

SCHOOLS OF DOHA



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Overview

The 379th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron staff visited or researched the schools referenced in this guide in an effort to help the parents of school age children understand and assess the educational environment in Doha, Qatar. The comments contained herein are based on the staff's first-hand observations and do not imply official endorsement by the Air Force or Department of Defense of any specific school. Furthermore, this guide is not intended to be the sole authority on the education system in Qatar. Rather, it was written to provide a broad overview of primary and secondary educational opportunities available for military families.

The most important thing to note is that there is not a Department of Defense Dependent School (DoDDS) system in Qatar. Therefore, there is no guaranteed admission of military family members in any school. There are two options available for primary and secondary education in Doha--home school or private school, both of which are funded by the Department of Defense Educational Activity (DoDEA). There is also an emerging option for a virtual High School program through DoDEA, which is discussed in more detail on page 11.

With over 100 different schools in Doha, parents may find the school selection process intimidating. Based on our observations, we documented in this guide the fundamental information to assist parents in narrowing their school search. We also described the admission requirements for these schools and the process to request financial support for both private and home schooling.

We share your desire to find the best educational fit for you and your children, and believe this guide will help you make an informed decision. If you need additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Al Udeid Air Base Airman and Family Readiness Center at 379efss.afrc@auab.afcent.af.mil, or DSN 318-437-8001/7080.

QATAR'S EDUCATION SYSTEM

The State of Qatar places a high value on education and has enacted numerous reform efforts over the last 10 years to improve the quality of its education system. Qatar provides free education to Qatari citizens through its government-run schools, and the increasing number of expatriates during the last half century has led to the establishment of numerous schools for various Arab and non-Arab communities alike. You will find that many Qataris choose to enroll their children in private, international schools, which have a truly “international” student body.

Established in 2002, the Supreme Education Council (SEC) directs the state’s education policy and reform efforts and plays a large role in the operation of both government and private schools. Private schools have the freedom to employ their own staff and design their own curriculum, but the SEC requires all private schools to follow a recognized national or international curriculum before granting a license to operate. Furthermore, the SEC requires all schools, private or public, to teach the History of Qatar to both Qatari and non-Qatari students. Arabic and Islamic studies are also required at any private institution where Qataris are enrolled. Classroom instruction in American and British schools are provided in English. An exception is made for Arabic and Islamic history courses, which are taught in Arabic for Qatari students and English for everyone else. The SEC carefully monitors the performance of private schools for compliance with its education policy and conducts regular inspections.

Most private schools have lengthy waiting lists, and one of the biggest challenges that parents may face is securing admission to their school of choice. To re-emphasize an important point: There is no Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) in Qatar, therefore school admission is not guaranteed for any military dependent. To mitigate this fact, you should carefully research and target a school that interests you as soon as you learn you are moving to Qatar, and enroll in the Non-DoD Schools Program (NDSP) and then contact the school to apply for enrollment as soon as possible. Each school will have specific registration and administrative processes that must be completed prior to acceptance for enrollment, some of which you may be able to accomplish prior to arriving in Qatar.

If you would like to learn more about the many educational initiatives in Qatar, or about the SEC in general, please visit <http://www.sec.gov.qa/En/Pages/Home.aspx>.

ENROLLMENT - WHERE TO BEGIN

Eligibility:

Military service members serving on active duty and stationed in Qatar on PCS orders are eligible for NDSP support. Also eligible are DoD civilian employees who are assigned in Qatar, employed on a permanent full time basis, and either a citizen or a national of the United States.

