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Education. General overview.

Comparative analysis of the Russian, the US and the UK schools

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<u>The age of students</u>	From 6,5 to 18	From of 6 to 18. In some states education is compulsory to the age of 16
<u>Grade system</u>	<p>Five Point Scale:</p> <p>1 - “Unsatisfactory”</p> <p>2 – “Pass”</p> <p>3 – “Satisfactory”</p> <p>4 – “Good”</p> <p>5 – “Excellent”</p>	<p>Letter-based grade system.</p> <p>Students are given grades from A (excellent) to F (failing)</p>

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<u>Curriculum</u>	Every school designs its own curriculum, which is based on state requirements, and there can be some extra or optional disciplines.	The US Curriculum is based on American Common Core State Standards for English Language, Arts, Math, History/Geography
<u>Uniform</u>	Uniforms is mandatory under a new education law in September 2013.	There is no uniform in public schools in the US. Uniform is mandatory in some private schools.

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<u>Examinations</u>	Students must pass the Unified State Exam (USE) in the math and Russian language. Passing the exam in other subjects is voluntary, and the students are usually choosing subjects that are required for admission to the chosen university.	There are no examinations taken in order to graduate. Students in 12th Grade take "SAT's" (Scholastic Aptitude Test), or "ACTs" (American College Tests). These are used as criteria for admission to college or university.
<u>Timetable</u>	A typical lasts 40 - 45 minutes with a 5 -15 minute break in between. In primary school students have 4 classes a day. This increases to 5 or 6 classes a day in secondary school, and 6 or 7 at a senior high school.	The school day in elementary schools is usually from 8.30am to 3pm or 3.30pm, with an hour for lunch. In high schools, hours are usually from 7.30am to 2pm or 2.30pm. This is divided into six one-hour classes or four 90-minute classes (with a five-minute break between classes) and a 30-minute lunch break.

Criteria of comparison	Russia	The USA
<u>Holidays</u>	<p>Autumn break: end of October - beginning of November (1 week)</p> <p>Winter break: end of December – beginning of January (2 weeks)</p> <p>Extra break for first graders: second half of February (1 week)</p> <p>Spring break: last week of March (1 week)</p> <p>Summer break: beginning of June – end of August (3 months)</p> <p>There are also multiple holidays when the schools are closed.</p>	<p>1st winter break: December 24 – January 1</p> <p>2nd winter break: end of February (5 days)</p> <p>Spring break – middle of April (1 week)</p> <p>Summer break – end of June – end of August (10 weeks)</p> <p>There are also multiple holidays when the schools are closed.</p>

Criteria of comparison	The United Kingdom
<u>The age of students</u>	From 5 to 18 years old
<u>Grade system</u>	<p>Letter-based grade system.</p> <p>From A* (excellent) to U (extremely unsatisfactory).</p> <p>In some private educational institutions, they also give a second grade – for diligence, from 1 (active work and interest in the subject) to 5 (the student does not try at all).</p>

Criteria of comparison	The United Kingdom
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p>The set of subjects (Core Subjects) varies depending on age. In primary school, children learn English, math, history, geography, music, industrial technology, and art. From the age of 11, Core Subjects include English, mathematics, and science (basic chemistry, biology, and physics). The student and their parents choose other subjects based on their own preferences.</p>
<u>Uniform</u>	<p>Uniform is mandatory in more than 90% of British schools. Each school designs its own uniform.</p>

Criteria of comparison	The United Kingdom
<p><u>Examinations</u></p>	<p>Exam “11+” is being taken after finishing primary school,, From the age of 14 to 16, students prepare for the GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education). If a student decided to continue his education at school and wants to go to a Uni later, he or she needs to pass “A-Level” exam.</p>
<p><u>Timetable</u></p>	<p>British students study from 9 am to 3.30 pm, from Monday to Friday. The school day is divided into 40 min lessons, with 15-minute breaks between them and a long lunch break.</p>

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<u>Holidays</u>	<p>The academic year is divided into three semesters: fall, spring, and summer.</p> <p>There are several holidays: summer holidays of 6 weeks in July and August, and shorter ones of 2 or 3 weeks (Christmas and Easter). British students also have short term breaks (usually up to 5 days)</p>