

② Each country in the world has their own school system. When we compare China and New Zealand, we will find that there are so many differences and similarities between the two countries.

There are a few similar things between China and New Zealand. At first, high school students need to wear school uniforms and they can leave school at the age of 15 or 16... Also, students will have one tutor teacher to tell them the school mission.

Despite these similarities, there are lots of differences between the two countries' high school systems. The main difference is the way of teaching. New Zealand teachers are more flexible and give students more space to think of problems by themselves. In New Zealand, teachers prefer students to work independently or in a group. On the other hand, Chinese teachers are more strict and there is not much humour in the classroom. The students do not complete work independently. They just write what the teacher said. Furthermore, in China the final exam is the most important one. If a student fails that exam, everything else he/she did in that year is useless. In New Zealand, however, there are five tests in total and if students fail one or two, they still have a chance to resubmit the paper or even pass the course overall. In addition, New Zealand students spend 6 hours and a half per day at school, while Chinese students spend 10 hours per day. Besides, New Zealand students have 102 days holiday, but Chinese students have 90 days holiday. In China, parents will let their children go to extra classes in holiday, so most of the students do not have their own time to do what they like, such as sport, music, art.

① Another major difference is the curriculum. Every student must choose academic subjects in China, such as Maths, English, and Chinese. In New Zealand, students have more freedom in choosing their subjects. They can choose any kind of subjects. For example, Design, Drama, Art, Media and so on. Moreover, students are given a chance to change their subjects when the course does not suit them.

To sum up, secondary school systems in New Zealand and China are similar in a few things, but they also have their own ways of doing things. Both school systems are very good and it is fit each country.

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