

Handout 4

Grade Level Comparison and Structure of the Educational System of Mexico

Grade Level Equivalent (US)	School Type (Mexico)	Duration (Mexico)
Preschool/Kindergarten	<i>Preescolar</i> /Preschool	3 Years
Grades 1-6	<i>Primaria</i> /Primary	6 years
Grades 7-9	<i>Secundaria</i> /Secondary	3 years
Grades 10-12	<i>Bachillerato, Colegio de Bachilleres, Preparatoria</i> /High School or <i>Educación Profesional Técnica</i> / Technical (Vocational)	4 or 6 semesters, depending on the school
Post-Secondary, Undergraduate – College/University	<i>Licenciatura</i> /University (Undergraduate)	5 years
Graduate School – Masters Degree	<i>Maestría</i> /Masters	3 years
Graduate School – Doctorate	<i>Doctorado</i> /Doctorate	3 Years

Notes:

- Preschool through Secondary School are considered Basic Education (*Educación Básica*) in Mexico
- Students in *Educación Profesional Técnica*/Technical (Vocational) school do not go on to further study (university and beyond)
- In Preschool and Primary, school is offered in two shifts: *matutino* (morning shift) and *vespertino* (afternoon shift)
- In Secondary and High School, school is offered in three shifts: *matutino*, *vespertino*, and *nocturna* (evening shift). Students attend one of the three shifts