

Comparison of UK and American Education System

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Introduction

Education is the most important social institution in the society which aims to equip people with the knowledge and ways to live their life in a good manner. From a global perspective, education is compulsory for all children between the ages of three years and generally fifteen years. The education levels vary with the basic necessities of the country. In this research paper we will discuss the British as well as American education system. This paper is based on the comparison of education system exist in UK and USA.

The British believe that the best of our lives to their origin is to England. UK education system, as well as all the English, considered a benchmark of quality. At least, the educational systems of other countries are constantly compared with the UK. International students who come to the US will wonder about the educational background of their peers in the United States. Because of local variations, the American educational system appears confusing (Younger, (2013). Moreover, the structure and procedures of American education system may differ from other systems, such as the British model.

Discussion

Differences and Similarities in UK and US Educational System

The United Kingdom spends relatively high budget on education as compared to other OECD countries (i.e. 13% of its GDP approximately £88bn). On the contrary, United States spends around £12.59bn i.e 5.8% of its GDP which is approximately 7 times less than the education budget of UK. The difference of budget allocated between these countries is too much but both these systems doesn't differ too much in the education prospects.

British high school is perhaps the most distinctive system of education in Western Europe. And, at the same time, perhaps the most prestigious regardless of the type of tests PISA, British magnet school attracts students from around the world. Education in the UK is compulsory for all citizens aged from 5 to 16 years. There are two sectors of education: public (free education) and private which is paid. In United States education system, the length and age for starting compulsory education for children vary by state (Bowles, 2014). Children start school at the age of 5 to 8 years of age and ends at the age of 14 to 18 years. The American education system focuses on teacher training that is an effective way to enhance the knowledge among students (Peters & Turner, 2014).

The central government does not manage the state funded schools in United States. Each of the fifty states has its Department of Education gives rules to schools in that specific state. Government funded schools additionally get financing from the state, albeit the greater part of the subsidizing originates from neighbourhood property charges. The universities and state funded colleges are financed by the state where they are placed. Each one state assembly chooses the amount of duty cash will be granted to schools and colleges. Understudies from first to twelfth school year don't pay educational cost and advanced education understudies pay educational cost and school, however numerous get grants or acquire (Bowles, 2014).

The reason for admission to the first year of the British University is a certificate of complete secondary education A-level or International Certificate International Baccalaureate (IB). There are also more universal programs Foundation, operating under international colleges. For example, the well-known Kaplan International College, which has offices in London, Bournemouth, Glasgow, Liverpool and Nottingham, provides graduates with a certificate recognized by many of the leading universities in the UK.

Regardless of the type of school, university preparation program includes the improvement of the English language (if the “input” entrants to the results 5.0-5.5 score of IELTS (International English Language Testing System), then on “Exit” after a year of training under the program Foundation, this figure increased to 6.5-7 points, which is considered sufficient for admission); repetition and systematize school knowledge, and learning some new disciplines (business, management, mathematical statistics, philosophy, etc.) and the development of academic skills (the ability to outline lectures, writing essays, oral reports, and prepare to defend abstracts, etc.)

You can also get a UK degree, passing a course incomplete form, distance learning course or program based on e-learning. At the heart of these programs are training packages, which studies the student, or the online technology. In USA, although admission policies vary from college to college, most determine admission based on several criteria, including the curriculum and student grade point average (GPA, for its acronym in English) score on the SAT or ACT exams, essay writing and possibly interview.

The Admissions Office evaluates whether the student has taken courses in high school / high school that have a plan prepared for more difficult studies also consider the GPA earned in high school / high school. The GPA is a quantitative figure representing the overall aggregate score of a student. Each letter is assigned a number of points: A = 4 points, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1 and F = 0 points. The average is calculated by adding all the scores for each of the materials and the sum is divided by the total number of courses taken. For example, a 3.0 grade point average equivalent to a “B” average for all courses taken.

During the last year of high school / secondary school, most students in the United States take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT, for its acronym in English), or ACT acronym (formerly

Review of American College). Each university sets a minimum score for the SAT or ACT students must earn in order to be admitted. These examinations are quantitative rules. The SAT includes the following subjects: reading, mathematics and writing (Crow & Bozeman, 2013). The ACT includes the following subjects: English, mathematics, reading and science knowledge and skills.

Conclusions

UK and US education system is far different from each other. They are different in every aspect. UK education is well renowned in world due to its simplicity while US educational system is little bit complex and difficult to understand. However, both of these countries' education system has their advantages and disadvantages. To conclude; the main purpose of education is to teaching-learning, creating obstacles in the way of learning by making it expensive will only devalue the education system (Peters & Turner, 2014).

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