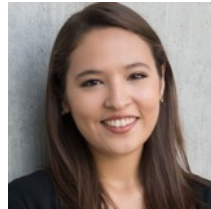


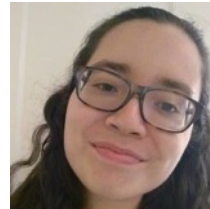
# Educational Systems in the U.S. from Elementary School to University

*Information for parents, students, and families*

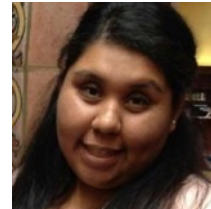
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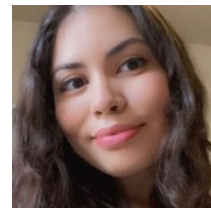
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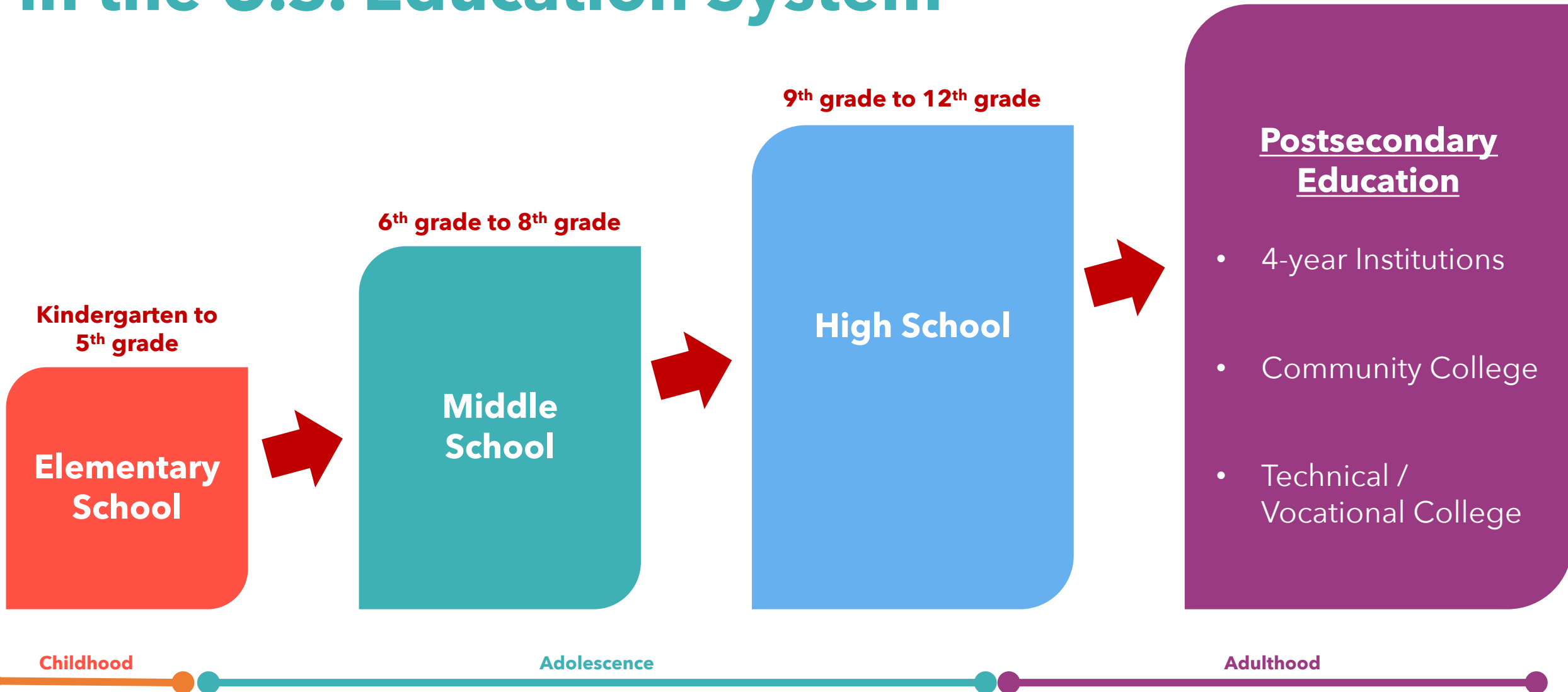
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# Agenda