First Steps for Parents/Sponsors:

1. Sponsor MUST obtain approval for tuition and other expenses from DoDEA HQ NDSP office prior to incurring any expense.

Enrollment:

1. Upon receipt of your PCS orders to Qatar, contact the NDSP Liaison in the Al Udeid AB Airman and Family Readiness Center at 379efss.afrc@auab.afcent.af.mil, or DSN 318-437-8001/7080. The NDSP Liaison will provide information on available schooling options and the authorized education allowance for the location.
2. Gather information about the educational options available and decide which option is best for your family members.
3. Enroll in NDSP by visiting <https://registration.dodea.edu/NDSP>. Parents electing to enroll their family members in a home study program should refer to the Home Based Education information on this website.
4. NDSP will process the enrollment and send an email notification to the NDSP Liaison and sponsor upon finalizing the enrollment.
5. Upon receipt of the email notification of approval from NDSP, the sponsor may proceed with completing the application to the school listed in the email.

PAYING FOR FAMILY MEMBER EDUCATION EXPENSES

The Non-DoD School Program (NDSP) provides support and funding for the education of authorized command-sponsored family members of military and Department of Defense civilian employees assigned to overseas areas where no Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) school is available within the commuting area.

An authorized command-sponsored dependent is defined as an individual who:

1. Is the child, stepchild, adopted child, or ward of a DoD sponsor, residing with the sponsor, and is eligible for other command sponsorship services, postal services privileges, and who meets the host nation age requirement for kindergarten, and
2. Has not completed secondary school and will not reach his or her 21st birthday by September 1st of the current school year.

There are no Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) in Qatar. Therefore, DoDEA supports the education of authorized family members through private school or home school. To receive funding support for private school enrollment, you must receive approval from the DoDEA NDSP office PRIOR to enrolling your child in the school of your choice. (Reference the section entitled *Home Schooling* for more information on that option.)

Children between 3 and 5 years of age with developmental delays and disabilities may be eligible for services if they meet DoDEA special education criteria. However, few schools in Qatar are equipped to accommodate children with learning disabilities. If this applies to your situation we recommend you consult with your home station EFMP program, gaining commander, or CSP Program manager before applying for command sponsorship.

EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCES

The Education Allowance, as established by Department of State Standardize Regulations (DSSR), helps defray the costs necessary to obtain educational services which are ordinarily provided without charge by the public schools in the United States. The following table shows the current DSSR Educational Allowance for NDSP-eligible active duty/civilian personnel assigned to Qatar.

Educational Allowances for Al Udeid AB & Camp As Sayliyah as of August 2014*

GRADE	US DOLLARS
K	\$ 20,750
1	\$ 20,750
2	\$ 20,750
3	\$ 20,750
4	\$ 20,750
5	\$ 20,750
6	\$ 25,250
7	\$ 25,250
8	\$ 25,250
9	\$ 25,250
10	\$ 25,250
11	\$ 25,250
12	\$ 25,250

*For current rate go to: http://aoprals.state.gov/Web920/location_action.asp?MenuHide=1&CountryCode=1168

REIMBURSABLE EDUCATION RELATED EXPENSES

The table below lists examples of allowable and non-allowable expenses.

Allowable Expenses	Non-Allowable Expenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Basic tuition for required courses ● Necessary elective courses offered by the school ● Required Fees such as laboratory, library, registration, matriculation, building/development, testing required by the local school, and required "donations" ● Books and classroom fees for materials furnished by the school which are consumed on the premises, e.g. Home Economics, Art, and Shop materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Textbooks for religious instruction ● Lost or damaged books ● School supplies such as paper, pencils, pens, calculators, laptops, dictionaries, thesauri, and items that have broader use than the course being studied ● Computers, keyboards, printers, televisions, scanners, etc. ● Lunches, uniforms (daily attire or physical education), elective courses for dancing, horseback riding, sports or other specialized instruction, laundry, locker/towel fees, admissions to school events, year-books, graduation expenses, personal expenses, and other items not ordinarily provided free of charge by U.S. public schools. ● Fees not authorized will not be included in the basic tuition fees. Special education services, tutoring, and supplemental courses must have PRIOR approval.

TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

If a private school in Qatar does not provide and invoice transportation costs, you may claim local transportation expenses separately. Only one round trip per day is allowed for reimbursement; that is, one trip from your residence to school and return. You must first submit an estimate of the transportation expenses that you will incur using a worksheet available from DoDEA. Request for reimbursement of actual transportation costs is made using the Standard Form 1164 for personal vehicle mileage reimbursement or by submitting a claim for reimbursement of educational allowances, along with receipts of other transportation services.

OTHER EXPENSES

The NDSP also pays one-time fees or special costs (such as admission and registration fees), if they are listed on the school's fee schedule and only once during a sponsor's tour of duty. Exceptions apply when:

1. The non-DoD school attended does not offer the next grade, e.g., elementary to middle or middle to high school, or the appropriate program;
2. The non-DoD school is not able to accommodate the needs of the child and recommends another school, or
3. The sponsor is transferred.

INVOICES AND REIMBURSEMENT

You must submit invoices for authorized expenses through one of the following methods:

Mail: Department of Defense Education Activity
4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 05F09-2
Alexandria, VA 22350-1400

Email: NDSP.Invoices.Europe@hq.dodea.edu

Fax: Commercial 571-372-1908

Allow 30-35 days for processing.

For more information on the payment or reimbursement of educational expenses, you can visit the following website:

www.dodea.edu/nonDoD/expenses.cfm

You can also contact the NDSP Administrative Office at DSN 312-372-0591 or commercial at 571-372-0591; or via email at NDSP.Admin.Europe@hq.dodea.edu.

Information about the NDSP as a whole can be found at www.dodea.edu/nonDoD/index.cfm.

HOME SCHOOLING

If you wish to receive educational funding and support from DoDEA for home school instruction, you must enroll in NDSP (see section entitled *Paying for Dependent Education Expenses*). You must also select or develop a home-based education program and complete the Home-Based Education Plan, which can be found at <http://dodea.edu/nonDoD/expenses.cfm>. The State of Qatar does not offer a home school program curriculum. Therefore, you must register as home schooled in the U.S. If you are not familiar with home school instruction, you can find plenty of information on how to get started and how to choose a curriculum by visiting several prominent home school organizations' websites. For example, the Home School Legal Defense Association maintains a list of national, state, and local home school organizations at the following website: www.hslda.org/orgs.

The home schooling community in Doha is well established and you may also find the Doha Home Educators organization especially helpful. This organization is comprised of expatriate families living in Qatar and its website has a wealth of information: www.dohahomeeducators.wordpress.com.

The maximum allowable school-year rate for home-based educational programming which includes homeschooling and Virtual Schools is \$10,600 for grades kindergarten through eight and \$18,200 for grades nine through twelve. If the local school/grade is adequate, according to the Department of State Standardized Regulations (DSSR), reimbursement is limited to the school at post rate if it is lower than the home based instruction rate.

Documentation for Reimbursement of Educational Allowances

Sponsors who elect to purchase educational curriculum materials for home-schooling purposes must submit the Home Based Education Reimbursement worksheet along with receipts to the NDSP. Review the NDSP Required Documents for Reimbursement for specific details on the reimbursement process. Sponsors are responsible for out of pocket expenses until the purchase is approved and reimbursement are processed.

Responsibility for documentation rests with the sponsor. Receipts must be legible. Itemized lists of educational texts or materials must clearly indicate relevance to curriculum areas.

A list of allowable and non-allowable educational programming expenses are on the following page.

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Allowable Expenses:

1. Traditional curriculum textbooks and other supplemental materials as may be appropriate for math, science, language arts, social studies, and other subjects on a grade/age appropriate basis.
 2. Instructional CDs/software, curriculum guides, and manipulative materials for math, etc.
 3. Fees charged for access to libraries and group participation in athletic, extracurricular, or music activities that are normally free of charge in U.S. public schools. Group participation is defined as a lesson or activity with enrollment open to the public, not a lesson provided exclusively for a family group (see Non-Allowable item h).
 4. Travel and transportation costs at post or away from post associated with these activities are not allowable.
 5. Fees for curriculum-related on-line Internet services such as study programs, library services, and distance.
 6. Required testing materials by either the formal home-study course or other authorized program.
 7. Advisory teaching service affiliated with the selected formally recognized home-study course.
 8. Tuition charges, shipping costs, lesson postage, on-line Internet and facsimile charges associated with formal recognized home-study course or other authorized program.
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Non-allowable expenses:

