

People's Republic of China

Background

Academic Calendar	September-July
What is year nine called?	Year 3, class 3, junior 3
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	Chinese, Mandarin
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 3 = 12	12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, three years upper secondary

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Certificate of Results of General Examination for High School Graduates* (HUIKAO) with verification of results directly from the China Qualifications Verification Authority (CDGDC)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC)

2. *Graduation Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

1. *Graduation Certificate* from a junior (lower) middle school

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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GRADING SCALES

Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
90-100	A	4	Excellence	A	4
80-89	B	3	Good	B	3
70-79	C	2	Average/Fair	C	2
60-69	D	1	Pass/Satisfactory	D	1

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- » If a grade is issued that is greater than 100 (typically in the subjects of Chinese, English or mathematics), the grade will be considered out of 150 and a percentage will be determined that can be applied to the approved 100-point scale.
- » Click here for the welcome email students receive with additional information on documents to submit for this country.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- » [Course Title Usage guide.](#)
- » [Determination of Credit resource.](#)
- » [International initial-eligibility flyer.](#)
- » [Student account task information.](#)
- » [NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility.](#)
- » [Country-specific webpages.](#)
- » [Multi-country references.](#)