- Settling in / Introductions (10 minutes)
- Short summary of the U.S. educational system (10 minutes)
- Conversation with Parents
  - Small groups to collect parents' questions (10 minutes)
  - Large group to talk about parents' questions (30 minutes)
    - If we don't get through all of the questions, we'll create a document with resources and answers.

# Typical Path to University in the U.S. Education System



# MIDDLE SCHOOL

6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Gilewski, C. D., & Nunn, M. L. (2016). *Research summary: Transitioning Young Adolescents from Elementary to Middle Schools*. Retrieved 11/02/2021 from <http://www.amle.org/ServicesEvents/ResearchSummary/TabId/622/ArtMID/2112/ArticleID/750/Transitioning-Young-Adolescents-from-Elementary-to-Middle-School.aspx>



## Transitioning to Middle School means BIG differences from Elementary School

- Bigger schools and more students
- More teachers, different classrooms for different subjects
- More and more difficult homework and tests for different classes
- More choices in electives and activities
- Transition often happens with puberty
  - Kids are changing in different ways!





# HIGH SCHOOL

9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade



**High School is all about preparing for college while going through more changes**

- Even bigger schools and more students in classes
- Even more advanced classes and harder homework; even more choices in electives and activities
- Continue changes mentally, physically, and hormonally
- **A BIG focus on getting into college now**
  - Grades, advanced classes, activities, standardized tests, attendance, and community service count much more





# 4-YEAR UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE

<https://orientation.ucsc.edu/what-to-expect.html>



**University life is all about becoming a well-functioning adult and preparing for a career**

- Students have more freedom, but have to manage their time, money, responsibilities, and schoolwork
  - Manage college class schedule with help from academic advisor
- Classes can have from 50 to 500 students
- Student choose on a **major(s)**—a discipline(s) that students “specialize” in
- Outside of classes, student can train for a career:
  - Jobs, internships, volunteering, fieldwork, apprenticeships

