

Grade Levels and Structure of the Educational System of Mexico

Grade Level (US)	School Type (Mexico)	Duration (Mexico)
Preschool/Kindergarten	Preescolar/Preeschool	3 Years
Grades 1-6	Primaria/Primary	6 years
Grades 7-9	Secundaria/Secondary	3 years
Grades 10-12	Bachillerato/High School <i>Or</i> Educación Profesional Técnica/ Technical (Vocational)	4 years
Post-Secondary – Undergraduate – College/University	Licenciatura/University (Undergraduate)	5 years
Graduate School – Masters Degree	Maestría/Masters	3 years
Graduate School – Doctorate	Doctorado/Doctorate	3 Years

Notes:

- Preschool through Secondary School are considered Basic Education (Educación Básica) in Mexico
- Students in Education Profesional Técnica/Technical (Vocational) school do not go on to further study (university and beyond)
- School is offered in three shifts: matutino, vespertino, and nocturno. Students attend one of the three shifts.

Grade Levels in U.S. and Mexico	
U.S. Grade Level	Mexican Grade Level
Preschool/Kindergarten	Preescolar
1 st Grade	Primer grado de primaria
2 nd Grade	Segundo grado de primaria
3 rd Grade	Tercer grado de primaria
4 th Grade	Cuarto grado de primaria
5 th Grade	Quinto grado de primaria
6 th Grade	Sexto grado de primaria
7 th Grade	Primer grado de secundaria
8 th Grade	Segundo grado de secundaria
9 th Grade	Tercer grado de secundaria
10 th Grade	Primer y Segundo semestres de Preparatoria (Bachillerato)
11 th Grade	Tercer y Cuarto semestres de Preparatoria (Bachillerato)
12 th Grade	Quinto y Sexto semestres de Preparatoria (Bachillerato)