1. Equipment such as: computers, keyboards, printers, televisions, facsimile and scanning machines, and furniture.
2. Non-course specific CDs, videos, DVDs;
3. General reading materials, reference materials (dictionaries, encyclopedias, globes), etc.
4. Purchase or rental of items that have broader use than the course being studied (i.e. computers/laptops, computer hardware, calculators, band instruments except noted above).
5. Expendable supplies (paper, pencils, markers) that are normally purchased by parents in the U.S.
6. Parental training in home-study private instruction.
7. Any form of compensation to the parent such as childcare or supervisory costs.
8. Travel and transportation costs at post or away from post.
9. Personal telephone, Internet, satellite, cable or other available communication subscription fees.
10. Fees for museums, cultural events, or performances that would normally be paid by parents in the U.S.
11. Private lessons.
12. Membership in gymnasiums, cultural clubs, spas, and other private clubs.
13. Textbooks, Bibles, workbooks, daily devotionals, or any material primarily for religious instruction.
14. Insurance associated with shipping charges. (Do not elect the optional insurance.)
15. Fees to an independent agency for posting credits and issuing transcripts.

Virtual Learning

<http://www.dodea.edu/virtualhs/DV/HS/dvhs/>

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) recently opened a fully-accredited DoDEA Virtual High School (DVHS) using computer technology to expand access to education and provide curricular options similar to programs delivered within DoDEA schools.

Currently, this is only for students in grades 9 through 12.

With more than 44 courses available, and more to be added in the future, the online courses in DVHS have the same level of rigor and adhere to the same standards of the traditional DoDEA curriculum. DVHS courses are customized, standards-based courses specifically designed to meet DoDEA graduation requirements of 26 credits for a standard or Honors diploma.

Students who meet the eligibility for the Non-DoD Schools Program (NDSP) program are eligible to attend DVHS. While some learning can take place any time the student chooses (reading, research, etc.) some courses will require the student to participate in live, on-line discussions and video or audio chats.

Keep in mind that many states also offer the option of completing high school through an online learning experience. For military family members, DoDEA is able to enroll students in a supplemental or full-fledged, diploma-granting program.

For More Information:

Website: <http://virtual-hs.dodea.edu>
<http://www.dodea.edu/nonDoD/index.cfm>
<http://www.dodea.edu/Curriculum/virtualSchool/index.cfm>

Email: NDSP.Admin.Europe@hq.dodea.edu
principal.virtualschool@hq.dodea.edu

British Curriculum

Given the fact that there are more private schools in Doha that teach using a British curriculum rather than an American curriculum, it is important to understand the differences as you are researching school options for your family members.

The Education for the British Curriculum is divided into 4 stages of education; Nursery (ages 3-4), Primary Education (ages 4-11), Secondary Education (ages 11-18), and Tertiary Education (ages 18+). In these four stages, students progress from Nursery School to Year 13. Please see the table on the next page comparing the year groups of British and American Schools.

The British Schools curriculum is composed of 12 subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, Art & Design, Citizenship, Design & Technology, Geography, History, Information & Communications Technology, Modern Foreign Languages, Music, and PE

Below are several terms that you may be unfamiliar with when looking at the British Curriculum:

International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) is an internationally recognized qualification for student, typically from the ages of 14-16. The IGCSE is not a group award but is a qualification based on individual subjects of study, meaning one receives an “IGCSE” qualification for each subject the student takes. The IGCSE is also predominantly exam-based, which means that is not courses but exams testing knowledge in individual subjects.

