| Age | **French system** | **American system** |
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| | *Crèche / Maternelle* | *Day care / Pre-school* |
| 2-3 | très petite section (TPS) ou crèche | nursery school/day care |
| 3-4 | petite section de maternelle (PS) | preschool |
| 4-5 | moyenne section de maternelle (MS) | pre-kindergarten |
| 5-6 | grande section de maternelle (GS) | kindergarten |
| | *École primaire* | *Elementary School* |
| 6-7 | CP | 1st grade |
| 7-8 | CE1 | 2nd grade |
| 8-9 | CE2 | 3rd grade |
| 9-10 | CM1 | 4th grade |
| 10-11 | CM2 | 5th grade |
| | *Collège* | *Junior high school / Middle school* |
| 11-12 | sixième | 6th grade |
| 12-13 | cinquième | 7th grade |
| 13-14 | quatrième | 8th grade |
| 14-15 | troisième | 9th grade |
| | *Lycée* | *Senior high school (certaines peuvent commencer au 9th grade)* |
| 15-16 | seconde | 10th grade |
| 16-17 | première | 11th grade |
| 17-18 | terminale | 12th grade |
| | *Université* | *College / University* |
| | (DEUG dans l'ancien système) | 18-20 ans : Associates of Arts (AA) |
| | 18-21: licence (3 ans) | 20-22: Bachelor of Arts (BA) / Bachelor of Science (BS) |
| | 21-23: master (2 ans) | 22-24: Master's (MBA, MA, MS) |
| | 23-27: doctorat (3 ans) | 24-27: PhD. |