

Peru's education offers schools starting at 3 years old. There are many non-school programs aimed at poor underprivileged children. This initial education would be the American equivalence to pre-school. Since these programs aren't required or offered by the government they do cost money and little to no funding is available.

Required education starts at 5 years of age. This is primary education, which generally lasts 6 years although it used to only go for 5. In Peru the education system works on a 20-point scale. Students need an 11 point mark to advance to secondary education. Other requirements to move on would be to pass language and math.

Primary School Facts	
Primary Education Duration <sup>①</sup>	6 years
Primary School Starting Age <sup>①</sup>	6 years old

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Secondary education is the American equivalence to junior high and high school. It's two cycles long and both are mandatory. The first cycle offered is general studies and lasts two years. The second cycle however has closer focuses, yet further diversifies. This second cycle is a close equivalence to high school in

America. There are two types of the second cycle. One for adolescents between 12 and 16 and the other type is for adults. This cycle contains arts and sciences along with some vocational options.

Secondary School Facts	
Secondary School Duration ⓘ	5 years
Secondary School Starting Age ⓘ	12 years old

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Higher or upper education is a university type education. This education is optional and offers technical training and programs that last between 4 to 5 years. These universities offer diplomas and certificates like bachelor degrees, master's degrees and doctorates. These universities are controlled internally and not by the government. This makes the universities more independent and in control of their own practices.

Although there is funding available to students that wish to seek a higher education it's much like the United States where it can be hard for the average person to receive the funds necessary. Unlike the United States financing and loans aren't available to assist students in paying for their education. Enacting a way for

students to take out loans or finance their higher education would be extremely beneficial to Peru and it's people.

Students are required to move on to higher education too soon. They're only required to go to school from 5 to 16. Then they move on to higher education schooling. Many students aren't able to obtain higher education because of the lack of funding available to them. In addition they are asked to pick a vocation immediately out of secondary education.

I propose that the government open up funding to students who wish to seek higher education. Between the ages of 16 and 18 there will be more classes available to students who don't know what vocation they would like to study in higher education. This will allow higher retention in higher education and better understanding of material.

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