A Level, General Certification of Education (GCE) Advanced Level, is studied over a 2 year period and is recognized as the standard for assessing the suitability of applicants for higher academic courses in English, Welsh, and Northern Irish universities.

AS Level, Advanced Subsidiary level, is the first part of the A level qualification.

International Baccalaureate (IB) is an educational program that British schools follow and by which many international schools, especially here in Doha, are working to become certified.

- IB programs are recognized around the world and ensure an increased adaptability and mobility for IB students.
- The curriculum and pedagogy of IB programs focus on international perspectives of learning and teaching, while insisting that students fully explore their home culture and language.
- IB World Schools must undergo an exhaustive authorization process in order to offer one or more of the programs, which includes a study of the school's resources and commitment to the IB mission and philosophy.
- IB teachers participate in a wide variety of professional development opportunities to constantly update their knowledge and share their expertise with colleagues around the world.
- Many students graduating from the Diploma Program find that it enhances their opportunities at tertiary institutions. The IB works closely with universities around the world to gain recognition for IB programs.
- The core components of IB programs encourage students to participate in creative and service-oriented activities, while at the same time emphasizing the importance of reflection on a personal and academic level.

British, American, Qatari School Years

British Schools		American Schools		Qatari Schools	
Age	Year	Age	Year	Age	Year
3	Nursery	N/A	N/A	3	KG1
4	Reception	4	Pre school	4	KG2
5	Year 1	5	Kindergarten	5	Year 1
6	Year 2	6	First Grade	6	Year 2
7	Year 3	7	Second Grade	7	Year 3
8	Year 4	8	Third Grade	8	Year 4
9	Year 5	9	Fourth Grade	9	Year 5
10	Year 6	10	Fifth Grade	10	Year 6
11	Year 7	11	Sixth Grade	11	Year 7
12	Year 8	12	Seventh Grade	12	Year 8
13	Year 9	13	Eighth Grade	13	Year 9
14	Year 10	14	Ninth Grade	14	Year 10
15	Year 11	15	Tenth Grade	15	Year 11
16	Year 12	16	Eleventh Grade	16	Year 12
17	Year 13	17	Twelfth Grade	17	Year 13

American School of Doha (ASD)

Contact Information:

Website: <http://www.asd.edu.qa>

Email: info@asd.edu.qa

Phone: 974-4459-1500

Accreditation:

New England Association of Schools and Colleges

Check school website for current:

- Tuition Fees
- Application Fee
- Registration Fee
- Capital Fee
- Transportation Fees

Transportation: Available through independent contractor (Tri Logistics).

Uniforms: There are no uniforms required except for PE.

Extracurricular Activities: Activities include C.A.R.E. club animals, C.A.R.E. club recycling, paper mache masks, journal writing, line dancing, oriental dance, French club, Spanish club, Arabic club, robots, environmental club, board games, mural painting, chess, author study, and rockets.

School Clinic: There are two nursing offices staffed by registered nurses during school hours.

PTA: Available for all parents/teachers at ASD

Security: ASD has implemented mandatory wearing of ID cards to serve as a primary form of identification for all individuals entering the campus. With the exception of students, all persons must show their ID card to the security guard at the school gate, and wear it throughout their time on campus.

Admissions: Applications are accepted on a “rolling admissions” basis. Admission is based upon previous school records, student’s application, ASD’s current school recommendations, work habits, and aptitude testing. New or wait list students will be admitted according to Board policy:

1. Siblings of current ASD students
2. Family members of corporate sponsor employees
3. Others based on date of application

American School of Doha (ASD) cont'

The first step towards being enrollment at ASD is filling out the online inquiry form or contacting our Office of Admission at admissions@asd.edu.qa or +974-4459-1511.

