

Attending School in the United States

Questions and Answers

You can also ask these questions to your child's school.

In what grade will my child be based in this school?

We take a holistic view and look at what grade a student has completed in their home country, as well as credits earned and the student's age.



What is a credit?

A credit is how we measure completed courses for students. Every class a student takes each semester counts for 0.5 credits, except for Physical Education and Consumer Education which count for 0.25 credits. Students earn credits for grades A, B, C, and D and no credit for grades of F.

How many credits are required for graduation?

Students need a total of 21 credits to meet graduation requirements.

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Math
- 2 years of Science
- 2 years of Social Studies
- 3.5 years of Physical Education
- 1 semester of Health
- 1 year of a language or Career & Technical Education (CTE)
- 1 semester/year of Fine Arts
- 1 semester Consumer Education
- Constitution Test
- American College Test (ACT)
- FAFSA or Non-Participation Form



What is a GPA?

GPA stands for grade point average which is an average of your student's final semester grades each semester. The GPA is calculated each semester and is an average of your student's coursework over four years. The GPA is one of the things that colleges will look at for admittance into their school.

Who is my child's school counselor? Does my child have a team of support staff?

A counselor will be assigned upon registration. Special factors will be taken into consideration. Students are supported by their counselor, social worker, psychologist, dean, nurse and family outreach advisor.



Reasons to contact the teacher

- To share something about my child or family
- To brainstorm ways to motivate my child
- Your child is struggling with schoolwork or behavior
- To schedule a meeting
- If my child seems more sad than usual
- A concern about the class or grade

What do I do if my child needs to miss school?

Call the attendance office ahead of time and have your student email his/her teachers.

- Buffalo Grove High School (847) 718-4001
- Elk Grove High School (847) 718-4401
- International Newcomer Academy (847) 718-7937
- John Hersey High School (847) 718-4801
- Prospect High School (847) 718-5201
- Rolling Meadows High School (847) 718-5602
- Wheeling High School (847) 718-7001

Will my child have homework and is there a way for them to receive help with it?

The amount of homework varies depending on the teacher. Students can receive help through various tutoring opportunities during study hall or in the tutoring center at their school. You can check with your school for additional resources.