



EDUCATION IN THE USA

American students between 14 and 18 years old go to High School. In American High Schools each year has got a name; students in the first year (9th grade) are called *Freshman*.

Most American students start school at 8 a.m. and finish at 3 p.m. They go to school by bus. Schoolbuses are usually yellow.

Students begin the day by “*pledging allegiance*” to the flag: they stand in front of the flag and they promise to be good Americans.

Students have lessons in the morning and in the afternoon and they have lunch in the school cafeteria. They study different subjects, like English, Maths, P.E and Social Science. There are also optional subjects, for example Music and foreign languages. After school students do extra-curricular activities such as sport, theatre or other creative clubs.

After High School about 70% of students go to College or to University. In the USA there are private universities and state universities. Private universities are very expensive but also state university can cost a lot, about \$5,000 each year.