

# Some curriculum comparisons: England, U.S.A. and India

The following observations are intended to help parents and teachers understand the terminology, differences and approaches across various educational systems. This is both a summary and a generalisation as some details may vary (e.g. different parts of the U.K. and different U.S. states). Educational theory and practice between these countries are different – not better, not worse, but undoubtedly different. A child's ability to cope with changes will depend heavily on his parents' positive attitude.

## **Organisational differences:**

### **a. School years:**

England: September – July; three terms; half-term holidays in the middle of each term.

U.S.A.: September – May; two semesters (normally September to December; mid-January to May)

India: June - April

HEBRON: early August – late June; two terms (early August – mid-December; early February – late June); a nine-day half-term break in early October and early April.

### **b. Terminology of year groups / ages:**

England: Years (sometimes 'forms' or 'classes')

U.S.A.: Grades

India: Standards (sometimes 'forms' or 'classes')

HEBRON: Standards

### **c. Terminology of school divisions:**

England: Primary: Years R – 6  
\*Middle: Years 7 – 8 or 9  
Secondary: Years 9 – 13  
\*very few have 'middle': most put 'middle' into 'secondary'

} State (government) schools

Pre-preparatory: Years R - 2  
Preparatory: Years 3 – 8  
Public: Years 9 – 13  
· 3<sup>rd</sup> form: Year 9  
· 4<sup>th</sup> form: Year 10  
· 5<sup>th</sup> form: Year 11  
· lower 6<sup>th</sup>: Year 12  
· upper 6<sup>th</sup>: Year 13

} Private (independent) schools

U.S.A.: Elementary: grades K to 6  
Junior High: grades 7 – 8  
High School: 9 – 12  
· Freshmen: grade 9

- Sophomores: grade 10
- Juniors: grade 11
- Seniors: grade 12

India: Junior / Primary:

- Stds. 1 – 5 or
- Lower Kindergarten – 5 (in Private Schools)

High School: Stds. 6 – 10

Higher Secondary:

- Stds. 11 - 12 or
- Plus One and Plus Two

HEBRON: Early Learning Centre: Pre-school to Reception

Junior: Stds. R – 6

Middle: Stds. 7 – 9

Senior: Stds. 10 – 11

A level: Stds. 12 – 13

#### **d. Age divisions:**

<b>Age of children at start of school year</b>	<b>U.K. Year</b>	<b>U.S. Grade</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>HEBRON Standard</b>
3.	Nursery		Lower Kindergarten	Pre-school
4.	Reception		Upper Kindergarten	Reception
5.	Year 1	Kindergarten	Std. 1	Std. 1
6.	Year 2	Grade 1	Std. 2	Std. 2
7.	Year 3	Grade 2	Std. 3	Std. 3
8.	Year 4	Grade 3	Std. 4	Std. 4
9.	Year 5	Grade 4	Std. 5	Std. 5
10.	Year 6	Grade 5	Std. 6	Std. 6
11.	Year 7	Grade 6	Std. 7	Std. 7
12.	Year 8	Grade 7	Std. 8	Std. 8
13.	Year 9	Grade 8	Std. 9	Std. 9
14.	Year 10	Grade 9	Std. 10	Std. 10
15.	Year 11	Grade 10	Plus 1 / 1 <sup>st</sup> PUC	Std. 11
16.	Year 12	Grade 11	Plus 2 / 2 <sup>nd</sup> PUC	Std. 12
17.	Year 13	Grade 12		Std. 13

PUC: Pre-university certificate

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