

Caribbean – British Patterned

Includes Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, and the British Virgin Islands

Educational Timeline

- School Year: August-May with exam dates in June (alternative external exam dates offered in November or December)
Jamaican school year: September to June with exam dates in June (alternative external exam dates offered in November or December)
- Primary school is six years, followed by five years of secondary school. Students typically sit for external examinations at the end of five years of secondary school (referred to as Form V)
- After timely completion of initial five years of secondary school, students can extend high school graduation by continuing to Form VI to take and pass A-Level exam(s) or CXC CAPE exams at the end of either one or two additional years of full-time study

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.

GCSE or IGCSE – (International) General Certificate of Secondary Education

- Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts from secondary education. Comparable to US high school graduation only if five or more exam passes achieved

CXC CSEC - Caribbean Examination Council Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate

- Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts from secondary education. Comparable to US high school graduation only if five or more exam passes achieved at the “general” or “technical” level

CXC CAPE - Caribbean Examination Council Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination

- Must be accompanied by credential(s) previously earned and academic records/transcripts from secondary education. Student must enroll in the program at the first available opportunity to extend graduation date by a maximum of two years from initial CSEC completion.

GCE O-Level - General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level

- Must be accompanied by academic records/transcripts from secondary education. Comparable to US high school graduation only if five or more exam passes achieved.

GCE A-Level - General Certificate of Education Advanced Level

- Must be accompanied by credential(s) previously earned and academic records/transcripts from secondary education

AICE – Advanced International Certificate of Education

- Must be accompanied by credential(s) previously earned and academic records/transcripts from secondary education
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Group B: Documents That Do Not Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

- Barbados Secondary School Certificate Part 1
- Belize High School Diploma or Graduation Certificate
- BJAT – Belize Junior Achievement Test
- CEE – Common Entrance Examination
- JSPE – Junior Secondary Programme Examination
- Junior High School Certificate (Jamaica)
- Jamaica School Certificate (JSC)
- Secondary School Certificate (SSC) (Jamaica)
- School-issued leaving certificates or high school graduation certificates
- Senior Primary/Minimum Standard Examination (St. Lucia)
- SLCE – School Leaving Certificate Examination (Grenada)
- SSEE – Secondary School Entrance Examination (Guyana)
- SSPE – Secondary School Proficiency Examination Part II (Guyana)
- TOS – Test of Standards (Anguilla)

GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA using all exam grades earned on official exam certificates listed in “Group A” above. Exam results listed on documents other than official exam certificates issued from the examination bodies (e.g. transcripts or letters from schools) cannot be used to calculate the GPA. Convert each exam grade to a US equivalent using the corresponding scale(s) below and convert to quality points. All exam grades are used and are weighted equally in the calculation with the exception of CAPE and AICE exams, which specify the units/credits taken. CAPE exams assigned a “unit of 1” are weighted with one credit. Exams assigned a “unit of 2” are weighted with two credits. Double-credit AICE grades are weighted with two credits and single-credit AICE grades are weighted with one credit.

Grading Scale (May not be all inclusive):

GCSE and IGCSE:

Grade	US Grade	Quality Points	
A	A	4	
B	B	3	
C	B	3	
D	C	2	
E	C	2	
F	D	1	
G	D	1	lowest passing grade
H or Ungraded	F	0	

Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) CSEC (1998 to present):

Letter Grade	Profile Grade	Numeric Grade	US Grade	US Quality Points	
A	Outstanding	I	A	4	
B	Good	II	B	3	
C	Fairly Good	III	C	2	
D	Moderate	IV	D	1	
E	Weak	V	D	1	lowest passing grade
F	Poor	VI	F	0	

Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) CAPE:

Letter Grade	Profile Grade	Numeric Grade	US Grade	US Quality Points	
A	Excellent	I	A	4	
B	Very Good	II	A	4	
C	Good	III	B	3	
D	Satisfactory	IV	C	2	
E	Acceptable	V	C	2	
F	Weak	VI	D	1	lowest passing grade
G	Unsatisfactory	VII	F	0	

GCE O-Level:

Grade	US Grade	Quality Points	
A	A	4	
B	B	3	
C	C	2	
D	D	1	
E	D	1	lowest passing grade
F, G, H	F	0	

GCE A-Level (includes AS and A-Level examinations):

Grade	US Grade	Quality Points	
A	A	4	
B	B	3	
C	B	3	
D	C	2	
E	C	2	lowest passing grade
O	F	0	

AICE:

Grade	US Grade	Quality Points	
A*	A+	4	
A	A	4	
B	B	3	
C	B	3	
D	C	2	
E	C	2	lowest passing grade

Class Ranking

Class rank is determined based on official overall rank at the time of graduation as it appears on the school's official transcripts. If no such ranking appears on official transcripts, 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).

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).

University
Institute
Community/Junior College
Teacher College
State College
Technical College/Polytechnic

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