After completing the online inquiry form, the following application requirements must be completed and submitted within the online application form:

- Admission Application
- Command Sponsorship Verification Memorandum (See CSP AF Portal link)
- Health Questionnaire
- Application Fee (non-refundable)
- Health Questionnaire
- Health/Physical Examination Form
- School Records
- Immunization Record (English translation required)
- School Fees/Policies (signature required)
- Copy of Passport or Birth Certificate
- Recent Passport Size Photo
- ASD Grade Levels
- MS/HS Counselor Recommendation Form (6-12)
- MS/HS Math Recommendation Form (6-12)
- MS/HS English Recommendation Form (6-12)
- Upper Elementary Recommendation Form (3-5)
- Lower Elementary Recommendation Form (PK-2)

No admission decision can be made prior to the completion of the application process.

Curriculum:

The American School of Doha uses the AERO (American Education Reaches Out) standards as the basis for curriculum design and also utilizes the work of national and international benchmarking organizations. The ASD curriculum is closely aligned to current best practices in the United States. Units of study are developed around the principles of Understanding by Design (Wiggins and McTighe) and include enduring understandings, essential questions and assessments that are aligned to the ASD standards and benchmarks.

American Community School

Contact Information:

Website: <http://www.acs-schools.com>
Email: doha-admissions@acs-schools.com
Phone: 974-4000-9797

Accreditation: Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and International Baccalaureate Program.

Check school website for current:

- Tuition Fees
- Application Fee
- Registration Fee
- Capital Fee

Transportation: There is no transportation provided to and from school.

Uniforms: There are no uniforms required except for PE.

School Clinic: There is a school nurse available during school hours.

Security: All visitors are required to check in at the security gate and receive a badge before entering the school premises.

Admissions: Applications will be evaluated and decisions regarding acceptance will only be taken when documents listed below have been received.

- A completed signed application with a photograph of the student and the application fee.
- For non-Qatari nationals, a copy of the student's passport and family visa is required.
- A complete official transcript of the student's school record including the results of any standardized testing or other assessments. Parents should request an official transcript to be sent air mail, directly to ACS Doha International School from each school attended in the last 3 years.
- Students in grades K-8 must provide 2 student reference forms from the school they currently attend.
- Students in grades 6-8 must submit a completed early childhood questionnaire.
- Parents of children entering our early childhood program will be required to submit a completed early childhood questionnaire.
- A personal interview and/or additional diagnostic testing may be requested. Additionally, further information may be requested from teachers, administrators, counselors, and/or other specialists.

American Community School

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Curriculum: ACS offers a rigorous academic curriculum of English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, World Languages, Physical Education and Fine Arts. The overall curriculum and instruction are based upon respect for unique learning styles and understanding of its international student population.

ACS promotes high standards of scholarship, responsibility and citizenship in a supportive learning community. It implements a developmental, student-centered approach to instruction, following an inquiry-based, interdisciplinary curriculum. The success of the school relies on the partnership between students, parents, and staff in providing a positive and enjoyable educational experience.

Middle East International School

Contact Information:

Website: <http://misqatar.com>

Email: misinfo@misqatar.com

Phone: 974-4444-9892

Check school website for current:

- Tuition fees
- Application fee
- Registration fee

Transportation: A bus is available within the city limits.

Uniforms: Required - please contact the school for additional information.

Security: It is required that you check in at the front desk upon arrival to the school.

PTA: Available for all parents and teachers of Middle East International School.

Admissions: Students may enroll before or at the start of the 1st or 2nd semester of a school year, depending upon seat availability.

Upon submission of the Enrollment Application Form and all requisite documents, the student will take a Placement Test. Kindergarten students will be assessed by the Coordinator.

The student's previous academic records and placement test/assessment will be reviewed before they are accepted. The final consideration for admission is the student's behavior report from their previous school. An interview with the student and/or meeting with the parents, with the Principal, is arranged according to necessity. In some cases, the school may put a student on probation/give admissions to a student with certain conditions, specific to the academic/behavior concerns.

MIS reserves the right to determine the most appropriate grade level a student should be admitted to, in light of all the documentation and previous school history of the student.

Any new student may register, by means of accomplishing the Admission formalities. No student will be allowed to formally join the class until the entire registration process is completed successfully.

