School Levels, Grading and Fees Comparison Chart

**UGANDA**

- Nursery School
  - Ages 3-5
  - Baby Class
  - Middle Class
  - Top Class

- Primary School
  - P1 – Age 5-6
  - P2 – Age 6-7
  - P3 – Age 7-8
  - P4 – Age 8-9
  - P5 – Age 9-10
  - P6 – Age 10-11
  - P7 – Age 11-12

- Secondary School
  - Ordinary Level
    - S1 – Age 12-13
    - S2 – Age 13-14
    - S3 – Age 14-15
    - S4 – Age 15-16

**USA**

- Preschool
  - Ages 3-5
  - Pre-kindergarten

- Elementary School
  - Kindergarten
  - 1st Grade
  - 2nd Grade
  - 3rd Grade
  - 4th Grade
  - 5th Grade

- Middle/Junior High School
  - 6th Grade
  - 7th Grade
  - 8th Grade
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Secondary School
Advanced Level

Post Secondary Certificate Level
- S5 – Age 16-17
- S6 – Age 17-18

Higher Institution of Learning

Graduate School

Universities and other Institutions
- Year 1 – Age 18-19
- Year 2 – Age 19-20 - Diploma

Bachelor’s Degrees
- Year 3 – Humanities & Business
- Year 4 – Law Course, Journalism & Mass Communication
- Year 5 – Human Medicine, Pharmacy
- Post Graduate Diplomas (1 Year)
- Master’s Degree (2 Years)
- PhD (3 Years)

USA

High School

Associate Degree
- Year 1 – Freshman Year
- Year 2 – Sophomore Year
- Bachelor’s Degree
- Year 3 – Junior Year
- Year 4 – Senior Year
- Year 5 – Master’s
- Year 6-7 - Doctoral

College or University

Graduate School

NOTE: The school age of Ugandan students should be what is listed. However, because of difficulties with school fees and living needs many families are unable to bring kids directly through each stage of schooling. Many times when an older child desires schooling they must find a way to earn money to go back to school which could also cause them to lose a year of schooling.
## School Grading in Uganda

### Primary Divisions:

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There are seven primary levels, P1 through P7. At the end of P7 each student takes an exam that is called the Primary Leaving Exam (PLE) and consists of four subjects. Each subject is worth the points received, depending on what grade you get. The best you can get is 4 and the worst you can get is 36. When the results are released the students will get a Division 1 through 4 or a failure. The aggregates needed for each division are listed on the top of our chart.

### O Level:

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There are four O levels or Ordinary levels, Senior 1 through 4. At the end of Senior 4 each student takes an exam that is called the Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) and consists of eight required subjects. The best possible score would be 8, whereas the worst possible score would be 72.

### A Level:

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There are two more grades to go for a student who has hopes for a university education. That is Senior 5 and 6, which is the A level or Advanced level. At the end of Senior 6 each student takes an exam that is called the Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) and consists of eight required subjects. There are three taught subjects, a General Paper and Sub Math. The best score is 20 points, 18 points for the three subjects, 1 point for the General Paper and 1 point for Sub Math. Points between 15 and 20 qualify you for a possible government university scholarship.
### Schools – Varied Costs:

#### School Costs Per Term *(Note: Exchange rates will vary day to day)*

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**Nursery Total in shillings:** 215,000

**Nursery Total in dollars:** 58

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**Total in shillings:** 238,000 - 280,000

**Total in dollars:** 64 - 76

*Note: Exchange rates will vary day to day*
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**NOTE:** Throughout Secondary School (O Level) students will be able to realise if formal education is their best route to a successful future. However, by the time S4 results are posted a decision must be made, to continue on to Secondary School (A Level) or pursue vocational training in an available field. This document continues with the Cost Comparison of a Secondary School (A Level) education. Please see “Part 2” of this comparison chart for the different vocational opportunities we currently provide.
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