

Portugal

Educational Timeline

- School year: September-June, graduation occurs in June
- Primary school (*ensino básico*) is nine years, followed by three years of secondary school (*ensino secundario*)

Group A: Documents That Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Students presenting documents other than those listed below will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

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| <i>Diploma de Ensino Secundario</i> | Diploma of Secondary Education |
| <i>Diploma de Estudos Profissionais</i> | Diploma of Professional Studies |
| <i>Certificado de Fim de Estudos Secundárias</i> | Certificate of the End of Secondary Studies |
| Certificado/Diploma de Qualificação Profissional de Nivel III | Certificate/Diploma of Level III Vocational Qualifications |

-All documents must be accompanied by the yearly grade report and the Certificado/Diploma

Group B: Documents That Do Not Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

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| <i>Diploma do Ensino Basico</i> | Diploma of Basic Education |
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GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all grades listed on the *Certificado* or *Diploma* to US Grade equivalents and convert to quality points. Divide quality points by the total number of courses attempted. If a cumulative average grade (*Média Final*) is provided then only convert this to the US Grade equivalent and the corresponding quality point for the total GPA.

Grading Scale (May not be all inclusive):

| Description | Translation | Numeric Grade | US Grade | Quality Points |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|----------|------------------------|
| <i>Muito Bom</i> | Very Good | 18-20 | A | 4 |
| <i>Bom</i> | Good | 14-17 | B | 3 |
| <i>Suficiente</i> | Sufficient | 10-13 | C | 2 lowest passing grade |
| <i>Insuficiente</i> | Insufficient | 0-9 | F | 0 |

Class Ranking

Class rank is evaluated based on a letter written and submitted by the headmaster or principal of the institution from which the student graduated. The letter must confirm both the student's final position in his/her secondary school class and the total number of students in the graduating class (e.g. the student is 41st in a total graduating class of 112 students). However, students completing tracked or separate degree programs must be ranked against all other students in a given class who completed the same degree program.

Post-Secondary Education

Students will be charged terms of attendance and considered transfer students if they have enrolled as a regular student and attended one or more courses at any of the types of institutions listed below (may not be all inclusive) or any other institution that requires proof of high school graduation as a pre-requisite for admission (subject to review on a case-by-case basis).

Universidade
Escola Superior
Instituto Superior
Instituto Politécnico

University
Higher School
Higher Institute
Polytechnic Institute

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