

Curriculum Requirements for Private Schools in Dubai

For the academic year 2018/2019

In accordance with Article (18) of the Executive Council Resolution (2) in 2017, concerning the regulation of the work of 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 for private schools operating in Dubai during the academic year 2018/2019.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Arab Muslim students (Those who are registered in the school/KHDA under an Arab passport and as Muslims)	3 lessons per week			2 Lessons per week								
Non-Arab Muslims (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 this phase of the school.**

Guidelines on Arabic subject:

ARABIC													
Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Arabic as a first language (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						
Arabic as an Additional Language (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 2017/2018 MoE framework for Arabic as an additional language.
- 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 in this phase of the school.

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	
For all students (Arabs and non-Arabs) Students in all private schools (other than those offering MoE curriculum)	1 lesson per week									Optional			

- For the UAE social studies, in the academic year of 2018/2019, languages other than Arabic may be used as a medium of instruction.
- The teaching of the subject may be integrated within other areas of learning in the school curriculum but schools are expected to use the MoE-approved textbooks as the main resource for provision.

General Guidelines:

- Lessons, for all subjects, are expected to be a minimum of 40 minutes each, all running within the school's timetable.
- The use of any additional/enrichment learning resources must follow the MoE Guidelines for Cultural Adaptation.

UAE Moral Education Implementation requirements:

- Teaching the UAE Moral Education is mandatory for grades 1-12 (years 2-13) as of next academic year 2018-2019.
- Moral education must be taught for at least 1 lesson per week (minimum of 40 minutes) either as standalone lesson or integrated.

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*.