

Education-China



3-6: “Kindergarten”

- Easy words
- stories
- cutting paper
- playing games
- work with other children
- start learning pinyin

- Class is generally from 9-3
- Usually around five days a week
- Intensity of this preschool is dependent on location/prosperity of the area

6-12: Primary School

- Chinese
- Math
- Science
- Social Classes



- Strong focus on preparation for secondary school
- Again, class is typically five days a week
- Typically from 8-3
- Break for lunch/nap/exercise

12-15: Secondary School

- Continue on with general education courses
- Preparation for the intensity of high school
- This could include extra tutoring in subject areas you struggle with

- This is when school really picks up the pace
- Days get longer
- Typically every day of the week
- Sunday afternoons are free
- One weekend off a month

15-17: High School

- Art
 - History
 - Geography
 - Politics
- Science
 - Chemistry
 - Biology
 - Physics

-Known to be incredibly stressful
-6-8: test preparation
-8-12: 5 50-minute classes
-12-1: freetime for lunch
-1-2: return to class for nap/lunch
-2-6: class
-6-7: dinner
-7-10: self-study time
-Typically no time for outside clubs/sports

Higher Education

- Student are tested in high school for aptitude for college
- Basically a “one-shot” test
- Many high school graduates do not do well enough on test to move on to college



- Average cost of tuition: \$400-\$2,200, but top schools or highly demanding majors (engineering, business, or medicine) can charge up to \$30,000 or more per year
- Students rarely live off campus

Education - America



5: Kindergarten

- Naps
- Work with others
- Learn alphabet and numbers
- Story time
- Cognitive learning



- Either half or whole days
- Half days lasted around 9am-12pm
- Whole days were 9am-3pm
- Five days a week

6-10: Elementary School

- Usually from 1st -5th grade (depending on how weird your town is)
- Learn to read and write
- Simple math
- Basic history and science
- P.E.



- Full day from 9am-4pm five days a week
- Had a break for Recess and Lunch
- One teacher taught every subject for one group of students

10-14: Junior High

- Usually 6th to 8th grade
- More complex math and science
- Literature and language
- History
- P.E.

- 8am-3pm five days a week
- Lunch, but often times little or no recess
- Students used lockers and went from class to class while the teachers stayed in their own classroom

15-18: High school

- Usually 9th-12th grade
 - Options for classes
 - Core classes and electives
 - Stricter grading
 - Band and sports and clubs
 - Applying to colleges
 - ACT/SAT
- Times vary from around 7am/8am-2pm/3pm
 - Lunch time, sometimes people can leave the school if they come back
 - Students went from class to class while their stuff stayed in their lockers
 - Teachers have their own classroom that students come to

19-up: College

- Expensive relative to China (\$9,000-\$30,000 annually)
 - Specialized education
 - Stress and more work
 - More freedom relative to American High School
- No entrance exam
 - Most people need to take ACT or SAT to get into preferred college
 - Scholarships
 - Students often live off campus