

## Bahamas

### Educational Timeline

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- School year: August to June; Graduation occurs in June
- Primary school is six years followed by three years of lower secondary school followed by three 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.

Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE)

-Must be accompanied by academic records/transcript for three years of upper secondary school. Comparable to US high school graduation only if five or more exam passes achieved

General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level (GCE O-Level)

-Must be accompanied by academic records/transcript for three years of upper secondary school. Comparable to US high school graduation only if five or more exam passes achieved

General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCE A-Level)

-Must be accompanied by credential(s) previously earned and yearly grade reports for each of the two years of upper secondary school. Comparable to US high school graduation only if two or more exam passes achieved

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

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Comparable to less than completion of US high school

Bahamas Junior Certificate (BJC)

School-issued leaving certificates or high school graduation certificates

### GPA Calculation

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Calculate the cumulative high school GPA using all exam grades earned on the BGCSE certificate(s), listed in "Group A" above. Exam results listed on documents other than official exam certificates issued from the examination bodies (e.g. transcripts or letters from schools) cannot be used to calculate the GPA. Convert each exam grade to a US equivalent using the corresponding scale below and convert to quality points. All exam grades are used and are weighted equally in the calculation.

### Grading Scale (may not be all inclusive)

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BGCSE

Grade	US Grade	Quality Points
A	A	4
B	B	3
C	B	3
D	C	2
E	C	2
F	D	1
G	D	1

lowest passing grade

H or Ungraded	F	0	
GCE O-Level			
Grade	US Grade	Quality Points	
A	A	4	
B	B	3	
C	C	2	
D	D	1	
E	D	1	lowest passing grade
F, G, H	F	0	
GCE A-Level			
Grade	US Grade	Quality Points	
A*	A+	4	
A	A	4	
B	B	3	
C	B	3	
D	C	2	
E	C	2	lowest passing grade
O	F	0	

## Class Ranking

Class rank is determined based on official overall rank at the time of graduation as it appears on the school's official transcripts. If no such ranking appears on official transcripts, 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 the student's 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).

Students who are homeschooled, or take the BGCSE as a private candidate, cannot use the class rank requirement to meet initial freshmen requirements. This may not be all inclusive of all high school programs that cannot use class rank.

## Post-Secondary Education

Students may be charged terms of attendance and will be 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).

Bahamas Hotel Training College  
 Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute  
 University of The Bahamas

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