EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN BRAZIL

Improvements, challenges and partnerships between the country and the United States

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- Bom dia!
- Bom dia!
- Tudo bem?
- Tudo. E você?
- Tudo bem.

- Boa tarde!
- Boa tarde!
- Tudo bem?
- Tudo. E você?
- Tudo bem.

- Boa noite!
- Boa noite!
- Tudo bem?
- Tudo. E você?
- Tudo bem.
A: Qual é o seu nome?
B: Meu nome é ........................................ E o seu?
A: Meu nome é ........................................
B: Muito prazer.
A: O prazer é meu.
Brazil: Fast facts

- **Name**: República Federativa do Brasil (Federal Republic of Brazil)
- **Localization**: South America
- **Type of Government**: Presidential system / Constitutional republic
- **Current President**: Dilma Vana Rousseff
- **Official Languages**: Portuguese (and other indigenous dialects)
- **Population**: 196,655,014 (2011)
- **Capital**: Brasília
- **Area**: 8,547,403 square kilometers (3,300,169 square miles)
- **Currency**: Real
- **Main production**: Energy, mining, automotive industry and agriculture
- **Literacy Percent**: 86% of population
# Educational System in Brazil (comparing to the USA)

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| **Early and Elementary Education**  
• ages 2 to 5 | **Preschool and Kindergarten**  
• ages 2 to 6 |
| **Fundamental Education I (grades 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>) and II (grades 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>)**  
• ages 6 to 14 | **Elementary (grades 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>) and Middle School (grades 6<sup>th</sup> to 8/9<sup>th</sup>)**  
• ages 7 to 14 |
| **High School (grades 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>)**  
• ages 15 to 17 | **High School (grades 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>)**  
• ages 15 to 18 |
| **Preparatory courses (optional) - Vestibular** | – |
| **Undergraduate** | **Undergraduate - Colleges / Universities**  
• Associate degree (2 years)  
• Bachelor (4 years) |
| **Post-graduate (optional)** | – |
| **Master’s** | **Master’s** |
| **Post-master’s (optional)** | **Post-graduate (optional)** |
| **PhD** | **Professional Programs / PhD** |
| **Post-Doc (optional)** | **Post-Doc (optional)** |
Educational System in Brazil (comparing to the USA)

Higher Education

• Deciding a major;
• Only specific classes according to major;
• Preparatory courses;
• Vestibular;
• Private and Public Universities (no colleges);
• ENEM and scholarships;
• Quotas.
Challenges

Public vs. Private Schools = Inequality

- Teachers: low salaries;
- Bad work conditions;
- Not enough money for infrastructure;
- Too many students in class;
- Expensive books / Hard access to materials.
Challenges

Poverty and Violence = low perspectives

- Life in Favelas (Slums);
- Violence;
- Drugs;
- Lack of access to educational information;
- Lack of awareness of educational possibilities due to family examples (parents did not study; children do not study).
Challenges

Globalization

- Keep up-to-date with new technological resources that are useful to education;
- Have an *International Education* at schools (Languages / Cultures).

Video:  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pmkJX8MTJB8
Improvements

“Family school”

- Government programs
- Weekends at schools
- Volunteers
- Many different services provided: from classes to haircuts
Improvements

- Undergraduate scholarships
- 50% to 100% grant
- No payment back after graduating
Economy growth in Brazil: What about education?

6th World Economy

88th in Education

We are still behind in terms of investments in education. Will it change in the next years?
Partnerships between the country and the United States

FLTA Program (Foreign Language Teaching Assistant)

- Teacher
- Student
- Cultural Ambassador

www.iie.org/fulbright
Partnerships between the country and the United States

- High school students
- American teachers
- Real immersing classes for one month

us-brazil.org/  http://vimeo.com/58806902
Final Considerations

What have we learned today?

1. Some basic phrases in Portuguese;
2. Some fast information about Brazil;
3. The educational system in Brazil;
4. Some challenges and recent improvements in education;
5. Some partnerships between the U.S. and Brazil.

What now?

Get involved!
Thank you / Obrigada

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