

# United States of America



## Location Features

Assessment in the U.S. school system is more dependent on assignments, classroom participation and periodic tests than on a final assessment. The only national examination is the SAT – a college entrance examination measuring mathematical and verbal skills.

Age	4/5	5/6	6/7	7/8	8/9	9/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	
School Grade / Yr			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	13	14	15	16
Level	PRESCHOOL KINDERGARTEN		ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grade 1-5)					JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL (Grade 6-8)			SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (Grade 9-12)				YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 4 BACHELORS DEGREE				
	ELEMENTARY					HIGH SCHOOL					UNIVERSITY								

## Life in the United States of America

The United States, with an area of 9,857,306 square kilometers, has an endless variety of sights, climates and experiences to offer to an international high school student, making it difficult to summarize just one “typical” American experience. The diversity of opportunities available to you is endless! In the US, you can:

- Enjoy the beaches and laidback lifestyle of southern California or Florida
- Experience a blizzard and see the Great Lakes in the Midwest
- Gaze at skyscrapers and become accustomed to big-city life in bustling metropolises such as New York City or Chicago
- Study hard near world-famous Universities on the East Coast
- Improve your skiing skills in the Colorado Rocky Mountains
- Learn about the history of country and jazz music in the South
- Discover the Wild West in sunny Arizona

Whether you see yourself in a big city or small town, a warm or a cold climate, the U.S. has something for you. Not only will you find a wide variety in climate and surroundings, but in culture as well. The culture of the U.S. is influenced by the many cultures of immigrants. You’ll find a China Town in many of the U.S.’s larger cities, and different ethnic foods wherever you go, ranging from Mexican to Italian, from Vietnamese to Thai. Maybe you’ll even see the influence of your own traditions on small aspects of American culture!

Large numbers of tourists come to this country every year to visit the famous sights, amusement parks, national parks and pulsating cities across the U.S. But outside of these big cities and away from the tourist attractions, you’ll find quaint small towns and rural countryside across the U.S., with more tight-knit communities and traditional outlooks.

Becoming an international exchange student is the best way to experience the “American Way of Life,” not only as a tourist but as part of an authentic community. At your high school in the U.S., you’ll have the opportunity to study new and interesting subjects, play sports, join clubs and participate in numerous other extra-curricular activities. You’ll make new friends at school and in your community and become an integral part of your host family. Americans are, in general, very open and friendly people, and if you approach your year abroad with an open mind, you’ll be sure to have the experience of a lifetime.



327,932,833 (2018)



Washington D.C.



US Dollar (\$)



Preparatory School

Private Day High School

Private Boarding High School

Public High School