

**Curriculum Requirements for Private Schools in Dubai  
For the academic year 2020/2021**

In accordance with Article (18) of the Executive Council Resolution (2) in 2017, concerning the regulation of the teaching of the mandatory subjects in private schools in the emirate of Dubai the following table shows the time allocation requirements for the subjects of Islamic Education, Arabic, UAE Social Studies and UAE Moral Education during the academic year 2020/2021.

All curriculum schools (non-MoE)

**Guidelines on Islamic Education subject:**

ISLAMIC EDUCATION												
Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Year	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Arab Muslim students</b> (Those who are registered in the school/KHDA under an Arab passport and as Muslims)	3 lessons per week			2 Lessons per week								
<b>Non-Arab Muslims</b> (Those who are registered in the school/KHDA under any other nationality and are Muslims)	2 lessons per week											

- All Muslim Students (Arab and Non-Arab) must follow the UAE Curriculum standards and must use the MoE prescribed textbooks for Islamic Education.
- The use of any other textbooks for the teaching of this subject is strictly prohibited.
- The offering of Islamic Education in the Early Years is not mandatory but encouraged. It is expected that schools that choose to do so will follow the standards, expectations and curriculum content of the MoE for Islamic education in or this phase of the school.

**Guidelines on Arabic subject:**

ARABIC													
Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Year	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
<b>Arabic as a first language</b> (For those who are registered in the school/KHDA under an Arab passport)	6 lessons per week			5 lessons per week			4 lessons per week						
<b>Arabic as an Additional Language</b> (For those who are registered in the school/KHDA under any other nationality)	4 lessons per week									Optional			

- Arab students are expected to follow the standards set in the National Curriculum Document for Arabic first language and use the MoE prescribed textbooks as the main resource in their curriculum.
- Non-Arab students are expected to follow the curriculum standards and expectations set in the updated MoE framework for Arabic as an additional language.
- Schools are advised to ensure that the curriculum expectations for Arabic as an additional language are linked to the number of years of study of Arabic’.
- The offering of Arabic in the Early Years is not mandatory but encouraged. It is expected that schools that choose to do so will follow the standards and expectations of the MoE for Arabic for this phase of the school.

**Specific guidelines for UK/IB 13-year system schools for Islamic Education and Arabic**

Please note that Arabic A and Islamic Education must be delivered through to Year 13 as this is a condition for Grade 12 equivalency except during the academic year 2020-2021 since it will be a transition year for the following:

**Islamic Education / Arabic A students:**

- These changes will not apply to students that will be moving to Year 13 in the academic year 2020-2021 only, as they have already completed 12 years of studying Arabic and Islamic Studies.

**Arabic B students:**

- These changes will not apply to students that will be moving to Year 10 in the academic year 2020-2021 only, as they have already completed 9 years of studying Arabic.

**Guidelines on UAE Social Studies subject:**

UAE SOCIAL STUDIES												
Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Year	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>For all students (Arabs and non-Arabs)</b> Students in all private schools (other than those offering MoE curriculum)	1 lesson per week									Optional		

- The most recent curriculum standards that are published by the Ministry of Education are the reference document for students' intended outcomes in UAE Social Studies. Schools are expected to use the MoE-approved textbooks as the main resource for provision.
- Schools may integrate the teaching of the UAE Social Studies within other areas of learning in the school curriculum.
- Schools need to schedule a clear teaching time showing outcomes, links to curriculum standards and lesson units of UAE Social Studies and evidence of students' work. An integrated lesson cannot be limited to a couple of verbal questions: planning must show evidence of purposeful and meaningful integration of key concepts, and demonstrable learning for students.
- Schools need to provide explicit links in curriculum documents to evidence integrated UAE Social Studies concepts.
- Responsibility for the students' outcomes in integrated subjects should be assigned to a designated teacher (s). Schools should keep a student profile/cumulative work that represent students' achievements in UAE social studies.

**UAE Moral Education Implementation requirements:**

- Teaching the UAE Moral Education is mandatory for grades 1-12 (years 2-13).
- Moral education must be taught for at least 1 lesson per week (minimum of 40 minutes) either as standalone lesson or integrated.
- When schools choose to integrate concepts of UAE Moral Education into other areas of learning, the same guidelines specified for UAE Social Studies apply.

### General Guidelines:

- Lessons, for all subjects, are expected to be a minimum of 40 minutes each, all running within the school's timetable. However, schools may adapt the length of lessons to meet the requirements of their curriculum provided that the total amount of time provided for each subject at least meets the MoE requirements.
- The use of any additional/enrichment learning resources must follow the MoE Guidelines for Cultural Adaptation, and must observe due diligence and sensitivity to the culture of the UAE, especially in Islamic and Moral Education, and UAE Social Studies.
- UAE Social Studies Moral Education Program are already being taught as per the most recent Guidance for Teaching of Arabic and Islamic Education in the 13-year system schools.
- Schools following the 13-year system who have not yet realigned their Moral Education and UAE Social Studies curriculum delivery, must apply the same alignment for these two subjects.

### Private schools offering MoE curriculum:

Private schools offering the *UAE Ministry of Education curriculum* are expected to strictly follow the set time allocation requirements and curriculum guidelines by the *Ministry of Education*. This will include any future updates to the requirements/guidelines issued by the *Ministry of Education*.