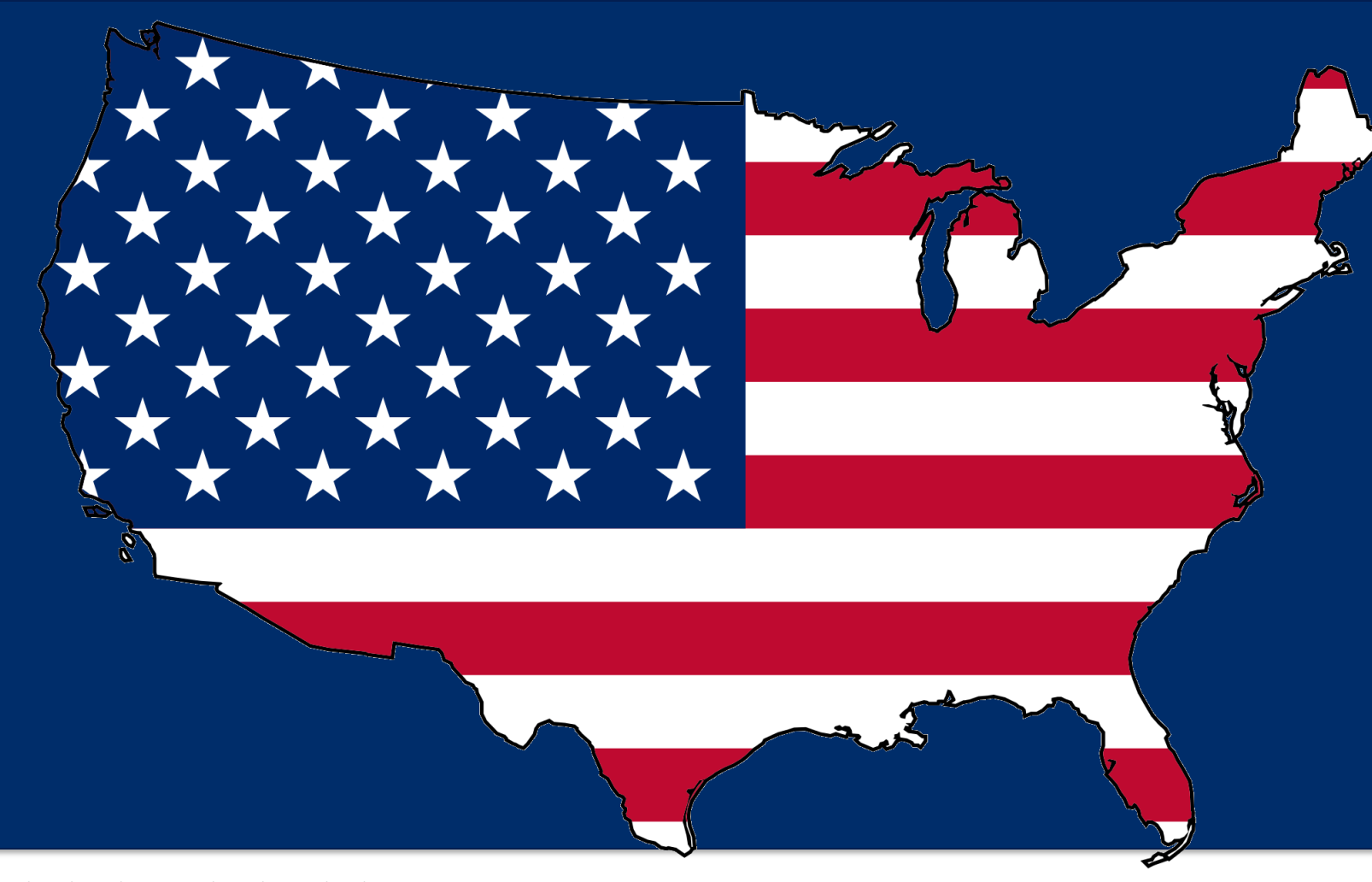




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Education in Deutschland vs. America

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ABSTRACT WITH THESIS STATEMENT

While compulsory education is a requirement in both Germany and America, Germany takes this mandate more seriously than America does. In this presentation, we will explain the differences in German and American school systems and how they compare.

GERMAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS VS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

German Primary Schools

- Public education free in all states
- Curriculum varies by state
- Homeschooling illegal in Germany
- Kindergarten not required
- Students only attend primary school for Grades 1-4 (Grade 6 in Berlin and Brandenburg)
- Grades do not start until Grade 2
- High school path must be decided on by Grade 4
- Grading system starts in Grade 2
 - 1-6 numerical grading system – 1= very good, 6 = very poor

American Elementary Schools

- Public education free in all states
- Some centralized curriculum (Core Curriculum) but can vary by state
- Students attend elementary school for grades Kindergarten – 6th grade
- Grading system starts in Kindergarten
 - A-F alphabetical grading system

REFLECTION/ FRANCISCAN CONNECTION

Dignity of the Individual

- Using our place on Earth to empower others that we interact with, particularly in the form of the students that we work with through the KEC
- Applying for the Fulbright Scholarship using the teaching skills we learned through the KEC, we can successfully help students over in Germany or Austria find their individuality

GERMAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS VS HIGH SCHOOL

German Secondary Schools

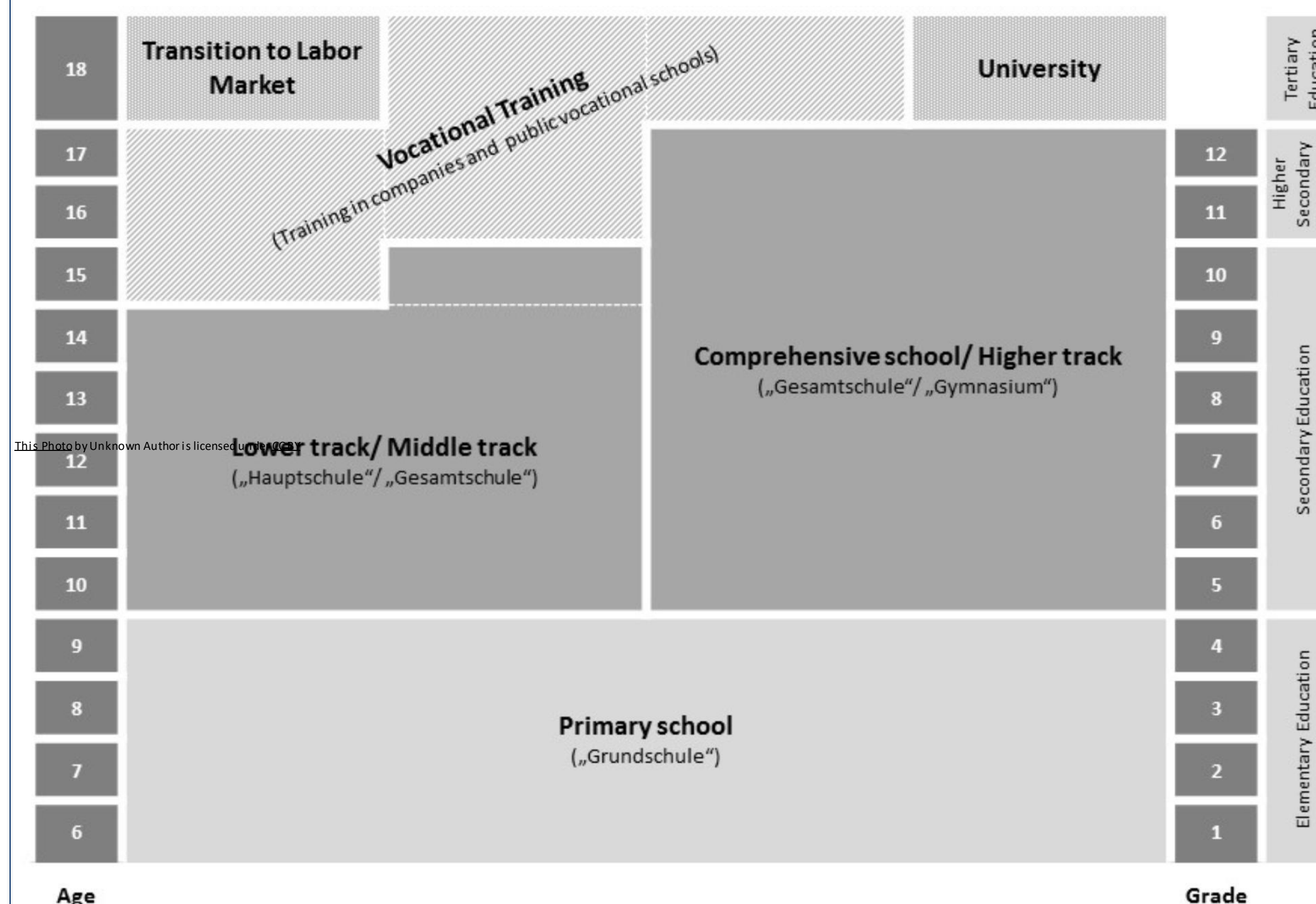
- There are 2 levels of secondary school in Germany
- Various secondary schools within these 2 levels
- Exam required to get into any university

American High Schools

- All students are required to go to high school
- At the age of 16 you option to drop out
- Several different college choices and not all require an entrance exam



