

# Panama

## Background

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| Academic Calendar                     | March-December                                                                                 |
| What is year nine called?             | 9°                                                                                             |
| Where is year nine typically located? | Final year of lower secondary school                                                           |
| Native Language(s)                    | Spanish                                                                                        |
| <b>Graduation Timeline</b>            |                                                                                                |
| 6 + 3 + 3 = 12                        | 12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary and three years upper secondary |

## ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Bachillerato/Bachiller* [Secondary School Graduation Diploma]

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| Expected Timeline of Completion | 12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
| Issuing Body                    | Upper secondary school                                                       |

## NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Certificao de Terminación de Estudios Correspondientes al Primer Ciclo de Educación Secundaria* [Certificate of Completion of Studies corresponding to the first cycle of secondary education] - awarded after completion of the *ciclo básico* [basic cycle] or *ciclo común* [common cycle]

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| Expected Timeline of Completion | Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine) |
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2. *Certificao de Maestro Normal/Maestro de Ensemanze Primaria* [Certificate of Primary Teacher, teacher training program]

## GRADING SCALE

| Numeric Grade | U.S. Grade Equivalent | Quality Points |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 5.0 - 4.5     | A                     | 4              |
| 4.4 - 4.0     | B                     | 3              |
| 3.9 - 3.0     | C                     | 2              |
| 2.9 - 1.0     | F                     | 0              |

## 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.](#)

