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Education Policy comparison: the USA and the UK.

English is the main language of instructions in both the United States and United Kingdom education system. It is therefore widely assumed that the two systems are quite similar to each other, but in reality, the two systems tend to contrast one another. In regards to the World University Rankings as collectively compiled by Times Higher Education, more than half of world's top universities are situated either in the United Kingdom or United states. Both countries normally share a strong tradition of quality education with excellent learning facilities and a rich culture that promotes both intellectualism and academic freedom. However, there are a number of differences between the two education policies ("UK Vs. USA Education System | Study Abroad Guide"). This paper will explore some of the primary differences between the British and the American system of education.

Perhaps the most essential difference between the two systems is the amount of time taken to complete each of the system. In the United Kingdom, including Wales, England, Northern Ireland and Scotland follows the National Curriculum system. In the UK, children begin some formal schooling a year earlier than in the US system. The UK system focuses more on academics with vital examination stages. The early education is followed by a GCSE program which starts at an age of fourteen. The education program is later followed by A level program

which starts at an age of sixteen. The UK education system can be seen as a winnowing system that leads students towards detailed specialization. In contrast, the United States education system emphasis less on examinations. Students in the US remain generalists from the initial joining of the education system all the way to the end of high school where they graduate at an age of eighteen. The children in the US attend a part-time preschool, but the state's provided education system does not at all begin until kindergarten (year 1 in the United Kingdom). The main emphasis in US education system is on socialization (Ladson-Billings & Gloria. 2006. p.12).

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