# Community College as an Alternative Path to University

Start at community college and transfer to a 4-year university

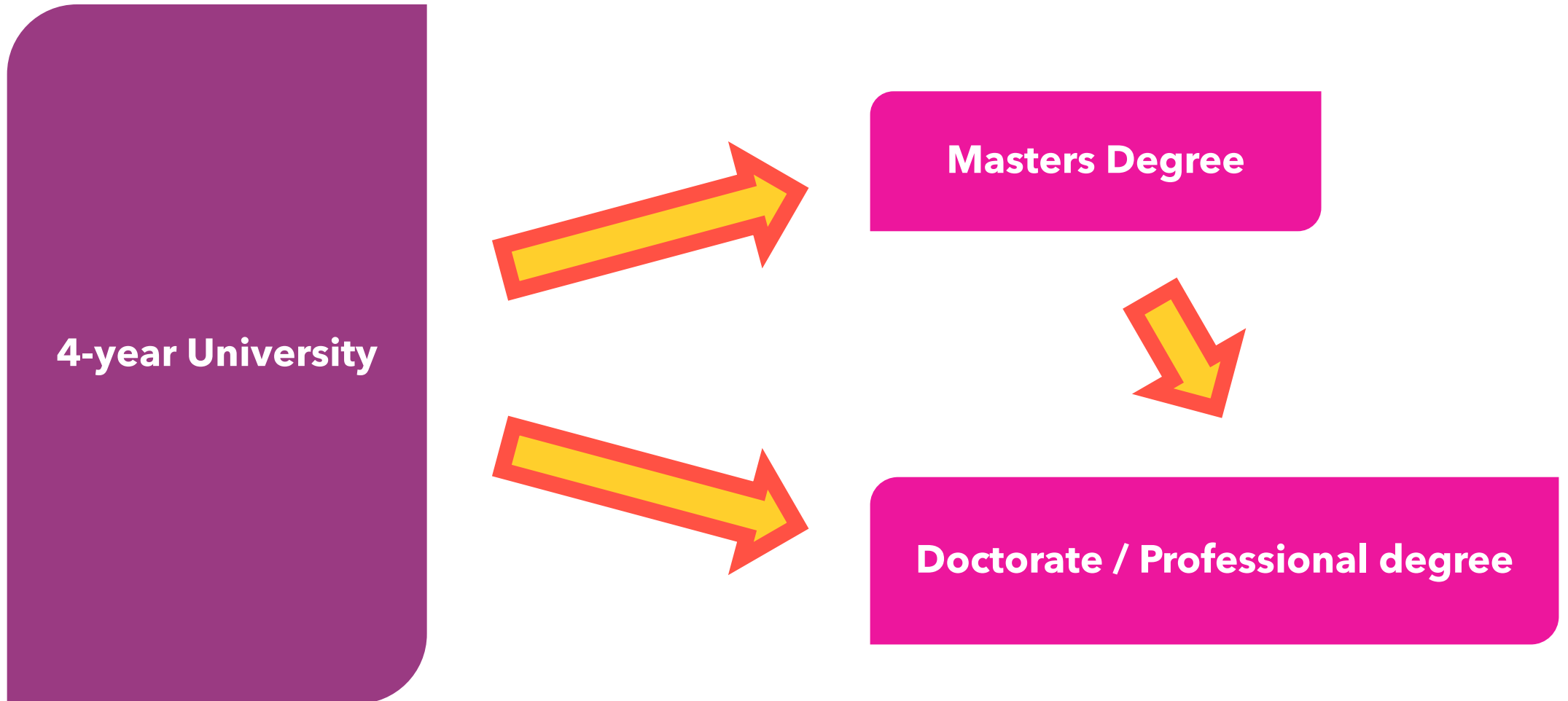
## **Less expensive option**

Complete requirements at 4-year institutions at fraction of the cost  
Most general education and some major requirements

## **Need a specific, developed transfer plan**

Easy to “get stuck” at community college  
Important to meet with academic counselor or transfer advisor to plan  
e.g. transfer admission guarantee (for transferring), IGETC (for general education),  
assist.org

# After 4-year University





## Answering your questions about the U.S. educational system

### 1. Conversations in small groups

- Collect questions from parents
- Assign parents into separate Breakout Rooms
- One or two presenters will lead a small group and list out parents' questions

### 2. Conversations as a large group

- Discuss and answer the questions parents have
  - Questions from Google survey
  - Questions from small group conversations



# Tonight's Conversation with Parents



# Parents' Questions from Google Form

- 1) ¿Cómo califican los grados de los estudiantes?
- 2) ¿Cómo podría saber qué escuela estaría mejor para mi hijo, como es el sistema educativo, hasta donde la responsabilidad de una escuela tanto en los alumnos como en los maestros?
- 3) ¿Porque no todas las escuelas tienen los mismos programas de educación especial?
- 4) ¿ Cuando pueden empezar mis hijas enscrivirce al colegio? ¿Cuales son los requisitos para Ingresar a una universidad y las especialidades de las universidades?
- 5) Ayudas con tutoría



A photograph of a group of people, likely parents, sitting in a meeting. They are looking down at papers or notebooks on their laps. The image is slightly blurred and has a dark overlay. The text "Parents' Questions from Small Groups" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

# Parents' Questions from Small Groups

[https://jamboard.google.com/d/17m9zoYI\\_LzO7HY\\_P\\_zANzQLQNxC4B9WZSwQVryz9I39o/viewer?f=1](https://jamboard.google.com/d/17m9zoYI_LzO7HY_P_zANzQLQNxC4B9WZSwQVryz9I39o/viewer?f=1)

Include or Extra?