The "Undertaking to Uphold the Rules and Regulations of MIS" document must also be signed by the parent and student, once their admissions into MIS have been confirmed but prior to their official Registration.

Middle East International School cont'

Curriculum: MIS offers a K-12 education program, following the U.S. California standards-based curriculum, under the supervision of the Supreme Education Council.

At MIS you will find an American Curriculum focusing on social/emotional, language, cognitive, and physical development in the early years. As your child continues with schooling at MIS they will be immersed will studies in Math, Science, Social Studies, History, World Language, and Language Arts.

Qatar Academy

Contact Information:

Website: www.qa.edu.qa

Email: gataracademy@qf.org.qa

Phone: 974-4482-6666

Accreditation: International Baccalaureate Organization, Council of International Schools, and New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Tuition Fees: Please contact the school for information on tuition fees

Transportation: There is no transportation provided to and from school.

Uniforms: Required - contact the school for more information on purchasing.

Extracurricular Activities: Soccer, basketball, netball, cross country, rugby, swimming, tennis, badminton, water polo, track and field, and much more.

School Clinic: A fully trained school nurse is available during school hours.

Security: All visitors are required to check in at the security gate and receive a badge before entering the school premises.

PTA: Available for all parents and teachers of Qatar Academy.

Admissions: Qatar Academy will consider any student who is at least three years old and not older than 17 on 1 September of any academic year. No student will be denied entry on grounds of race, color, religion, or ethnic background.

Entry to all age groups at Qatar Academy is by selection. The Admissions Committee uses screening tools at different grade levels to suit student developmental levels. This procedure is designed to assess the suitability of the applicant both academically and socially.

Qatar Academy has a reputation for high academic standards; the entrance test is designed to select students of above average ability. All students must meet entry requirements for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

All students must be registered by the Admissions Officer. Registration is not complete until the required forms have been completed and returned to school, and the appropriate fees have been paid. Prospective parents are always welcome to visit Qatar Academy by appointment through the Admissions Office.

Qatar Academy

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Curriculum: The Early Education Center follows the Creative Curriculum which is a balanced curriculum designed to enable children to grow in physical, social-emotional, cognitive, and language development. There are five central components that make up the framework from which teachers will be working: partnering with families, knowledge of the development of infants, toddlers, and two/three year olds, creating a responsive environment, learning needs of children, and caring and teaching.

The Primary Years Program follows the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program. Through this they aim to foster a culture of life-long learners and critical thinkers.

The Middle Years Program follows the International Baccalaureate Middle years Program which has been carefully planned to ensure that the students become caring, knowledgeable, open-minded, balanced, principled, and reflective young adults.

The content of the International Baccalaureate Program uses a curriculum which was specifically developed to meet international standards and needs of the students. The content of this curriculum is taught and assessed using pedagogies supported by the International Baccalaureate program: Arabic, Arts, English, Islamic Studies, Mathematics, Physical Education, Sciences, Technology, and Humanities/Social Studies.

Al Maha Academy for Boys and Girls

Contact Information:

Website: <http://almahaacademy.com.qa>

Email: infoboys@almahaacademy.com.qa

Phone: 977-4444-0122/4428-0777

Accreditation:

Accredited through Cambridge Examinations and applying through Qatar National School Accreditation.

Check school website for current:

- Tuition fees
- Application fee
- Registration fee
- Reservation fee

Transportation: Transportation is not provided by the school.

Uniforms: Required - please contact the school for additional information.

School Clinic: There are 2 school nurse available during school hours.

PTA: There is a Parents Community Committee composed of teachers and parents to discuss issues that may be going on in the school. There is also a Parents Club that allows parents to volunteer and get involved at the school.

Security: There are 3 gates on each campus and 2 of them are locked down with Security Guards at them throughout the whole day. The main gate is left unlocked with a Security Guard, whom you must check in with before entering the school premises.

