

Guatemala

Educational Timeline

- School year: January to October; Graduation occurs in November or December
- Primary school (*Escuela Primaria*) is six years followed by three years of lower secondary school followed by two or three years of upper secondary school (*Ciclo Diversificado*)

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>Bachillerato/Bachiller en Ciencias y Letras</i> | Baccalaureate in Sciences and Letters |
| -Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts for two year of upper secondary school (<i>Ciclo Diversificado</i>) | |
| <i>Perito or Secretaria in a specialization</i> (e.g. <i>Industrial, Agrícola, Técnico</i>) | Expert of Secretary in a specialization |
| -Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts for three years of upper secondary school (<i>Ciclo Diversificado</i>) | |
| <i>Maestro en Educacion Preprimaria</i> | Pre-Primary Teacher |
| -Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts for three years of upper secondary school (<i>Ciclo Diversificado</i>) | |
| <i>Maestro en Primaria Urbana</i> | Urban Primary Teacher |
| -Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts for three years of upper secondary school (<i>Ciclo Diversificado</i>) | |

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 de Estudios</i> | Diploma of Studies |
| <i>Diploma Ciclo de Cultura General</i> | Diploma from Lower Secondary School |

GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all grades listed on each of the last two years *Ciclo Diversificado* (under *Bachillerato en...*) transcript/academic record or all grades listed on each of the last three years of Technical School transcript/academic record. Convert to quality points. Divide quality points by the total number of courses attempted.

Grading Scale (may not be all inclusive)

| Description | Translation | Numeric Grade | US Grade | Quality Points |
|------------------|-------------|---------------|----------|----------------|
| <i>Excelente</i> | Excellent | 90-100 | A | 4 |
| <i>Muy Bueno</i> | Very Good | 80-89 | B | 3 |
| <i>Bueno</i> | Good | 70-79 | C | 2 |
| <i>Minimo</i> | Minimum | 60-69 | D | 1 |
| <i>Reprobado</i> | Fail | 0-59 | 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 (e.g. *Bachiller en Ciencias y Letras*) 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).

Universidad

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