

Paraguay

Educational Timeline

- School Year: February-November; Graduation occurs in November/December
- Primary education is nine years starting at age six followed by three years of secondary school

Group A: Documents That Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Students presenting documents other than those listed below will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

<i>Título de Bachillerato Comerical</i>	Title of Commercial High School Diploma
<i>Título de Bachillerato Técnico-Profesional</i>	Title of Professional/Technological Diploma
<i>Título de Bachillerato Comerical</i>	Title of Sciences and Humanities Diploma
<i>Título de Bachillerato Científico con énfasis en..</i>	Title of Scientific High School Diploma with a concentration in...
<i>Título de Bachillerato Técnico</i>	Title of Technical High School Diploma
<i>Título de Técnico de Nivel Medio</i>	Title of Mid-Level Technician

-All documents must be accompanied by the *Certificado de Estudios* from three years of secondary education

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

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

<i>Título/Certificado de Graduado en Educación Escolar Básica</i>	Title/Certificate of Graduate in Basic School Education
<i>Certificado de Educación Escolar Básica</i>	Certificate of Basic School Education
<i>Certificado de mano de Obra Certificada</i>	Certified Manual Worker Certificate

GPA Calculation

Determine if the school uses a 10 point or a 5 point grading scale. If a *promedio general* (overall average) is provided on the document as an overall cumulative grade from all secondary school coursework, convert that average directly to a US equivalent and then to quality points. If a *promedio* is given for each school year, take the average of the yearly *promedios generales* for secondary school coursework, convert to US equivalent and then to quality points. If no *promedio general* is provided then calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all grades listed on the *Certificado de Estudios* to US equivalents and convert to quality points. Divide quality points by the total number of courses attempted.

Grading Scale (May not be all inclusive):

Note: Secondary scales vary. Therefore determine which grading scale is used before converting to US equivalents. Generally schools use scale ranges of 1-10 or 1-5. However, some schools may award grades based on percentages. Qualitative statements (such as *Excelente*, *Bueno*, etc.) should be used to determine which grading scale to use in such cases.

5 Point Scale:

Description	Translation	Grade	US Grade	Quality Points	
<i>Sobresaliente</i>	Outstanding	5	A	4	
<i>Muy Bueno</i>	Very Good	4	A	4	
<i>Bueno</i>	Good	3	B	3	
<i>Aprobado</i>	Pass	2	C	2	
<i>Aprobado</i>	Pass	1	C	2	lowest passing grade
<i>Reprobado/Insuficiente</i>	Fail	0	F	0	

10 Point Scale:

Description	Translation	Grade	US Grade	Quality Points	
<i>Excelente</i>	Excellent	10	A	4	
<i>Distinguido/Muy Bueno</i>	Very Good	8-9	A	4	
<i>Bueno</i>	Good	6-7	B	3	
<i>Regular/Aprobado</i>	Regular/Pass	4-5	C	2	lowest passing grade
<i>Aplazado</i>	Fail	0-3	F	0	

Class Ranking

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). However, students completing tracked or separate degree programs (e.g. *Título de Bachillerato Comercial*) must be ranked against all other students in a given class who completed the same degree program.

Post-Secondary Education

Students will be charged terms of attendance and 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).

<i>Universidad</i>	University
<i>Instituto Superior</i>	Higher Institute
<i>Instituto Técnico Superior</i>	Higher Technical Institute
<i>Instituto de Formación Docente</i>	Teacher Training College

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