

# SCHOOLS IN THE U S A

In the United States school is <sup>obbligatoria</sup> compulsory from the age of six to the age of sixteen, but education is free until the age of eighteen. Each state administers its education and there is no national curriculum. This means that the schools in richer states are better than those of poorer areas.

No religious education is taught in schools as, traditionally, church and state are separate entities. The majority (about 90%) of all American children attend public (state) schools.



## NURSERY SCHOOL - KINDERGARTEN

Some children go to Nursery School from the age of three and to Kindergarten from five to six years of age.

## STATE SCHOOLS

The state schools are divided like this:

### Elementary School

(ages 6 - 12) - grades (classes) 1 to 6, where they learn the basic subjects of reading, speaking, writing and math;

### Junior High School

(ages 12 - 14)

- grades 7 and 8;

### Senior High School

(ages 15 - 18)

- grades 9 to 12.

