

# Education in America

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# Early Childhood Education

- Children learn speech and motor skills at home
- About age 4 most children attend pre-kindergarten
  - Some through a public school district, but most through other organizations
  - Here they learn numbers letters shapes and other basic things

# Kindergarten through 12th Grade

- Most children attend public school for free during these years.
- This is when students begin to receive letter grades
  - For most schools, A= 90%-100%, B= 80-89%, C= 70-79%, D=60-69% and F=59% and below

# School Types

- Children go to elementary school Kindergarten through fifth grade (this is like Grundschule in Germany)
- Middle school is usually sixth through eighth grades, this is also sometimes called junior high school
- Some schools will go from kindergarten through eighth grade instead of being separate elementary and middle school
- High School is ninth through twelfth grade

# Special schools

- Most large cities have special schools for different types of cities
- Denver School of the Arts is a high school for children who want to be artists, musicians or actors in the city of Denver
- My school district has a “gifted and talented” school for very smart children from kindergarten through eighth grade

# Special Schools

- Many large cities also have College Preparatory schools. These are high schools that are supposed to offer extra support to help students succeed in college

# Special Classes

- All students must attend school through the 12th grade but they can take many different classes
  - Usually in the sixth grade schools introduce “Honors” for some subjects. These classes are usually more difficult than regular classes.
  - In high school children also often have the opportunity to take “Advanced Placement” classes. At the end of the year students can take a standard exam. Good scores often earn students college credit.

# Special Classes

- Some schools also partner with local colleges and technical schools. These programs let students earn college credit or learn a skill or trade for free before graduating high school.
  - This can be a very helpful opportunity for college bound students to earn credit for free and graduate in less time when they go to college.



# After High School

- Community College
  - Cheaper than university.
  - Usually a 2 year degree
  - Many students go on to university or other school
- University
- Trade School
  - Students learn skills that will help them be competitive in the workforce (welding, cosmetology, automotive mechanics)
- Armed Forces
  - Join and learn about roles of the Army, Navy, Marines, or Air Force