



# EDUCATION & UNIVERSITY LIFE: PARIS vs AMERICA

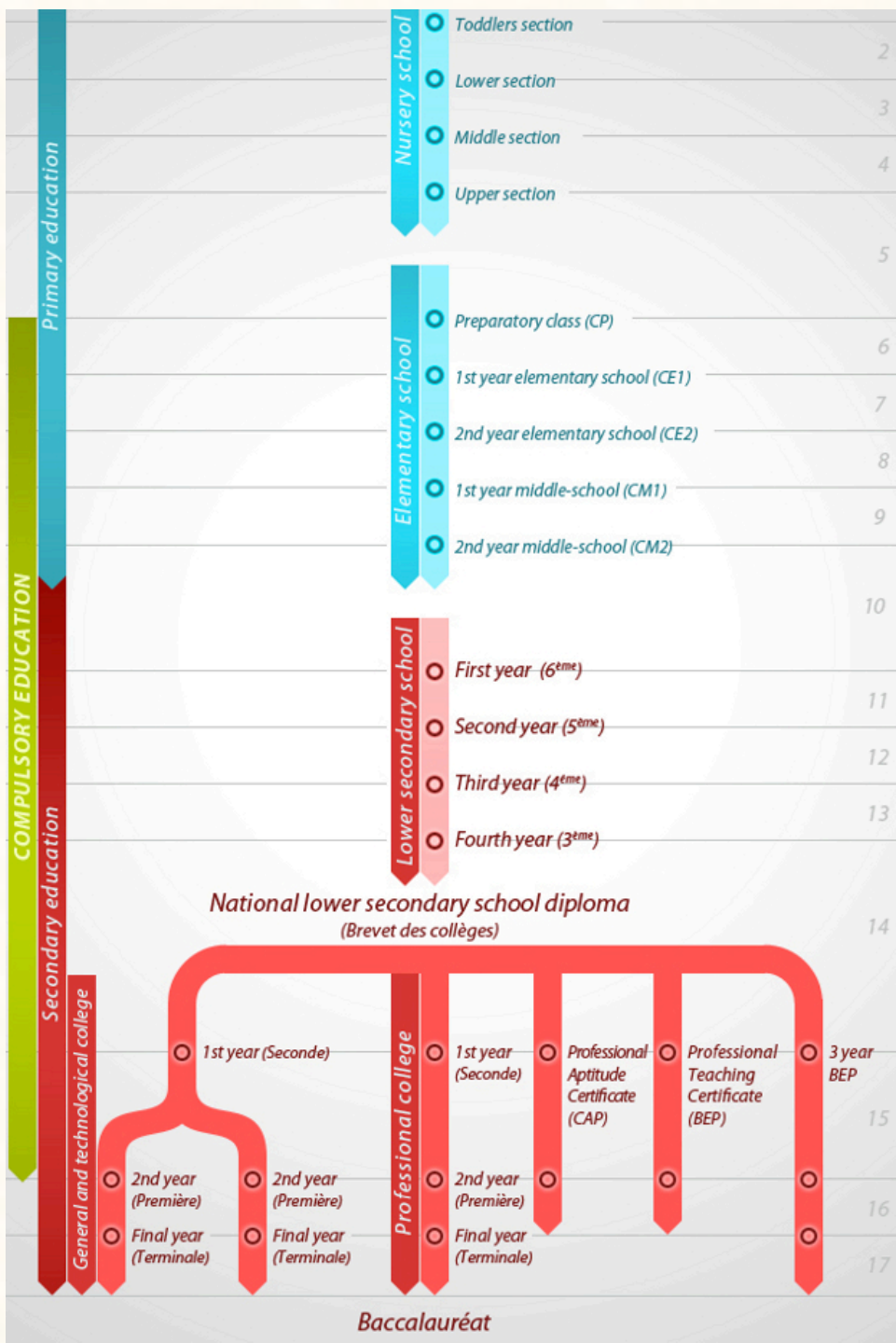
# Education Systems

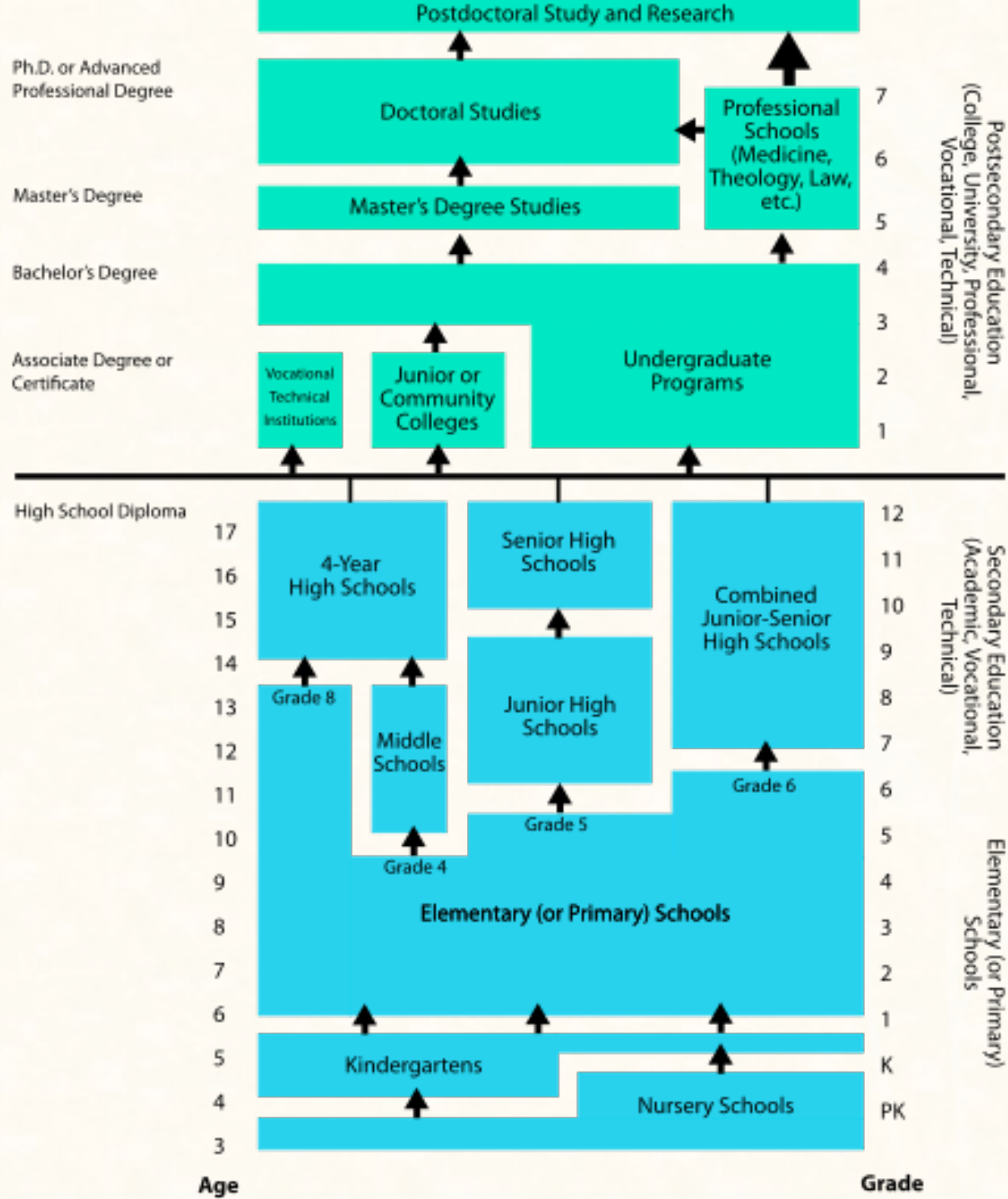
## France

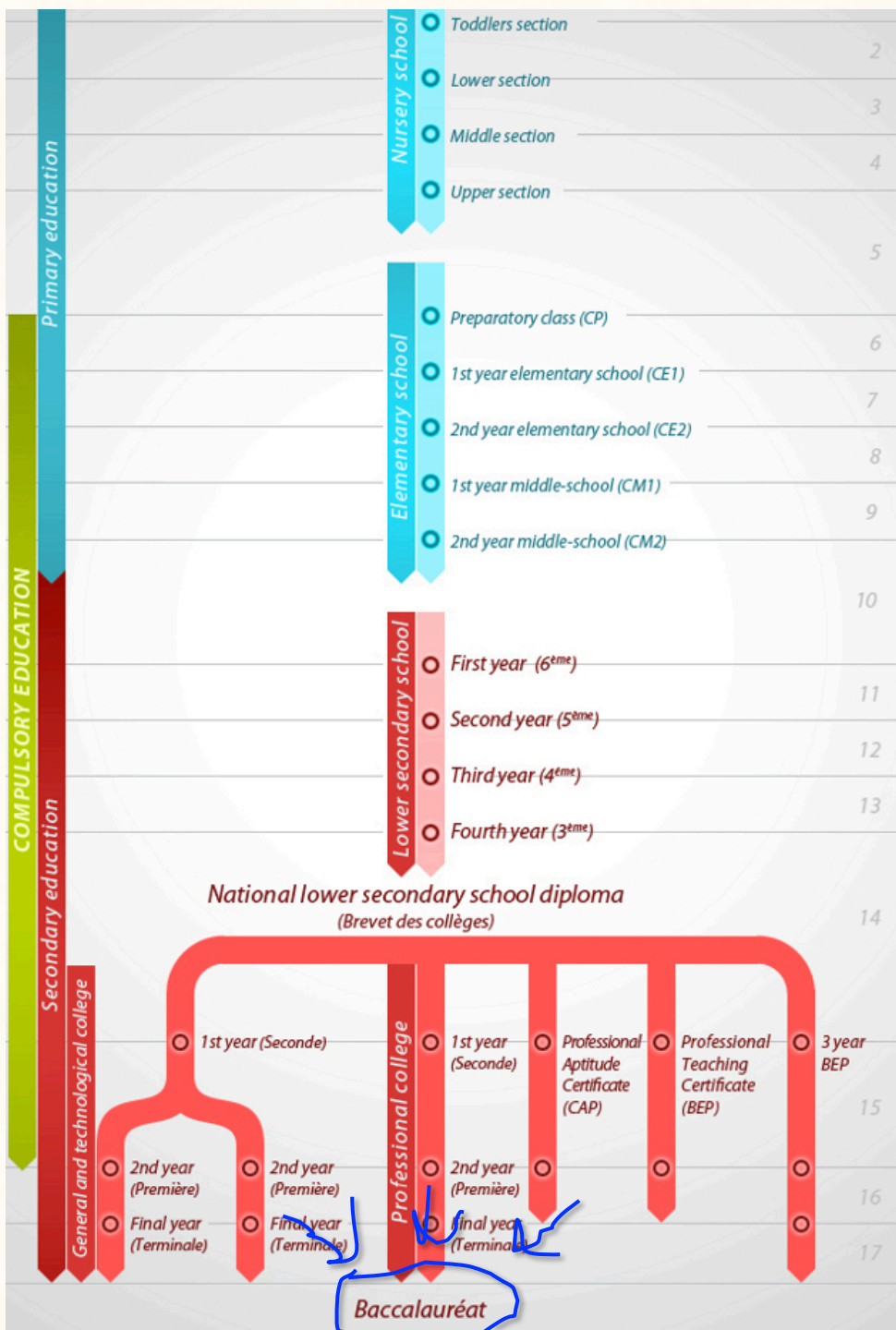
- Compulsory from ages 6-16
- Three Stages
  - Primary School—*école*
  - Secondary School—*collège*
  - High School—*lycée*

## America

- Compulsory from ages 6-16
- Four Stages
  - Kindergarten
  - Primary/Elementary
  - Middle/Junior High
  - High/Senior High







# Graduating



## France

- The Baccalaureate (*le bac*)

## America

- GED (General Education Development or Diploma)
- State Graduation Tests (ex., OGT)



# Higher Education

## France

- Universities
- Grandes Écoles
- Institutes (within the Universities)
- Engineering Schools

## American

- University
- College
- Community College
- Vocational College

# University Life

## France

- Grades (1-20)
  - Never expect higher than 16/20
  - “20 is for God, 19 is for Jesus, 18 is for the professor—the three tiers you’ll never attain.”
- Not usually textbooks
- Smaller campus
- Cheaper tuition
- Intense lectures
- Residency (home/apartments)

## America

- Grades (A, B, C, D, or F)
- So many textbooks (\$\$\$)
- Varying campus sizes
- Varying tuition 😞😞😞
- School pride/Campus Community
- Dorms
- “University Experience”





# Universites de Paris

- AKA, University of Paris
- AKA, Sorbonne or la Sorbonne
  - Which is confusing because Paris-Sorbonne University is a thing
- One of the first Universities (13<sup>th</sup> century)
- Taught in Latin
  - The Latin Quarter!!!!
- Revolution—Recreated in 1896





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