 12 - 13.9 Assez Bien B 10 - 11.9 Passable C 8.5 - 9.9 Echec D Below 8.5 Echec F	October - June
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 5	1 - 4	1 - 3				
	1 - 5	6 - 9	10 - 12				

<b>LITHUANIA</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Lower Secondary</u>			Attestat Zrelosti (Maturity Certificate)	9 - 10 A 7 - 8 B 4 - 6 C 0 - 3 F	September - June
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 8	9 - 12					

<b>MEXICO</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>	<u>Preparatory</u>	<u>Vocational, Technical, Normal</u>		Academic track students earn the "Bachillerato" after year 5 or 6 of the preparatory stage. Vocational, Technical, and "Normal" teaching graduates earn a diploma listing a specialization after year 6 or 7 of the preparatory stage.	9.0 - 10 A 8.0 - 8.9 B 7.0 - 7.9 C 6.0 - 6.9 D 1.0 - 5.9 F	September - June
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	1 2 3	1 2 3 or 4 5 6	7				
	1 - 6	7 8 9	10 11 12					

COUNTRY	LEVELS				DIPLOMA AWARDED	GRADING SYSTEM	ACADEMIC YEAR	COUNTRY NOTES
<b>NETHERLANDS/ HOLLAND</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>			Voorbereidend welenschappelijk onderwijs (VWO)	9 - 10 Excellent A+ 8 Good 7 - Sufficient Satisfactory 6 - Sufficient Satisfactory	August - June	A B C



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<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 12				5 - Conditional Pass 1 - 4 Inferior	D F		
<b>NICARAGUA</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary Basic Cycle</u>			<u>Diversified Cycle</u>		"Bachiller" or "Diploma de Conclusión de Estudios del Ciclo Diversificado" after year 5 of diversified cycle for academic track students.	91 - 100 - Excellent 71 - 90 - Very good 51 - 70 - Good 31 - 50 - Pass 0 - 30 - Fail	February - November
	1 - 6	1	2	3	4	5	6		
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7	8	9	10	11	12	"Bachiller Técnico, Técnico Medio, Maestro de Educación Primaria" for technical, specialized students.	
<b>NIGERIA</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Grammar School</u>			West African School Certificate (WASC)		General Certificate of Education "O" Level Exams	WASC - 1 Excellent A 2 Very Good A 3-4 Good B 5 Credit B-/C+ 6 C 7 D 8 Pass 9 F	October - June
	1 - 6	Forms I - V							
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 11			*(12)				
<b>NORWAY</b>	<u>Primary</u> (Barneskole)	<u>Lower Secondary</u> (Ungdomsskole)	<u>Upper Secondary</u> (Videregaende skole)		Vitnemman FranDen Videregaende Skolen		6 sg Excellent 5 mg Very good 4 g Good 3 ng Passable 2 lg Barely passing 1 ig Failure	August - June	
	1 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12						
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12						
COUNTRY	LEVELS				DIPLOMA AWARDED	GRADING SYSTEM	ACADEMIC YEAR	COUNTRY NOTES	
<b>PAKISTAN</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Secondary</u>	<u>Intermediate or Higher Secondary</u>	Higher School Certificate (H.S.C.) or Intermediate Certificate (I.C.)	60 - 100 A Division I 55 - 59.9 B Division II 45 - 54.9 C Division II Lower 33 - 44.9 D Division III	April - March		
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	I - V	VI - VIII	IX - X	XI - XII					
	1 - 5	6 - 8	9 - 10	11 - 12					

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<b>PANAMA</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary Basic Cycle</u>			<u>Diversified</u>			"Bachiller" or "Maestro" depending on academic track. "Perito" if a vocational student.	5 4 - 4.5 3 - 3.5 2 - 2.5 0 - 2.0	A B C D F	March - November
		1 - 6	1	2	3	<u>Cycle</u>					
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7	8	9	10	11	12				

<b>PARAGUAY</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>			Bachiller	5 A 4 B 3 C 2 D 1 F	March - December
		1 - 6	1 - 6				
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 12					

