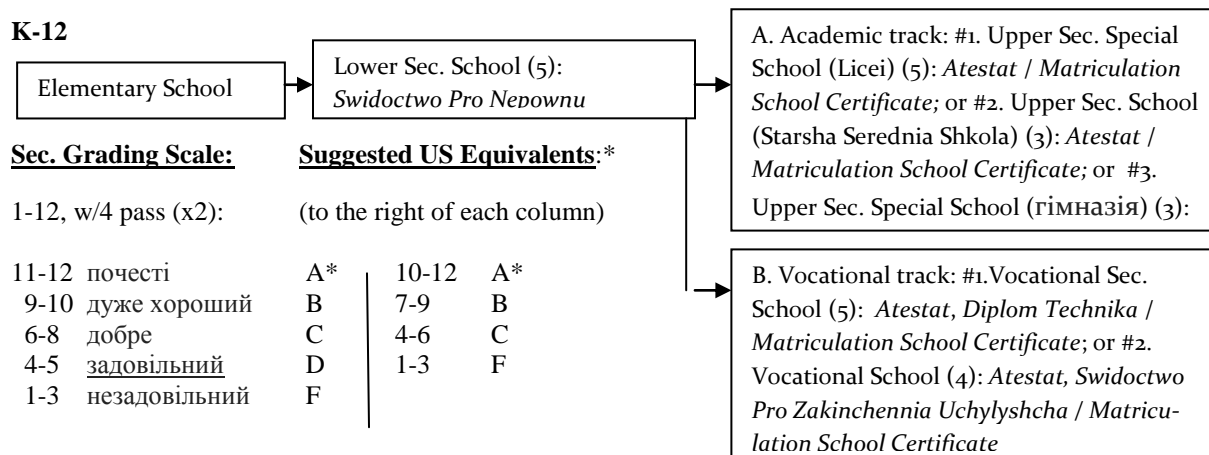


EDUCATION: UKRAINE

K-12



Compulsory Education: Ages 6 to 18.

Pre-university Education: Elementary School (4); Lower Secondary School (Osnowna Serednia Shkola) (5): *Swidoctwo Pro Nepownu Seredniu Oswitu* (Lower Secondary School Leaving Certificate). Higher Secondary Education: Two tracks: A. Academic track: 3 options: #1: Upper Secondary Special School (Licei) (3): *Atestat/ Matriculation School Certificate*; or #2: Upper Secondary School (Starsha Serednia Shkola) (3): *Atestat/Matriculation School Certificate*; or #3: Upper Secondary Special School (Gimnaziya) (3): *Atestat/Matriculation School Certificate*; B. Vocational track: Two options: #1: Vocational Secondary School (Technikum) (5): *Atestat, Diplom Technika/Matriculation School Certificate* (Professional Secondary School Leaving Diploma, Junior Specialist); or #2: Vocational School (Profesijno-Tecnichne Uchylyshche) (4): *Atestat, Swidoctwo Pro Zakinchennia Uchylyshcha / Matriculation School Certificate* (Vocational School Leaving Certificate).

Total Pre-university Academic Preparation: 12 yrs.

Academic Year: 1 September-1 July; it consists of 60-minute periods of instruction, as follows: 700 in grades 1-2, 790 in grades 3-4, 860 in grade 5, 890 in grade 6-7, 950 in grades 8-10, and 1,030 in grades 10-12. The elementary grades have 175 working days and all other levels, 190.

Teacher Preparation: Pre-primary and primary teachers are trained in teacher training institutions and receive practical training as well; secondary teachers receive their training from appropriate university faculties along w/courses in education and psychology; vocational teachers are trained in Technical Education Institutions.

Overall Literacy Rate: Total population 99.7% (male: 99.8%; female: 99.6%).

Higher Education.

University entry requires: *Atestat / Matriculation School Certificate* w/minimum score of "Satisfactory" + qualifying examination (*numerus clausus*, in Art, Physical Education and Architecture, + limit on the applicant's age): 1st stage: *Bacalavr* degree (*BA, BEd., BMed*) is awarded after 4 yrs. (6 yrs. in Medicine); and the *Diploma of Specialist* after 5-6 yrs. of study, depending on the institution; 2nd stage: *Magister* (Master's degree) is earned w/1 or 2 yrs. of additional study + thesis; 3rd stage: *Doctorate* degree, 1st level: *Kandidat nauk* (*Ph.D. or Doctor of Sciences*), earned after 3-4 yrs. of study + examination and a public defense of a thesis; 4th stage: *Doctorate* degree, 2nd level: *Doctor nauk* (comparable to the *Habilitation* in other countries), the highest degree in Ukraine: awarded to holders of the *Kandidat nauk* degree for significant contributions to the field, w/published dissertation.

Academic Year: September to June.

Grading Scale: 2-5 w/3 pass: 5-Very Good; 4-Good; 3-Satisfactory; 2-Unsatisfactor