

## Arabic

Our Arabic curriculum is based on the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Education Standards (MOE).

Our school offers Arabic lessons, Arabic Social Studies lessons, and Islamic Studies lessons for the students. These lessons follow the 21<sup>st</sup> Century approach that the school has adopted, and the lessons are student-centered where the students practice their reading, writing, and speaking skills through communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creative ideas.

Arabic as a Second Language Students (ASL): The school also offers Arabic lessons to students whose Arabic is a second language starting in grade 1 through grade 9. This is for students that do not carry a passport from an Arabic country (non-Arab). These lessons are mandatory as per the Ministry of Education. The lessons are taught in Arabic and for a small number of students as per the student's grade level and Arabic level. The lessons are taught by a specialized Arabic as a Second Language teacher in the ASL room. The ASL room is designed for ASL students. It is a text-rich bi-lingual room that has special resources to help the students learn a second language.

The school also teaches Arabic Social Studies for ASL students from grade 1 through grade 9. These lessons are also mandatory for ASL learners. The lessons are taught in English and the books are in English. The curriculum focuses on the United Arab Emirates culture, the Arabi world, and famous people and civilizations from around the world. These lessons are also taught in the ASL room and for small groups of students.

Islamic Studies for ASL students is also taught for ASL Muslim students. These lessons are mandatory as per the Ministry of Education. The lessons and books are in English and are taught in the ASL room. *Non-Muslim students* are offered a different curriculum during the ASL Islamic Studies lesson. These students will be part of the school "Hawiyati" My Identity program. The program helps build their leadership skills, speaking skills, and collaboration skills. It focuses on the importance of diversity and respecting other people and their cultures.