School Life in the Philippines

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Education format

The Philippines has three main levels of education:

A. Primary otherwise known as “Paaralang Elementarya” (Elementary) which consists of grades 1-6, typically the age range for the kids in Primary School are ages 6-12
B. Secondary otherwise known as “Paaralang Sekundarya” (Junior High) which consists of grades 7-10, typically the age range for kids in Secondary School are ages 12-17
C. After grade 10 there are two more years of education grades 11-12 where you are considered a Senior in High School
D. Tertiary level has 3 different levels within itself:
   a. Undergraduate (typically lasts 4 years)
   b. Graduate (typically lasts 2 years)
   c. Doctoral (typically lasts 3 years)
General Information

- The academic school year is a period of 40 weeks that begin in the month of June and ends around March the next year.
- There is a Fall and Winter Semester, with the optional choice of enrolling in a Summer Semester as well.
- Typically after Primary School, because of heavy influences from the United States, most courses are taught in the English language (but sometimes are taught in Filippino as well).

In depth video on the K-12 Basic Education Program in the Philippines
Here’s a video showing a typical day of Junior school life in the Philippines!

- Notice that they wear uniforms and have an ID badge
- There’s a flag raising ceremony to start the day
- A common hangout spot is the mall
- After school some kids have extra tutoring lessons
Questions to ask

- What are some main differences between your school and schools in the Philippines?
- What are some main similarities between your school and schools in the Philippines?
- Would you want to try visiting schools in the Philippines?
- What level of education would you be in right now if you were in the Philippines?

For further information on Education in the Philippines check out these links:

- Department of Education
- Education System in the Philippines