GERMAN SCHOOL LEVELS TABLE

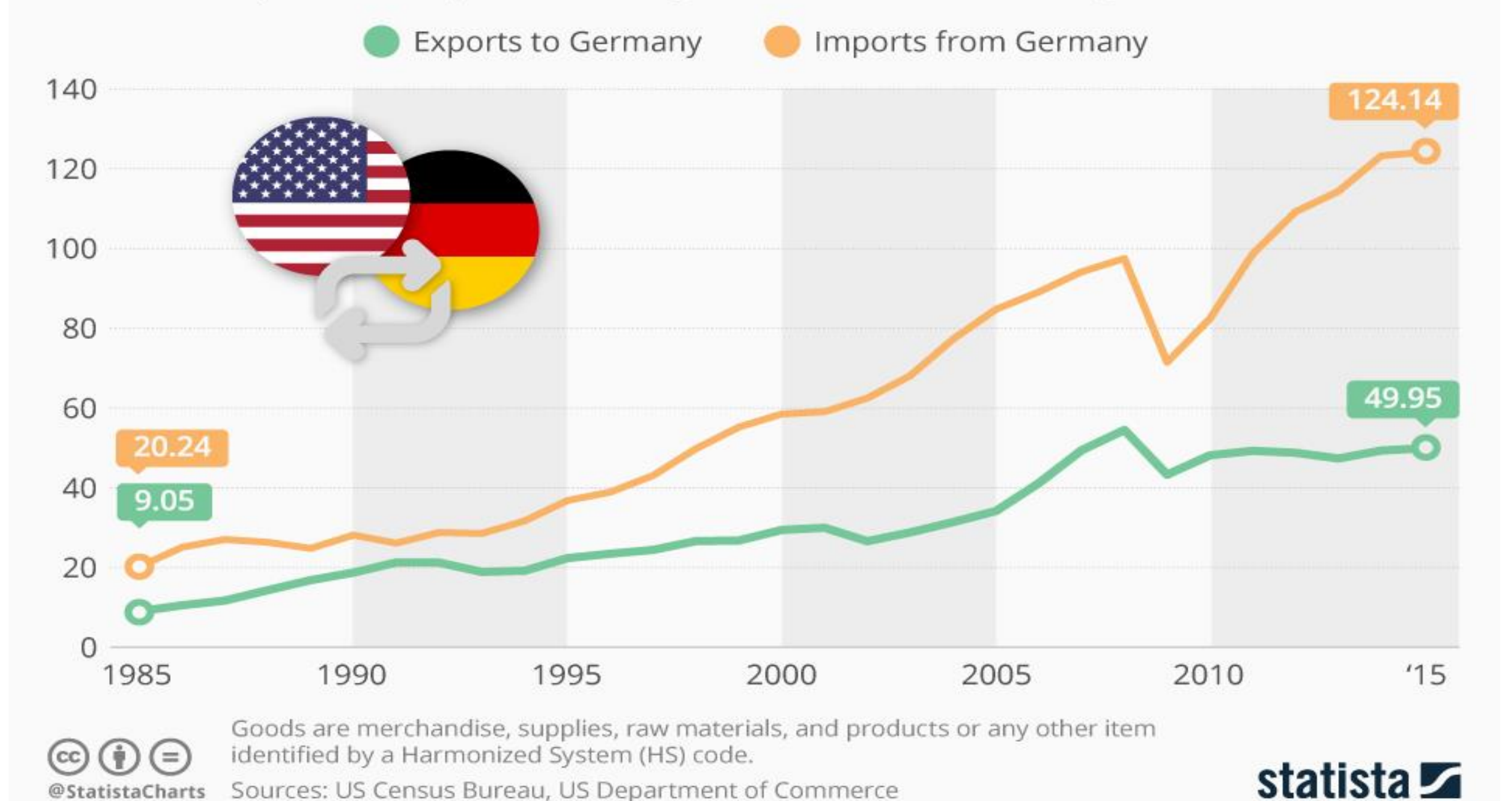


GERMAN TRADE SCHOOLS

- Germany standardizes vocational training, U.S. has a decentralized approach to certification.
- German education balances university and trade skills, U.S. emphasizes college attendance.
- German VET system lowers youth unemployment, U.S. faces higher rates and turnover.
- Germany emphasizes apprenticeships, U.S. prioritizes traditional four-year college education.
- Germany's dual-track system combines classroom study with on-the-job experience, U.S. lacks standardization.
- Germany's strong industry-education partnership ensures practical-theoretical balance, U.S. lacks integration.
- Germany's standardized system supported by government, employers, and trade unions, U.S. lacks unification.
- Germany offers more apprenticeship opportunities, U.S. experiences lower participation and unfilled positions.

30 Years of American - German Trade Relations

Volume of imports and exports of trade goods from and to Germany (in billion U.S. dollars)



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