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History



- March 15, 1545
 - Starting point of education in Guatemala occurred through Bishop Marroquin. He wrote to the Catholic church arguing that boys were ready to study Latin. (Waggoner, 1975)
 - By the end of 16th century- the variety of schools were conducted by Franciscans and the Dominicans. (Waggoner, 1975)



History



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- Guatemala has had a variety of languages since the beginning of time. (Waggoner, 1975)
- In 1676 the University of San Carlos was founded. (Waggoner, 1975)
- In 1680 in an opening ceremony the professor of Cackchiquel spoke in his language, it is presumed that he discussed art and grammar. (Waggoner, 1975)
- Guatemala has suffered from a weak education system and from incorporating the Indian population into the national life, education must take a major responsibility in order for assimilation to happen. (Waggoner, 1975)

Literacy Rate

(USAID, 2012)



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- Literacy Rate: 70.6%
- Illiterate Population Over Age: 45%
- Illiterate Female Population Over Age 15: 52.9%
- Ages of Compulsory Education: 7 to 14
- Official Language: Spanish 60%, Amerindian Languages 40%
 - There are 23 officially recognized Amerindian languages, including Quiche, Cakchiquel, Kekchi, Mam, Garifuna, and Xinca.
- Average Years of School Attendance: 11 years
 - Male: 11 years
 - Female: 10 years
 - Average years of school attendance is the total number of years of schooling that a child can expect to receive, assuming that the probability of his or her being enrolled in school at any particular future age is equal to the current enrollment ratio at that age.

Education System (www.mineduc.gob, 2012)

- Primary education is obligatory
- Academic freedom is guaranteed to all citizens
- Primary education offered by the state is free.
- Everyone has the right to education



Education in Guatemala

(www.mineduc.gob, 2012)

- 4 years in pre-school
- 6 years in primary school
- 3 years in secondary education
- 2-3 years in high school depending on technical training.

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Curriculum (www.mineduc.gob, 2012)

- Typical school year runs from January through October.
- Primary education is divided in two cycles:
 - 1st cycle: works around themes such as-
 - Who am I?
 - My community
 - My country
 - 2nd cycle: works around areas such as-
 - Language
 - Mathematics
 - Natural sciences
 - Social studies



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Curriculum

(www.mineduc.gob, 2012)



- Secondary education is divided in two cycles:
 - 1st cycle is based on theory and general knowledge. This cycle lasts 3 years.
 - 2nd cycle is based on practicum studies. It lasts 2-3 years. At the end of this cycle, students are able to practice their profession and go to the University.



Immigration to the USA

(Advameg, 2012)



- Guatemalan Americans have settled primarily in cities with large existing Latino communities. The greatest number—probably over 100,000—are in Los Angeles, where the biggest concentration of Central Americans in the United States resides. There are also significant numbers of Guatemalan Americans in Houston, Chicago, New York City, Washington D.C., southern Florida, and San Francisco. Smaller enclaves are found in Miami, New Orleans, Phoenix/Tucson, and other cities in Texas and North Carolina.



Views towards USA (US State Dept, 2012)

- Relations between the United States and Guatemala traditionally have been close.
- The United States, as a member of "the Friends of Guatemala," along with Colombia, Mexico, Spain, Norway, and Venezuela, played an important role in the UN-moderated peace accords, providing public and behind-the-scenes support.
- USAID/Guatemala's current program builds on the gains of the peace process that followed the signing of the peace accords in December 1996, as well as on the achievements of its 1997-2004 peace program.

American Schools in Guatemala

School Name

City/Town

Age Range

System

[Christian Academy of Guatemala](#)

Ciudad San Cristobal

5-18

American

[Christian Academy of Guatemala](#)

Miami, Fl

5-18

American

[Colegio Decroly Americano](#)

Mixco

3-18

American

[Inter American School](#)

Quetzaltenango

4-18

American

Bilingual Schools

(Embassy of the United States Guatemala, 2012)

- EQUITY AMERICAN SCHOOL
15 Avenida "A" 21-00, Zona 13
- COLEGIO AMERICANO
11 Calle 15-79, Zona 15
- COLEGIO EVELYN ROGERS
Km 16.5 Carretera a El Salvador
- COLEGIO AMERICANO
11 Calle 15-79, Zona 15
- COLEGIO VALLE VERDE
15 Avenida 3-80, Zona 15
- COLEGIO INTERNACIONAL MONTESSORI
Carret. a El Salvador, Km. 13.5
Finca La Luz, Puerta Parada
Tel. 6634-6201/2, 6628-1200 Fax. Ext. 120
www.montessori.edu.gt
- COLEGIO INTERAMERICANO
Blvd. La Montaña, Zona 16
Finca Socorro
Tel: 2364-1536 Fax. 2364-1779
www.interamericano.edu.gt
- COLEGIO MAYA
Km. 12.5 Carretera a El Salvador
Tel: 6644-1200 / 6644-1201
www.cm.edu.gt
- VILLAGE SCHOOL
Km. 25.5 Carretera al Salvador
Tel: 6643-6300 Fax: 6634-4376
www.village.edu.gt
- COLEGIO INGLES AMERICANO
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Video

[A better Guatemala](#): The following video gives a small insight on how Guatemala has changed her education. Through the 7 habits of effective people:

Habit #1: Be proactive

Habit #2: Begin with the end in mind

Habit #3: Put first things first

Habit #4: Think win/win

Habit #5: Seek first to understand, then to be understood

Habit #6: Synergize

Habit #7: Sharpen the Saw

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EgJR7YGPrM>

For more information on the 7 habits please visit:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qty71_YiTR4&feature=related



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