

## Home Office English 2



"Hello there!

How are you today? Did you enjoy your Easter holidays?

It looks like we will see each other in two weeks.

Until then I prepared a little quiz on the things you read about the US and I prepared a text on the school system in the USA.

If you have a question or want to write something in English, send me an e-mail:

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Let's start!"

# Schools in America

**Video:**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJ4HvIfGFLA>

Watch this video. It is very easy to understand.

**Video:**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZPmnw4Ws5A>

In this video you will learn about a typical school day in the US.



Here you will find important vocabulary:

<b>by bus</b>	mit dem Bus	<b>roll call</b>	Anwesenheits-abfrage
<b>locker</b>	Spint	<b>competition</b>	Turnier
<b>Walk slowly!</b>	Kein Laufen!	<b>Pay attention!</b>	Hört gut zu!
<b>No yelling!</b>	Kein Schreien!	<b>interruptions</b>	Unterbrechungen
<b>hallway</b>	der Flur	<b>poem</b>	Gedicht
<b>trash can</b>	der Mülleimer	<b>answers</b>	Antworten
<b>volunteer</b>	der Freiwillige	<b>Class dismissed!</b>	Ihr könnt gehen!
<b>bell</b>	die Klingel	<b>Physical Education (PE)</b>	Sport

<b>first class</b>	erste Stunde	<b>Science</b>	Naturwissenschaften
<b>Take your seats!</b>	Setzt euch!	<b>lunch</b>	Mittagessen

In the USA, children younger than 5 go to a **nursery school/ preschool**.

When they are five or six years old, they start **elementary school** which lasts six years. The first year at elementary school is called kindergarten.

After elementary school, students attend **middle school** (also known as junior high school) for three years.

Then they continue at **high school**. They stay there until they are 16 or 18 years old.

Age	School
< 5	Nursery school / preschool
5-11	Elementary school
11-14	Middle school / junior high school
14-18	High school / senior high school

### Subjects - Welche Fächer gibt es in Amerika???

At elementary school pupils primarily learn how to read, write and count. (lesen, schreiben, rechnen) There are about 20 to 30 pupils (Schülerinnen) in one class.

At junior and senior high school children take subjects like English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physical education and History. Schools also offer extra courses. Students can choose Art, French or German, Chinese and computers. Physical education (Sports) is a very important subject in the United States - many students take part in sports programs.

### Grading - Wie benoten die eigentlich in Amerika???

In the USA (as in other English speaking countries) letter grades (Buchstabennoten) are used in reports.

- A > 90 % correct (excellent)
- B > 80 % (very good)
- C > 70 % (improvement needed)
- D > 60 % (close fail)
- E > 50 % (fail)
- F < 50 % (fail)

In general, only grades A to C are a 'pass' - a plus (+) or minus (-) might be added (e. g. A-, B+).

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**BONUS Video:**



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=neaeEtKYK\\_k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=neaeEtKYK_k)

In this video an American girl from Florida tells us about American **highschools**, subjects, sports and breaks.