

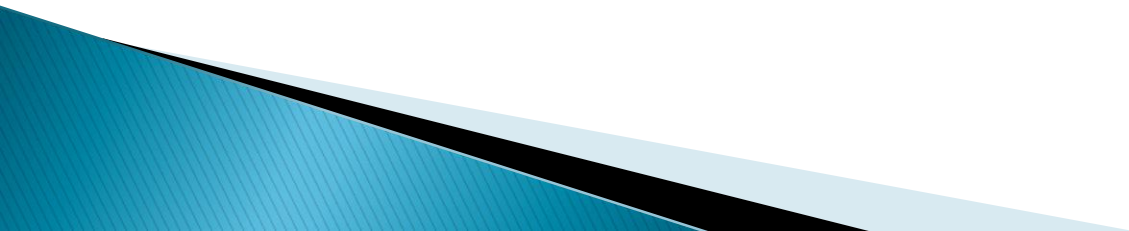
# Differences in Educational Systems

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# How Students are Grouped:

Students are grouped differently in various countries.



# America

Students are put in a classroom based on their age group.

Example: 5–6 year olds are in Kindergarten

6–7 year old are in First Grade

7–8 Second Grade

8–9 Third Grade

9–10 Fourth Grade

10–11 Fifth Grade

# Bulgaria

The classes are grouped by age and there are no grade levels from first to fourth grade. The students enter school at the age of six or seven years. The students finishes the first stage of his education in fourth grade at the age of ten or eleven years .

# Japan

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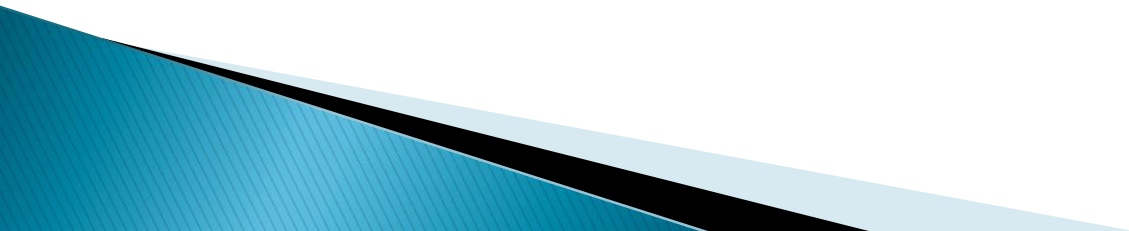
In Japan, the first nine years of education (elementary school and junior high school) are compulsory so nobody can skip a year and be in danger of failing.

The students start to go to elementary school at the age of 6.

Students go to elementary school for 6 years



# Grading System



# America

The majority of students are graded on a seven point grading scale if you are in a public school system.

A 100–93

B 92–85

C 84–77

D 76–69

F 68– Below

Private Schools and some other forms of non-public education can grade at their own discretion

# Bulgaria

The Grading system used in Bulgaria range from 2–6, where 2 is poor and 6 is excellent.

6	<i>Отличен (Otlichen)</i>	<i>Excellent</i> , best possible grade 92–100% A
5	<i>Много добър (Mного dobyr)</i>	Very Good, next highest 75–91% B
4	<i>Добър (Dobyr)</i>	<i>Good</i> , indicates average performance 59–74% C
3	<i>Среден (Sreden)</i>	<i>Sufficient</i> , lowest passing grade 50–58% D
2	<i>Слаб (Slab)</i>	<i>Poor</i> , failing grade 0–49% F

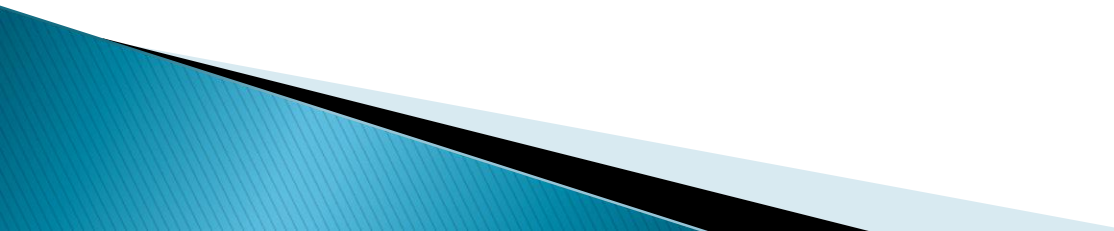
# Japan

At the end of each semester, students receive a report card from the teacher.

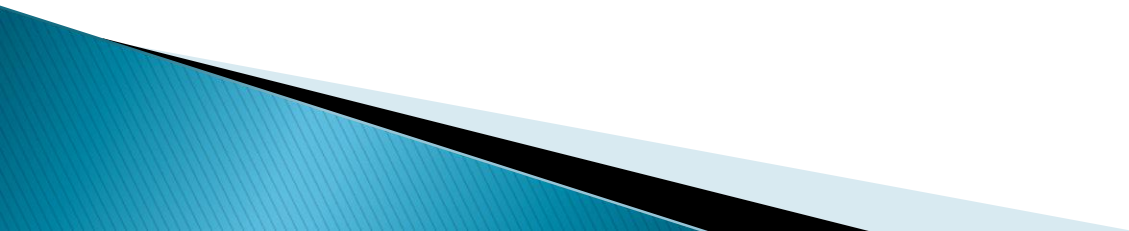
The grading scale varies by school.

For example it can be either A–C (A being the Highest) or 5–1 (5 meaning excellent).

Now, absolute evaluation system is used but relative evaluation system was used few years ago.



# Testing Policies



# America

Students begin using the standardized End of Grade test at the end of the Third Grade. After that they will be tested every year to determine their progression to the next grade level.

Formative:

Summative:

Writing Test:

# Bulgaria

The students go to the fifth grade by taking four exams (tests) one in Bulgarian, mathematics, The human and the nature and The human and the society so the better the score is the better the school that the student goes to is .

# Japan

Overall evaluation system is used but relative evaluation system was used few years ago.

# Subjects Addressed

This includes all subjects that are covered by the schools, this includes daily core subjects and extra curricular subjects

# America

- ▶ Core subjects:
  - Mathematics
  - Language Arts/ Writing
  - Literacy
  - Social Studies
  - Science
- ▶ Extra Curricular:
  - Art
  - Music
  - Physical Education
  - Technology
  - Media

# Bulgaria

The main subjects are :

- ▶ Writing
- ▶ Reading
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Bulgarian language
- ▶ English
- ▶ the human and the nature
- ▶ the human and the society
- ▶ sports

Extra Curricular:

- ▶ music
- ▶ arts
- ▶ Technology

# Japan

- ▶ The main subjects are Japanese, Math, Social studies (Japanese history, World history, Geography, Modern sociology), Science (Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Geosciences), English (Reading, Writing, Oral communication), PE

5. Extra subjects are

Ethic

Music

Art