

Back to School

Around the World

Education is a big deal around the world. In the USA, it's from August to June in two semesters. School is 7ish hours a day, K-12th (grade/middle/high school)

In Brazil, summer break is in January, so the school year starts in February and goes to December, with a short winter break in July. School is typically 4 or 5 hours a day

Japan has school 230 days a year, while France has only 160 (everyone else is between them). China has 9 hours of school a day, while Finland, Brazil, and Tanzania have 5 or less

In Haiti, the school year is similar to ours, but because of gang violence, many parents are scared to send their children to school. An average of 4 Haitians are kidnapped a day

In 2018, per student per year, the USA spent about \$14,000. Tanzania spent about \$500.

In Kenya, they have three 13-week terms with a month or so off between, starting in January. School days are about 8 hours, and most require uniforms and provide lunch

In some persecuted countries, specially Muslim majority countries, girls often don't go to school for very long, forced to marry or take care of younger kids

In Tanzania, the school year is January-December, and school is 4 or 5 hours a day

In India, the school year is typically May-March. School days are 6-7 hours. Many girls drop out of school when they start their period for lack of training/supplies

In Uganda, school similar to Kenya. There is 7 years of primary school (like grade school), 4 years of secondary, 2 years upper secondary (like middle/high school)

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A Basic History

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For most of time

Education was up to your family

You would learn what you needed to know from your family, information was passed down through generations. Some cultures had religious schools, or specialty schools. You might apprentice under a master to learn a trade. Education was private and expensive and for males only.

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1685



The first public USA school is the Boston Latin School

Early schools in the USA focused on reading, writing, and math (and often religion). Many schools were one-room schoolhouses. In the 1800s, the dictionary and some textbooks were first created. For higher education girls were mostly in all-girl schools, which were rare.

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1918



Every USA student is required to complete elementary school

Although schools would be segregated until the 1960s, in 1975 public school became for all handicapped children. In the 1980s, homeschooling and charter schools started becoming popular. Private schools continue to be a popular choice for those who can afford it.

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Now



Education is a Big Deal

Technology has changed education a lot, as well as the pandemic. There are many online school options now. There have been many reforms, like No Child Left Behind (2002) and adopting the Common Core, but many reforms have caused more problems. There are many challenges to being a teacher and a student in the USA today, and everyone is feeling behind from the pandemic.

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Connected to Missions

1



Decorate a folder and send it with stickers and light items to your missionaries and sponsored children

Most of the time you can't send school supplies because they are too heavy. But you can often send light things with someone traveling to that country, and include money for them to buy supplies.

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Get pledges for a Read-a-Thon to send money for school supplies to ministries

Child sponsorships always need school supplies, as do many missionary families, and ministries.

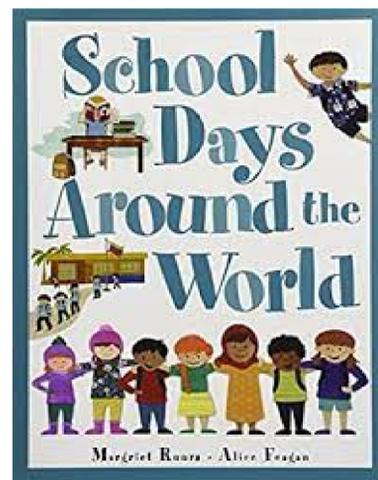
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Learn more about some kids in Brazil with Mission's ABCs

This is a free PDF download at WorldRenewal.org/sponsor-a-child-brazil. Find it under the resources at the bottom of the page

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Learn more about School around the World

"School Days around the World" by Margriet Ruurs is a great resource, as well as lots of fun YouTube videos.