District School Board of Pasco County  
Kurt Browning, Superintendent

STUDENT

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1200700Z	MATH COLL READINESS	Miller, Jeff	A	A	
2107300Z	PSYCH 1	Miller, Jesse	A	A	
1802310Z	NAVAL SCI 2	Quire, John	A	A	
2106310Z	US GOVT	Dixon, Jennifer	A	A	
2000350Z	ANAT PHYSIO	Dale, Linda		A	
1001405Z	ENG 4: FL COLL PREP	Mc Cabe, Jeannette		A	

This student has met minimum standards in the area(s) of: Reading - Yes

and Needed

# GRADES & GPA

90% to 100% **A = 4**

80% to 89% **B = 3**

**PASSING** 70% to 79% **C = 2**



60% to 69% **D = 1**

0% to 59% **F = 0**



# Resources Online for Virtual Tutoring

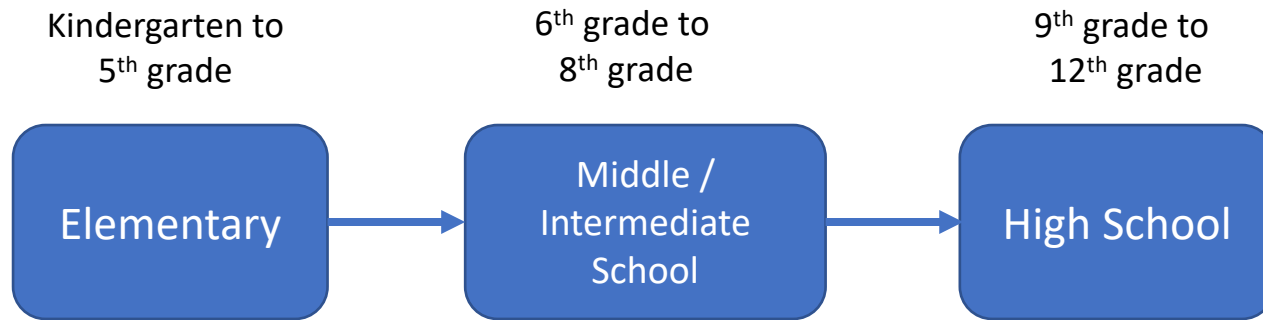
- **Paper App: Virtual Tutoring Service for SAUSD students — FREE!**

- <https://www.sausd.us/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=1&ModuleInstanceID=6157&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=105780&PageID>
- <https://app.paper.co/login/student>

