

Cyprus

Background

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Turkish, Greek, English
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 or 6 + 3 + 3 = 12	11 or 12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and two or three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Apolyterion* [Certificate of Completion] from an upper secondary school

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. *Pistopyitico Isodinamias* [Equivalency Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. *Lise Diplomasi* [Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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4. *Diplomasi* [Diploma]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 years (three years or six semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificate of Completion* from lower secondary school

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. *Bitirme Belgesi* [Completion Certificate]

GRADING SCALES

5-Point Scale		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
5	A	4
4	B	3
3	C	2
1-2	F	0

10-Point Scale			
Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
9-10	Very Good	A	4
7-8	Good	B	3
5-6	Average	C	2
0-4	Weak/Deficient and Fail	F	0

20-Point Scale			
Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
19-20	Excellent	A	4
16-18	Very Good	B	3
13-15	Average	C	2
10-12	Below Average	D	1
0-9	Fail	F	0

100-Point Scale			
Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
95-100	Excellent	A	4
80-94	Very Good	B	3
65-79	Average	C	2
50-64	Below Average	D	1
0-49	Fail	F	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- » All private schools in Cyprus issue their own leaving credentials which are not issued by the Ministry of Education.
- » Some students from Cyprus may choose to take the examination that leads to the secondary educational qualification of another country. The most commonly sought foreign qualifications are the *Apolyterio* (see section on [Greece](#)) or the GCSE or GCE Advanced Level. (See section on the [United Kingdom](#).)

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](#).