<b>PERU</b>	<u>Reform System 1972 - Present</u>				**Bachiller Profesional ESEP Cycle I	16 - 20 A 14 - 15 B 13 - 13.5 C 11 - 12 D 0 - 10 F	March - January	**ESEP = Escuelas Superiores de Educación Profesional - Higher Schools of Professional Education
	<u>Educación Básica</u>							
	Cycle I	Cycle II	Cycle III	ESEP Cycle I**				
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 4	5 - 6	7 - 9	1 - 4				
	1 - 4	5 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12				
	<u>New System Introduced Gradually from 1982</u>							
	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Lower Secondary</u>		<u>Higher Secondary</u>				
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	1 - 2		3 - 5				
	1 - 6	7 - 8		9 - 11 *(12)				

COUNTRY	LEVELS				DIPLOMA AWARDED	GRADING SYSTEM	ACADEMIC YEAR	COUNTRY NOTES
<b>PHILIPPINES</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>			High School Diploma and a score of 75% on National College Entrance Examination (NCEE)	91 - 100 A 90 - 85 B 80 - 84 C 75 - 79 D 0 - 74 F	June - March	
	1 - 6	1	2	3				4
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7	8	9	10	*(11, 12)		

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<b>POLAND</b>	<u>Elementary</u> 1 - 8	<u>Secondary</u> 1 - 4	Maturity Certificate - "Swiadectwo Ukanczenia" "Zasadniczeg Szkoly Zawodowej" (Certificate of completion of General Secondary School)	6 Celujacy - Excellent 5 Bardzo Dobry - Very Good 4 Dobry - Good 3 Dostateczny - Satisfactory 2 Mierny - Barely Passing 1 Niedostateczny - Unsatisfactory	September - June
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 8	9 - 12			

<b>PORTUGAL</b>	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 4	<u>Secondary</u> 5 - 11	Certidão do curso complementar Certidão do Décimo Segundo Ano Certidão do Ensino Secundário	5 - A 19 - 20 A 4 - B 16 - 18 B 3 - C 13 - 15 C 2 - D 10 - 12 D 1 - F 0 - 9 F	September - June
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 4	5 - 11	*( 12 )		

<b>PUERTO RICO</b>	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 6	<u>Intermediate or Jr. High</u> 7 8 9 or 1	<u>Escuela Superior</u> 10 11 12 or 2 3 4	"Diploma de Escuela Superior"	90 - 100 A 80 - 89 B 70 - 79 C 60 - 69 D 0 - 59 F	September - June
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 8 9	10 11 12			

COUNTRY	LEVELS			DIPLOMA AWARDED	GRADING SYSTEM	ACADEMIC YEAR	COUNTRY NOTES
<b>ROMANIA</b>	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 7	<u>Secondary</u> 1 - 4		Maturity Exam or Diploma/ Certificat de Bacalaureat	9 - 10 A 7 - 8 B 5 - 6 C 4.5 - 4.9 D 0 - 4 F	September - July	
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 7	8 - 11	*( 12 )				

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<b>RUSSIA SOVIET REPUBLICS</b>	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Lower Secondary</u>	<u>Upper Secondary</u> (Gymnasium, Lycee)	Maturity Certificate from General Secondary School "Attestato Srednem Obrazovanii"	5 - A 4 - B 3 - C 2 - D 1 - F	September - June	
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 11	Secondary Vocational School "Ne-Tekhnishcha"			
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 11 * (12)	Secondary Specialized School "Tekhnikumi"			
<b>SAUDI ARABIA</b>	<u>General Primary</u>	<u>General Intermediate</u>	<u>General Secondary</u>	Secondary Education Certificate	90 - 100 A 80 - 89 B 70 - 79 C 50 - 69 D 0 - 49 F	September - June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language of Instruction: Arabic</li> <li>Saudi Arabian Year plus 580 = Anno Domini</li> </ul>
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12				
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12				
<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>	<u>Junior Primary</u>	<u>Senior Primary</u>	<u>Junior Secondary</u>	<u>Senior Secondary</u>	Senior Certificate	62 & above A 50 - 61 B 40 - 49 C 33 - 39 D 32 - 0 F	January - December The school year lasts 196 - 198 days
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 3	4 - 7	8 - 9	10 - 12			
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 3	4 - 7	8 - 9	10 - 12			
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>LEVELS</b>			<b>DIPLOMA AWARDED</b>	<b>GRADING SYSTEM</b>	<b>ACADEMIC YEAR</b>	<b>COUNTRY NOTES</b>
<b>SPAIN</b>	<u>Educación General Básica</u>	<u>BUP*</u>	<u>COU (Curso de Orientación Universitaria)</u>	Título de Bachiller and **Curso de Orientación Universitaria (COU)	9.0 - 10.0 A 7.0 - 8.9 B 6.0 - 6.9 B-/C+ 5.9 - 5.0 C Below 5.0 F	September - June	*BUP = Bachillerato Unificado y Polivalente
	1 - 8	9 - 11	1**				

