

Hello everyone!

On Friday, June 11th the class topic for conversation is: Education Systems

We will have two presentations. Kelly and Dulce have volunteered to share with us how the education systems work in their respective home cultures.

We will participate in three activities:

- 1) Watch and listen to the presentations by Kelly and Dulce.
- 2) Small group practice: share with the others in your group how the education system in your home culture is the same or different from what we learned in the presentations.
- 3) Big group discussion: Pros and cons of the American education system
(What do we mean when we say “it’s all about the zip code”?)

Here are some common vocabulary words:

Vocabulary for American Education System

elementary school: a school for children in kindergarten to 5th grade

kindergarten: a preschool program for children aged 4-6; precedes first grade

middle school: a school for children in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

high school: a school for students in 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades

community college: a two-year college

technical school: a school where students study specific job skills and programs

grade: a level in elementary, middle, or high school

graduate: to finish high school or college

diploma: a document that shows a student has finished high school or college

degree: a level of education from a college

college: a school for higher education; university

certificate: a document that shows a student finished a special program of study

high school equivalency: a high school diploma for people who did not finish an American high school

grades: the results of a test, homework, or class (numeric as a percentage such as 87%, or a letter such as A, B, C etc.)

report card: a document that shows student grades

GPA: grade point average; the average of all of the student's grades

tuition: money students pay for classes

financial aid: money to help pay for tuition

homework: school work that is done at home or after school

teacher conference: a meeting with teachers, students, and / or parents

absent: not in school

advisor: a person who gives information and helps students

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