

Country Profile Snapshot

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Instructional Language: Spanish **School Year:** March-December

Evidence of High School Completion: (Academic) Bachillerato, Bachiller, or Diploma de conclusion de Estudios de Educacion Diversificada (Technical) Tecnico en el Nivel Medio

Hours per Week

Subjects	9th grade	Subjects	10th grade	11th grade	*12th grade
Spanish	5	Spanish	5	5	-
English or French	3	Foreign Language or English	5	5	-
Mathematics	5	Mathematics	5	5	-
Social Studies	4	Geography and History	5	5	-
Science	5	Physics, Biology, and Chemistry	3	3	-
Religion Education	1	Religion Education	1	1	-
Computer Education	2	Psychology	-	3	-
Civic Formation and Social	1	Civic Formation and Social	1	1	-
Visual Arts/ Music Education	2	Visual Arts/ Music Education	1	1	-
Physical Education	2	Physical Education	2	2	-

*Interview student or school for hours per week attended in grade 12.

Education System

Costa Rica Equivalent		U.S. Equivalent
Elementary (Educacion Primaria) Age 6-11	pre-escolar	Kindergarten
	1 ° primer grado	First Grade
	2° segundo grado	Second Grade
	3 ° tercer grado	Third Grade
	4 ° cuarto grado	Fourth Grade
	5° quinto grado	Fifth Grade
	6° sexto grado	Sixth Grade
Middle School (General Basica) Age 12-14	7° septimo grado	Seventh Grade
	8° octavo grado	Eighth Grade
	9° noveno grado <i>Certificate awarded: Certificado de Conclusion de Estudios de Educacion General Basica or Certificado de Conclusion de Estudios Basica por Suficiencia</i>	Ninth Grade
High School (Educacion Diversificada/ Educacion Media) Age 15-17	10 ° grado	Tenth Grade
	11° grado * HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE <i>Certificate Awarded: Bachillerato, Bachiller, Diploma de Conclusion de Estudios de Educacion Media, Tecnico en el Nivel Medio, Certificado de Conclusion de Estudios de Educacion Diversificada</i>	Eleventh Grade
	Not Applicable	Twelfth Grade

Grading Scale Conversion	
Foreign Scale	U.S. Grade Equivalent
9.0-10.0	A
8.0-8.9	B
7.0-7.9	C
6.5-6.9	D
0-6.4	F

Essential Information Checklist:
<i>Essential Information Checklist not provided with sample.</i>

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