

Brazilian schools follow a structured system: Early Childhood Education (0-5, optional), Fundamental Education (6-14, mandatory, 9 years), and Secondary Education (15-17, 3 years). Public schools are free but often underfunded, while private schools offer better infrastructure at a cost (up to R\$5,000/month). The academic year runs February-December with breaks in July and December-January. Core subjects include Portuguese, Math, History, and Science, with English/Spanish as second languages. Uniforms (white T-shirt + dark pants/skirt) are common. Grading is 0-10 (minimum 5 to pass). ENEM and Vestibular exams determine university entry. Challenges include high dropout rates and teacher strikes, but cultural events like Festas Juninas add fun. Some rural schools even use boats for transportation!