

Dominican Republic

Educational Timeline

- School year: August to June; Graduation occurs in June
- Primary school (Educación Básica) is eight years followed by four years of secondary school (Educación Media)

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

<i>Bachiller/Bachillerato</i>	High School Diploma
-Must be accompanied by official Ministry of Education academic records/transcripts (<i>Certificado de Escolaridad</i>) for four years of secondary school	
<i>Bachiller/Bachillerato</i> with a specialization (e.g. <i>Ciencias y Letras</i>)	High School Diploma with Specialization
-Must be accompanied by official Ministry of Education academic records/transcripts (<i>Certificado de Escolaridad</i>) for four years of secondary school	
<i>Bachiller/Bachillerato Técnico Profesional</i>	Vocational High School Diploma
-Must be accompanied by official Ministry of Education academic records/transcripts (<i>Certificado de Escolaridad</i>) for four years of secondary school	
<i>Maestro Normal</i>	Teaching Diploma
-Must be accompanied by official Ministry of Education academic records/transcripts (<i>Certificado de Escolaridad</i>) for four years of secondary school	
<i>Perito</i>	Proficiency Diploma
-Must be accompanied by official Ministry of Education academic records/transcripts (<i>Certificado de Escolaridad</i>) for four years of secondary school	

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

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

<i>Certificado de Suficiencia en los Estudios Primarios</i>	Certificate of Proficiency in Primary Studies
<i>Certificado de Suficiencia en los Estudios Intermedios</i>	Certificate of Proficiency in Intermediate Studies

GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all grades listed on each of the four years of *Educación Media* on the *Certificado de Escolaridad* to US equivalents and convert to quality points. Include grades earned in each semester of the *Primer Grado del Primer Ciclo*, *Segundo Grado del Primer Ciclo*, *Primer Grado del Segundo Ciclo*, and the *Segundo Grado del Segundo Ciclo*, which is a total of eight semesters. 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 lowest passing grade
<i>Deficiente</i>	Deficient	0-69	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. *Bachillerato 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).

<i>Universidad</i>	University
<i>Instituto Superior</i>	Higher Institute
<i>Instituto Tecnológico</i>	Technological Institute

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