

## Belgium

### Educational Timeline

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- School year: September to June; Graduation occurs in June
- Primary school is six years followed by either six years of secondary school or two years of lower secondary school followed by four or five years of upper secondary school

### Group A: Documents That Meet High School Graduation Requirement

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

<i>Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur (CESS)</i>	Certificate of Higher Secondary Education
-Must be accompanied by final marks or examination marks and academic records/transcripts for six years of secondary school	
<i>Getuigschrift van Hoger Secundair Onderwijs / Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts</i>	Certificate of Higher Secondary Education / Leaving Certificate of Higher Level Secondary Instruction
-Must be accompanied by final marks or examination marks and academic records/transcripts for six years of secondary school	
<i>Diplôme d'Enseignement Technique Secondaire Supérieur</i>	Higher Secondary Technical Education
-Must be accompanied by final marks or examination marks and academic records/transcripts for six or seven years of secondary school	
<i>Diploma Hoger Secundaires Technisch Onderwijs</i>	Higher Secondary Technical Education Diploma
-Must be accompanied by final marks or examination marks and academic records/transcripts for six or seven years of secondary school	
<i>Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs</i>	Diploma of Secondary Education
-Must be accompanied by final marks or examination marks and academic records/transcripts for six or seven years of secondary school	

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

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Comparable to less than completion of US high school

<i>Certificat d'Etudes de Base (CEB)</i>	Certificate of Primary Education
<i>Getuigschrift van Lager Onderwijs</i>	Certificate of Primary Education
<i>Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Inférieur</i>	Certificate of Lower Secondary Education
<i>Getuigschrift van Lager Secundair Onderwijs</i>	Certificate of Lower Secondary Education
<i>Certificat d'Enseignement du Deuxième Degré</i>	Certificate of Second-Level Secondary Education

## GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all grades listed on "Group A" documents above and any corresponding transcripts or corresponding exam marks directly to its US equivalent and convert to quality points using the scale below.

## Grading Scale (may not be all inclusive)

Description	Translation	Numeric Grade	US Grade	Quality Points
<i>Plus Grande Distinction / Grootste Onderscheiding</i>	Greatest Distinction	18.0 - 20.0	A+	4
<i>Grande Distinction / Grote Onderscheiding (TB)</i>	Great Distinction	16.0 - 17.99	A	4
<i>Distinction / Onderscheiding (B)</i>	Distinction	14.0 - 15.99	B	3
<i>Réussite, Satisfaction / Voldoening (R, S)</i>	Satisfactory	10.0 - 13.99	C	2
<i>Ajourné (I)</i>	Failing	0 - 9.9	D or F*	1 or 0

Note: A grade of 8-9.9 is considered a conditional pass (US grade of D) if the overall year grade is a pass

## 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).

## 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>Université</i>	University
<i>Faculté universitaire</i>	University Faculty
<i>Faculté polytechnique</i>	Polytechnic Faculty
<i>Haut Ecole</i>	Higher School
<i>Institut Supérieur d'Architecture</i>	Higher Institute of Architecture
<i>Ecole supérieure des Arts</i>	Higher Art School
<i>Universiteit</i>	University
<i>Hogeschool</i>	University College

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