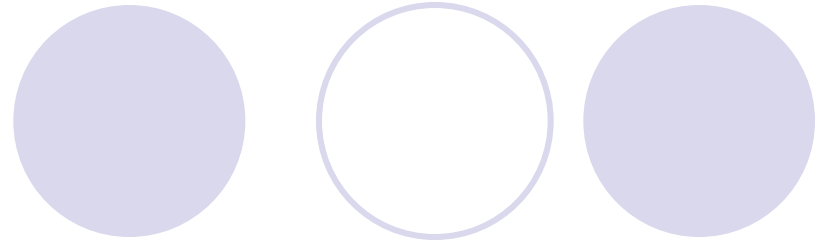


**American education  
system**



- The American system of school education differs from the systems in other countries. There are state public schools, private elementary school and private secondary schools. Public schools are free and private schools are fee-paying. Each state has its own system of public schools.
- Elementary education begins at the age of six or seven, when a child goes to the first grade.



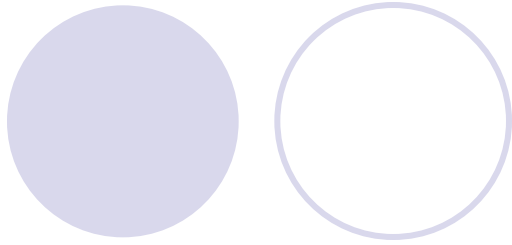
# In the American education system are:

- preschool children 3-5 years old;
- primary school (grade 1-5), 6-11 years old;
- High School (grades 6-8) 11-13 years old;
- High School (grades 9-12), 14-17 years old



- At the age of sixteen schoolchildren leave the elementary school and may continue their education at one of the secondary schools or high schools. The programme of studies in the elementary school includes English, Arithmetic, Geography, History of the USA, Natural Sciences and, besides, Physical Training, Singing, Drawing, Wood or Metal Work, etc.
- Sometimes they learn a foreign language and general history. Beside giving general education some high schools teach subjects useful to those who hope to find jobs in industry. After graduating from secondary schools a growing number of Americans go on to higher education.





The National Government gives no direct financial aid to the institutions of higher education. Students must pay a tuition fee. This creates a financial hardship for some people. Many of the students have to work to pay their

# School Uniform

