



Notas Culturales

- ❖ The grading system in some Spanish-speaking countries is not like ours. In some countries, 5/10 is still a passing grade.
- ❖ The word "maestro" is used to refer to a teacher who teaches young children. Young students are referred to as "alumnus."
- ❖ The word "profesor" is used to refer to a teacher who teaches older children - usually of late high school or college age. The students are called "estudiantes" when they are older.
- ❖ Most schools in Latin America require that children wear uniforms- even in public schools!
- ❖ Sadly, many children in some of the poorer Latin American communities do not go to school. Because of the concept of "time" parents are more concerned with what happens today as opposed to investing in the future. So, a poor family is more likely to send their child to work for money for today than to school. (This may be a great topic to talk about with your students—Ask them if they could imagine having to go to work. You can also tell them about some of the jobs the children have-selling gum, helping tourists, begging, washing car windows.)