

Costa Rica

Educational Timeline

- School year: February or March to November or December; Graduation occurs in December
- Primary school is six years followed two years of lower secondary school followed by two or three years of upper secondary school

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

Bachiller/Bachillerato

Secondary School Diploma

-Must be accompanied by official Ministry of Education academic records/transcripts (Certificación de Notas) for two years of upper secondary school

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Secondary School Diploma in Specialized Area

-Must be accompanied by official Ministry of Education academic records/transcripts (Certificación de Notas) for two or three years of upper secondary school

Diploma de Conclusión de Estudios de Educación Diversificado

Diploma of Completion of Diversified Education

-Must be accompanied by official Ministry of Education academic records/transcripts (Certificación de Notas) for two years of upper secondary school

Titulo de Tecnico Medio

Title of Mid-Level Technician

-Must be accompanied by official Ministry of Education academic records/transcripts (Certificación de Notas) for two or three years of upper secondary school

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

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

Diploma/Certificado de Conclusión de Estudios Primarios

Completion Certificate of Primary Education

Certificado de Conclusión de Educación General Básica

Completion Certificate of General Basic Education

GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all grades listed under the *promedio* column from the "Group A" documents listed above. If the *promedio* is not provided then average the totals for each course's *periodo* and proceed with converting line-by-line all course grades. Each grade is weighted equally. Convert to U.S. equivalents and then to quality points. Divide quality points by the total number of credits attempted.

Grading Scale (may not be all inclusive)

Numeric Grade	US Grade	Quality Points	
9-10 (90-100)	A	4	
8-8.9 (80-89)	B	3	
7-7.9 (70-79)	C	2	lowest passing grade
0-6.9 (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*) 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).

Privado/Público Universidad
Educación Superior
Instituto Tecnológico

Private/Public University
 Higher education
 Technological Institute

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