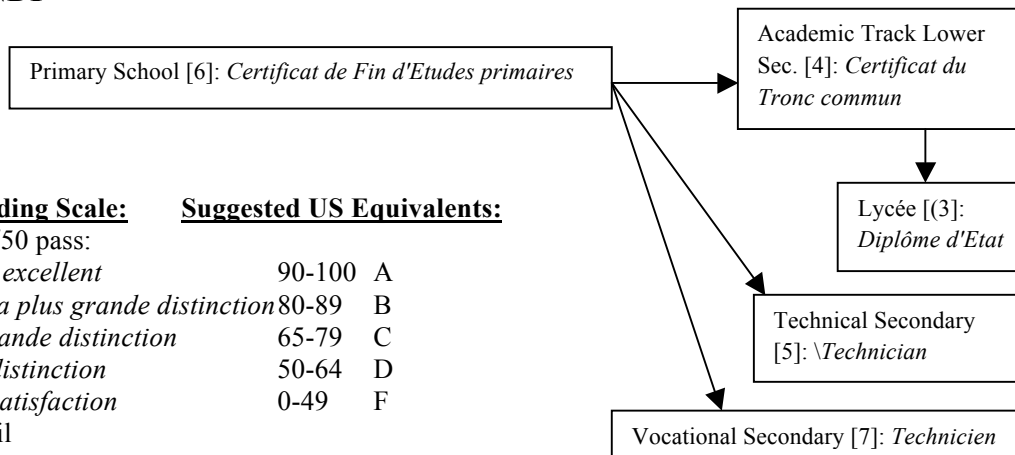


BURUNDI



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0-100, w/50 pass:

90-100 = *excellent*

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Suggested US Equivalents:

90-100 A

80-89 B

65-79 C

50-64 D

0-49 F

Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 12.

Pre-university Education: Elementary Education: Ecole primaire (6): *Certificat de Fin d'Etudes primaires* (Primary School Leaving Certificate). Secondary Education: 3 options; A. Academic: Lower Secondary (4) *Certificat du Tronc commun* (Lower Secondary Level Certificate); then Lycée (3): *Diplôme d'Etat*; or B. Technical Secondary (5): *Technicien* (Technician Diploma A3 for Lower Level); or C. Vocational Secondary (7): *Technicien* (Diploma A2 for Upper Level).

Total Pre-university Academic Preparation: 13 yrs.

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Academic Year: October-June.

Teacher Education: Primary teachers are trained in Lycées pédagogiques: 4 yrs.: *Licence*; secondary education teachers are trained at the University of Burundi (in specialties): 4 yrs.: *Licence*; they may also receive their training from the Pedagogical Institute: 3-4 yrs., or from Ecoles normales supérieures.

Overall Literacy Rate: 59.3%