

# Schools in Great Britain and USA



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# The Educational System in UK is divided into

## 4 main parts:

- **Primary Education** (5 to 11 years old);
- **Secondary Education** (11 to 16 years old); 1-2  
Mandatory (obligatoriu)
- **Further Education** (optional): UK S/s planning to go to college or university must complete further education and to take their **A-Levels** (qualification);
- **Higher Education** (vocational) formed by Colleges or Universities.

# In the UK, schools are:

- **State /public schools** (free of charge);
- **Independent/private schools** (charge fees to pupils' parents);



# How is the timetable organized?

- Each school organizes its **timetable** differently. Lessons might last **35, 40, 45, 55** or **60** minutes. For each subject, a S/s will attend classes for about 5 hours a week and also is expected to undertake at least 6 hours private study.

S/s will usually also attend classes in :

- **General Studies;**
- **Philosophy;**
- **Physical education/ Sport.**



# What activities are organized outside lessons?

The **extra-curricular** activities offer S/s a wide range of experiences (*intellectual, cultural, relaxing*):

- Music
- Drama
- Science
- Literary societies
- Visits to theatres, concerts, museums...



# Grading System in UK

| Grade Letter | Percentage Score | Grading callification |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| A            | 70% -100%        | Excellent             |
| B            | 60% -69%         | Good to very good     |
| C            | 50% -59%         | Satisfying            |
| D            | 40% -49%         | Sufficient            |

UK is one of the world's most popular destination for students from overseas (de peste hotare). More than **400,000 international students** are enrolled each year.



# Schools in USA





# Education in the USA is provided in:

- Public  
Private  
Home school.



# Educational Stages

- **Preschool Education** (Age 3-5 years);
- **Elementary School** (Age 5-11 years);
- **Middle School** (Age 11-14 years);
- **High School** (Age 14-18 years);
- **Higher Education** : College (University)
  - First year: *freshman year* (18-19 years)
  - Second year: “*sophomore*” year (19-20)
  - Third year: “*junior year*” (20-21)
  - Fourth year: “*senior year*” (21-22)

# Grading Scale

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| <b>A</b> | <b>90-100%</b><br><b>(the best grade)</b>  |
| <b>B</b> | <b>80-89%</b>                              |
| <b>C</b> | <b>73-79%</b>                              |
| <b>D</b> | <b>60-69%</b>                              |
| <b>F</b> | <b>0-59%</b><br><b>( a failing grade).</b> |

# Academic year

A school calendar usually begins in *August/September* and continuous through *May or June*.

The academic year is composed of **2 semesters**.

Each course is worth a certain number of **credits**. A course is typically worth 3-5 credits.

- **Core (obligatory)** courses are : English, Science, Social Studies;
- **Elective courses** are:
  - ✓ Painting, photography, film studies;
  - ✓ Computer science;
  - ✓ Foreign Languages;
  - ✓ Business education, etc.

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