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**U.S. Equivalent**                      1 - 8                      9 - 11                      12

Applicants who receive the "Título de Bachiller" and complete COU may be considered for admission to freshman standing. Students who complete an "Escuela de Formación Profesional", Level II (vocational), receive the "Técnico Especialista Diploma".

Student may also be considered for freshman admission in academic programs for which vocational and technical background is appropriate

<b>SUDAN</b>	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 6	<u>Secondary</u> 7 - 12	Sudan Higher Secondary School Certificate	80 - 100 70 - 79 60 - 69 50 - 59 0 - 49	A B C D F	July – March
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 – 12				

<b>SWEDEN</b>	<u>Grundskola</u> 1 - 9	<u>Gymnasieskola</u> 1 - 3    4 (Technology Majors)	Gymnasieskola Slutbetyg (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)	FEM - 5 FYRA - 4 TRE - 3 TVA - 2 ETT - 1	A B C D F	August - June
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 9	1 - 3				

COUNTRY	LEVELS			DIPLOMA AWARDED	GRADING SYSTEM	ACADEMIC YEAR	COUNTRY NOTES
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	<u>Primarschule</u>  1 - 6	<u>Sekundarstufe</u> <u>Degre`Secondaire I</u>  7 - 9	<u>Sikundarstufe II</u> <u>Degre`Secondairell</u>  10 - 13	Maturitaszeugnis Certificat de Maturite Attestato di Maturita	10 - 9 8 - 7 6 - 5 4 - 3 2 - 1	A B C D F	September - June

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<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12					
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<b>THAILAND</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Lower Secondary</u>	<u>Upper Secondary</u>	Upper Secondary School Certificate (Matayom VI)	80 - 100	4	A	June - March
	1 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12		70 - 79	3	B	
					60 - 69	2	C	
					50 - 59	1	D	
					0 - 49	0	F	
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12					
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<b>TRINIDAD</b>	<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>			The majority of students take either the *GCE or *CXC exams after Form V or grade 11. Students must pass at least five (5) subjects, four (4) of which must be academic.	90 - 100	A	September - June	* <b>GCE</b> - General Certificate of Education * <b>CXC</b> - Caribbean Examination Council
	Infants, Year 1	K		80 - 89	B			
	Infants, Year 2	1		65 - 79	C			
	Standard I	2		50 - 64	D			
	Standard II	3		0 - 49	F			
	Standard III	4						
	Standard IV	5		Students who are planning to go to a university are expected to enter Form VI which lasts for 2 years.				
	Standard V	6						
	Form I	7						
	Form II	8						
	Form III	9						
	Form IV	10						
Form V	11							
	* (12)							
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<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>LEVELS</b>		<b>DIPLOMA AWARDED</b>	<b>GRADING SYSTEM</b>	<b>ACADEMIC YEAR</b>	<b>COUNTRY NOTES</b>		
<b>TURKEY</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>	Lise Diplomasi (Secondary School Diploma)	9 - 10	A	October - June		
	1 - 8	9 - 10 - 11		7 - 8	B			
				5 - 6	C			
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 8	9 - 10 - 11	* (12)	1 - 4	F			

