

Nigeria

Educational Timeline

- School year: July-June; Graduation occurs upon completion of the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) Senior Certificate Exam (WASSCE), which occurs in May/June for school candidates or November/December for private candidates
- Primary School is six years followed by three years of Junior Secondary School and three years of Senior Secondary School

Group A: Documents That Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Students presenting documents other than those listed below will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

West African Examinations Council Senior School Certificate (WASSCE)

-Students must achieve a minimum of five exam passes on the Senior School Certificate Examination to be comparable to US high school graduation.

The WASSCE Certificate must be accompanied by WAEC scratch card information (serial number, PIN number) for results verification; scratch card information can be submitted with the document as a copy of the front/back of the card, or through direct correspondence with the student.

National Examinations Council (NECO) Senior School Certificate

-Students must achieve a minimum of five exam passes on the Senior School Certificate Examination to be comparable to US high school graduation.

The NECO Certificate must be accompanied by token information for results verification; token information can be submitted with the document or through direct correspondence with the student.

Group B: Documents That Do Not Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

School-issued leaving certificate

School-issued transcripts

GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by converting line-by-line all grades listed on the official WASSCE exam certificate to US equivalents and convert to quality points. Divide quality points by the total number of exam subjects listed on the certificate. Failing grades are not listed on final (printed) certificates and therefore never included in the GPA calculation.

Grading Scale (May not be all inclusive):

WASSCE and NECO:

Description	Grade	US Grade	Quality Points
Excellent	A1	A	4
Very Good	B2	A	4
Good	B3	B	3

Credit	C4	B	3	
Credit	C5	C	2	
Credit	C6	C	2	
Pass	D7	D	1	
Pass	E8	D	1	lowest passing grade
Fail	F9	F	0	

Class Ranking

Class rank is evaluated based on a letter written and submitted by the headmaster or principal of the institution from which the student graduated. The letter must confirm both the student's final position in their secondary school class and the total number of students in the graduating class (e.g. the student is 41st in a total graduating class of 112 students). Class ranking cannot be used to meet initial freshman requirements for private WASSCE candidates if the student was not attending a private or public senior secondary school. Students who do not pass the required minimum of five exam subject passes may not use the class rank requirement.

Post-Secondary Education

Students will be charged terms of attendance and considered transfer students if they have enrolled as a regular student and attended one or more post-secondary courses at any of the types of institutions listed below (may not be all inclusive) or any other institution that requires proof of high school graduation as a pre-requisite for admission (subject to review on a case-by-case basis).

University
Polytechnic
College

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