



# The American Education System

From preschool to pre-med



# Preschool/Pre-K

- Ages 0-4
- Not obligatory
- Tuition-based
- Some get state and federal funding
- The more you pay, the better the quality.



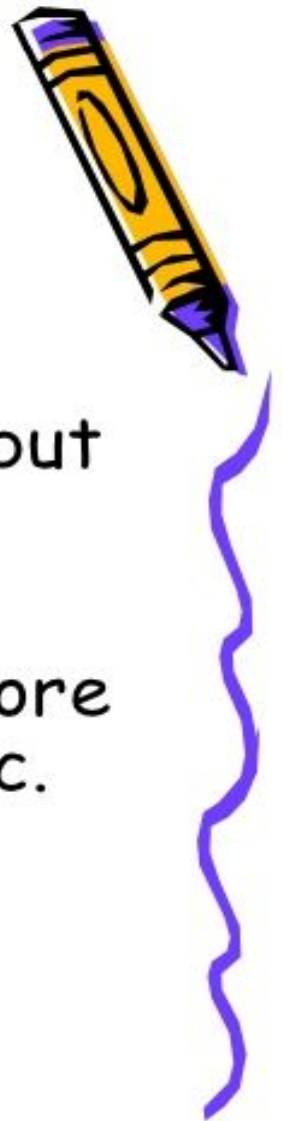
# Kindergarten

- Age 5-6
- First year of school that is obligatory for all children living in the U.S.



# Elementary/Primary School

- 1st year of primary school is technically 2nd year of education but we call it 1st grade
- Grade = 1) year of education in primary or secondary school, 2) score on an exam, a paper, homework, etc.
- Grades 1-5 = elementary school



# Secondary: Junior High and High School

- 7 years - Grades 6-12
- Junior high = grades 6-8
- High School = grades 9-12

freshman - 9th grade

sophomore - 10th grade

junior - 11th grade

senior - 12th grade



# Boarding Schools

- For education and manners
- You eat, sleep, and study there
- Tuition-based
- Very expensive
- Scholarships available





# Private Schools

- Tuition-based and fairly expensive
- You do not sleep there
- High level of education and manners
  - usually only for the rich
  - smaller classes, can be religious
  - students go on to best universities



# college

After high school, the majority of students go on to college.

2 years of study  
at a community college

Associate  
degree

Undergraduate  
studies

bachelor's  
degree, or  
college diploma

Graduate studies

Master's degree  
and doctoral  
degree



# Applying to College (university)

- A student must pass a college entry exam: the SAT or ACT
- A student must meet a determined G.P.A. (grade point average)
- A student can apply before receiving the high school diploma (and will be accepted after the university receives the diploma)



# College/University/ Undergraduate school

- 2-year degree = associate's degree
  - one can further their education at a 4-year university
- 4-year degree = bachelor's degree
  - major = specific course of study
  - you don't have to choose a major until your second year



# Pre-something

- Some majors require 2 years of general university studies before entering the specified school where they will study 2 additional years, e.g. pre-law, pre-med, pre-nursing, etc.
- Students must obtain their bachelor's degree in Pre-something before they can be qualified and practicing



# Graduate School

- 2 years
- Students must have a bachelor's degree and will receive a master's in a specified field
- MBA = master's in business administration
- Student teachers



# PhD = Doctorate Degree

- 3-6 years
- Depends on individual's ability and thesis selected
- Thesis = VERY INTENSIVE research paper





# How do students get to school?



Students that live more than a mile a way from school can take the bus.



Student rides bike to school on a sunny fall day.



Students 16 years and older can drive to school, but these Alabama students chose to walk to protest high gas prices.



# Time Schedule

- Monday – Friday
- Class Hours 7:45am - 2:30pm
- 7 Periods including a 1hour lunch/break
- Extra Curricular Activities and Athletics
- 2:30pm – 6:00pm

