



## EDUCATION FACT SHEET - GHANA

<b>Country in Brief</b>	<p><b>Population:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 32.83 million (2021)</li> </ul> <p><b>Life expectancy at birth:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 64years</li> </ul> <p><b>National Languages:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● English</li> </ul> <p><b>Literacy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● General overview 80.38%</li> <li>● Youth Literacy: 83%</li> <li>● Female Youth Literacy:82%</li> <li>● Male Youth Literacy: 86%</li> </ul> <p><b>Others</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Upper Secondary Completion rate: 35%</li> <li>● Gross enrolment ratio at tertiary: 19.5%</li> <li>● National Curriculum: Standards-based curriculum</li> <li>● Years of Public School: 9 years</li> <li>● Primary Language of Instruction: English</li> <li>● High School Leaving Exams: Basic Education Certificate Examination, West African Senior School Certificate Examination</li> <li>● Date of Exams: Varies</li> </ul>
<b>Academic Calendar</b>	<p><b>Primary/Secondary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Starting month: August</li> <li>● Ending month December</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Tertiary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Starting month: May</li> <li>● Ending month: August</li> </ul> <p><b>Private Tertiary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Starting month: August</li> <li>● Ending month: December</li> </ul>
<b>Education Overview</b>	<p><b>School System</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ghana operates on a 6-3-3-4 System             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Primary School – 6 years</li> <li>● Junior Secondary/High School – 3 years</li> <li>● Senior High School/TVET education – 3 years</li> <li>● University bachelor's degree – 4 years</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Language of Instruction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● English</li> </ul> <p><b>School Leaving Exams</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Basic Education Certificate Examination,</li> <li>● West African Senior School Certificate Examination</li> </ul>
<b>Available Schools</b>	<p><b>Tertiary and University System</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There are undergraduate, graduate, certificate, and diploma programs in various academic and professional fields. The National Accreditation Board (<a href="http://www.nab.gov.gh">www.nab.gov.gh</a>) lists 140 accredited institutions, both public and private, offering four-year degrees as well as two and three-year diplomas, which are not equivalent to bachelor's degrees, but undergraduate transfer credit can be awarded.</li> </ul>
<b>Issues with the Education System</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Low teacher-to-student ratio</li> <li>● Poor feeding, inadequate water, and sanitation facilities</li> <li>● Shortage of trained teachers and schoolbooks</li> <li>● Overcrowding or insufficient infrastructure</li> <li>● Children living with disabilities face additional challenges</li> <li>● Adolescent girls are often denied opportunities to complete secondary education</li> <li>● Peer pressure and involvement in social vices, such as bullying, theft, drug abuse, teenage pregnancy, and truancy</li> </ul>
<b>SAT Test Centers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● American International School</li> <li>● Association International School</li> <li>● Ghana International School</li> <li>● International Community School</li> <li>● Lincoln Community School</li> <li>● Morgan International Community School</li> <li>● Sos-Hermann Gmeiner International College</li> <li>● Tema International School</li> </ul>
<b>ACT Test Centers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ACE Consult,</li> <li>● Kumasi</li> <li>● Ghana International School</li> <li>● Tema International School</li> </ul>
<b>IELTS/TOEFL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● British Council in Kumasi,</li> <li>● Accra,</li> <li>● affiliated organizations across Ghana</li> </ul>
<b>Best Time for Admissions Officers to Visit</b>	Strictly Based on Academic Calendar and Summer/Dry Season
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**Sources:**

- <https://idea.usaid.gov/cd/ghana/education>
- Ghana Education Fact Sheet, 2020 by UNICEF Ghana.