

Belize

Background

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year nine, year one
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of secondary school
Native Language(s)	English
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 4 = 12 and an optional +2 = 14	12 or 14 years total: eight years primary, four years secondary and then an optional two years of sixth form/junior college

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

This section is divided into two “tiers.” All tiers are acceptable forms of proof of graduation. Each tier has a separate expected timeline for completion and builds upon the previous tier.

Tier One

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Secondary Education Certificate* (CSEC) [Must pass **five** or more examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

Tier Two

1. Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) *Advanced Proficiency Examinations/Diploma* (CAPE) [Must pass **two** or more CAPE examinations in separate subjects to qualify as an acceptable form of proof of high school graduation]

Expected Timeline of Completion	14 years (six years or 12 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) or Overseas Examination Commission (OEC)
First Available Date of Issue (Typical)	August

NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Belize High School Diploma* (vocational)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. *First Class Teacher's Certificate* (Belize)
3. *Junior Secondary School Diploma* (Belize)

CREDITING POLICIES

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year
4+	1.00
3	0.75

Units of Credit	U.S. Equivalent Credit Per Year
2	0.50
1	0.25

GRADING SCALES

For school transcripts in years nine through 12, if alpha grades are present, apply the CSEC grading scale below. For years 13 and 14, if alpha grades are present, apply the CAPE grading scale below.

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)					
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
I	A	4	IV	D	1
II	B	3	V	D	1
III	C	2	VI	F	0

Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)				
Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	
A	Outstanding	A	4	
B	Good	B	3	
C	Fairly Good	C	2	
D	Moderate	D	1	
E	Weak	D	1	
F	Poor	F	0	

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)					
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
I	A	4	V	D	1
II	B	3	VI	F	0
III	C	2			
IV	C	2			

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)				
Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	
A	Excellent	A	4	
B	Very Good	A	4	
C	Good	B	3	
D	Satisfactory	C	2	
E	Acceptable	C	2	
F	Weak	D	1	
G	Unsatisfactory	F	0	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/Native Language	Math	Science	Social Science	Additional Courses
Communication Studies		Environmental Science	Caribbean Studies	Religious Education
		Human and Social Biology		

» The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:

- ° Commerce.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- » [Course Title Usage guide.](#)
- » [Determination of Credit resource.](#)
- » [International initial-eligibility flyer.](#)
- » [Student account task information.](#)
- » [NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility.](#)
- » [Country-specific webpages.](#)
- » [Multi-country references.](#)