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<b>TURKS &amp; CAICOS ISLANDS</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>	The majority of students take either the *GCE or *CXC exams after Form V or grade 11. For Secondary School graduation student must pass five (5) subjects, four (4) of which must be academic. Students who are planning to go to a university are expected to enter Form VI.	80 - 100 65 - 79 50 - 64 35 - 49 0 - 34	A B C D F	September - June	* <b>GCE</b> - General Certificate of Education
	Standards 1 - 6	Form I - V		U.S. Equivalent	1 - 6	7 - 11	* (12)

<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	<u>U.S. Equivalent</u>	The majority of students take the *GCE exams after Form V or grade 11.  General Certificate of Secondary Education listing at least 5 subjects with grades of I or II.	Passing mark on a 0 - 100 scale is 35 - 40	October - June	* <b>GCE</b> - General Certificate of Education
Infants, Year 1 Infants, Year 2 Standard I Standard II Standard III Standard IV Standard V Form I Form II Form III Form IV Form V Form VI	K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12				

COUNTRY	LEVELS			DIPLOMA AWARDED	GRADING SYSTEM	ACADEMIC YEAR	COUNTRY NOTES
<b>URUGUAY</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u> <u>Preparatory</u>	<u>Preparatory</u>	"Bachiller"	12 - 10 9 - 8 7 - 6 5 - 0 - 4	A B C D F	March - December
	1 - 6	1 2 3 4	5 6				

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**U.S. Equivalent**      1 - 6                      7   8   9   10                      11   12

<b>VENEZUELA</b>		<u>Secondary</u>					
	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Basic Common Cycle</u>	<u>Diversified Cycle</u>	See Notes	18 - 20	A	October - July
					15 - 17	B	All diplomas of the Diversified Cycle provide access to higher education.
					12 - 14	C	
	1 - 6	1   2   3	4   5*   (6)**		10 - 11	D	
					9 - 0	F	
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6	7   8   9	10   11   * (12)				

**Notes:**

\*After completion of the fifth year of the Diversified Cycle the student receives one of the following high school diplomas:

- Bachiller en Ciencias o Humanidades (Science or Humanities)
- Comercio (Commerce)
- Agropecuario (Agricultural/Animal Science)

\*\*After completion of the sixth year of the Diversified Cycle the student receives one of the following diplomas:

- Bachiller o Diploma Industrial (Industrial)
- Asistencial (Social Services)
- Maestro o Diploma Normal (Teacher Training)

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<b>VIETNAM</b>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Middle School</u>	<u>High School</u>	Bang Tot Nghiep Pho Thong Trung Hoc(High School Diploma)	9 - 10 Uu      Excellent 7 - 8 Binh      Good 5 - 6 Binh Thu      Fairly Good Below 5 Fail	September - June	
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 5	6 - 9	10 - 12				



# FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS

	1 - 5	6 - 9	10 - 12					
<b>VIRGIN ISLANDS</b>	<u>Primary</u> Standards 1 - 6		<u>Secondary</u> Forms I - V	The majority of students take either the *GCE or *CXC exams after Form V or grade 11. For Secondary School graduation, student must pass five (5) subjects, four (4) of which must be academic. Only students who are planning to go to a university are expected to enter Form VI which lasts for 2 years.	80 - 100 65 - 79 50 - 64 35 - 49 0 - 34	A B C D F	September - June	* <b>GCE</b> - General Certificate of Education * <b>CXC</b> - Caribbean Examination Council
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 6		7 - 11 * (12)					
<b>ZIMBABWE</b>	<u>Primary</u> 1 - 7		<u>Academic Secondary</u> Forms I - IV	General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level (GCE-O)	70 - 100 60 - 69 50 - 59 40 - 49 Below 40	A B C D F	January - December	
<b>U.S. Equivalent</b>	1 - 7		8 - 11 * (12)					

\* Please note that some schools do not have twelve years of schooling, some have only ten, so close evaluation of transcripts is needed.