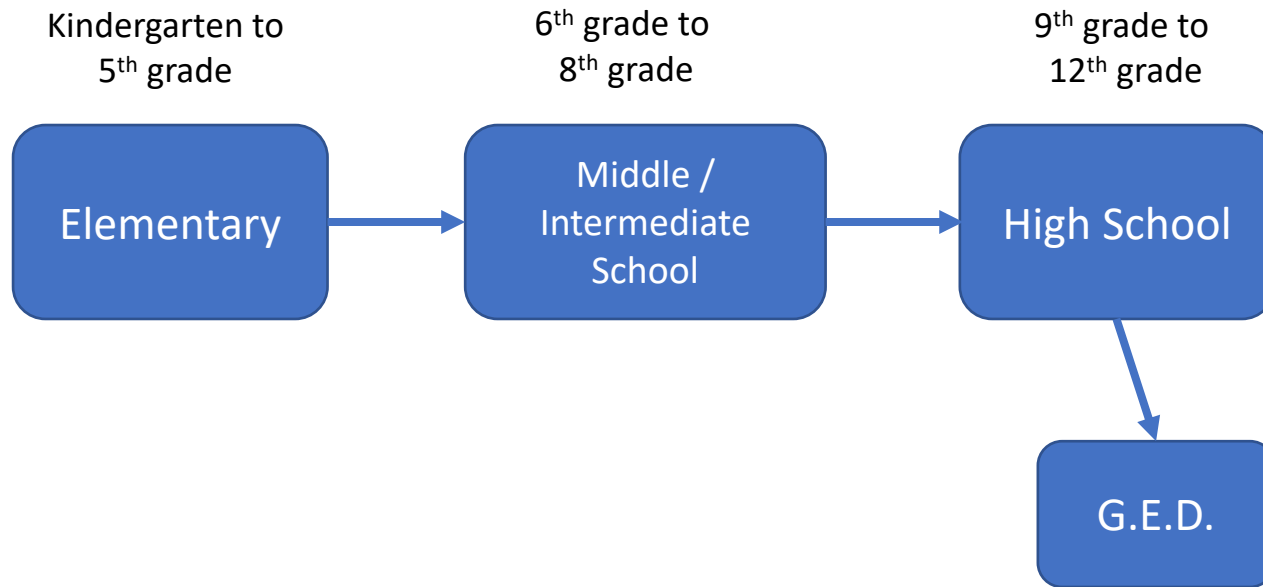
- **Khan Academy**

- <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

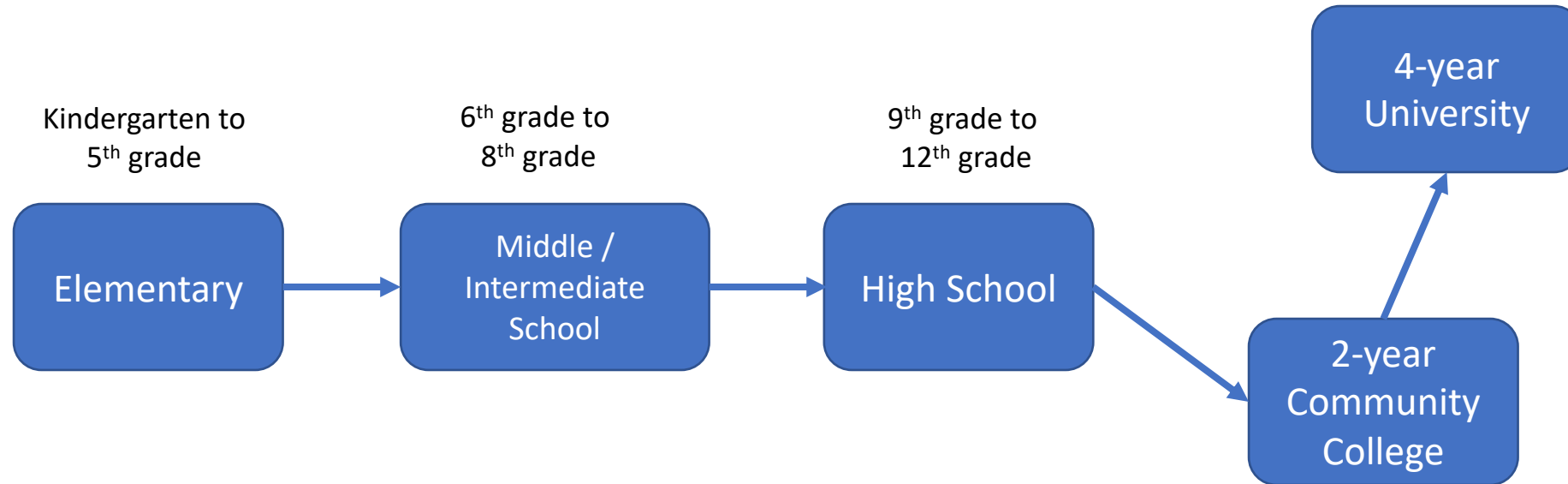
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