Admissions: When applying to Al Maha Academy each new student will be required to fill out the registration Application and turn it in along with required the documents:

- A copy of the student's passport
- A copy of the student's Qatari ID
- A copy of the student's Birth Certificate
- The student's last report card and official school transcript
- A copy of the student's Immunization records

Upon turning in this information, the student will be invited to come in for an interview or examination depending on which year group they will be going into. After the examination or interview has been reviewed, the student will be notified within three days if they have received a place in the school or will be put on the waiting list.

Al Maha Academy for Boys and Girls cont'

Curriculum: Al Maha Academy is a dual curriculum school based on the National Curriculum for England (which is divided into different Key Stages) and the Qatar national curriculum standards for Arabic language, Islamic studies, and Social Studies.

The Foundation Stage (KG1 and KG2) is based on “Learning Through Play” and the planning for this takes into account the UK Foundation (EFY) Stage, the Early Learning Goals, and the children’s own stages of development. The Foundation Stage has 6 areas of learning:

- Personal, social, and emotional development
- Communication, language, and literacy
- Mathematical development
- Knowledge and understanding the world
- Physical Development
- Creative Development

The Primary Curriculum: Key Stage 1 (Grade 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 (Grade 3 - 6) follows the Cambridge International Primary Program which is in line with the UK national curriculum.

The Secondary Curriculum: Key Stage 3 (Grade 7 - 9), Key Stage 4 (Grade 10 and 11), and 6th Form (Grade 12 and 13). In Key Stage 3 students continue to deepen their knowledge and skills in the subjects studied at Key Stage 2. At the end of Year 9, students will take the Cambridge Checkpoint in English and in Year 10 students will study the International General Certificate of Secondary education (IGCSE) courses based on the Edexcel/Cambridge IGCSE Subject Specifications.

Under the Qatar National standard the students are required to study Arabic, Social Studies, and Islamic studies. For Arabic subjects, the student follow an intensive Arabic program of study set by the Supreme Education Council (SEC), and in some cases take external exams for these subjects from the UK Edexcel Exam Board. For Arabic language, it is the aim of Al Maha Academy that every student be able to read, write, and communicate in this language. From grade 4 and above there are separate classes for native speakers of Arabic and for students who study Arabic as an additional language. For Islamic Studies and Social Studies the school follows an enriched curriculum set by the Qatar Supreme Education Council, and students are given a good understanding of social studies, Islamic history, and geography. At Al Maha Academy they also teach the Qur’an and it is core to the school. The goal of the school is to help children memorize the entire Qur’an.

Awfaz Global School

Contact Information:

Website: <http://awfazglobalschool.net>

Phone: 4498-0124

Email: Via Email

Check school website for current:

- Tuition fees
- Application fees
- Registration fees

Transportation: Transportation is provided within a limited radius from the school.

Uniforms: Uniforms are required.

Extracurricular Activities: The school provides a range of after schools clubs including soccer, film editing, learning support, and Arabic and Quran recital.

School Clinic: There is a school nurse available on each campus during school hours.

Security: There are 3 gates that are open for pick up and drop off. During school hours only one gate remains open, however there is no security guard on duty to check IDs.

Application Process:

Step 1: Visit by Parents/Guardians

Parents begin the admissions process by contacting the school secretary at 4498-0124 for a tour of the school. This first visit is required as Awfaz Global School wants the parents to have a good idea of the school, meet the staff and see other children and their workbooks.

Step 2: Application

The following information will need to be turned in with the application:

- One photograph of the applicant
- QR 1,000 non-refundable registration fee
- Term fees QR 6,000
- Current and previous year's transcripts, school records from current school, sent directly from the child's current school

Step 3: Assessment Visit by Applicant

After the application form and fee have been received, each prospective student will be invited to meet with a member of the school team for an assessment visit. Depending on the entry grade, this visit may be in a group or scheduled individually.

Awfaz Global School cont'

Application Process continued:

Awfaz Global School understands that it may not be possible for a child relocating from outside Doha to visit the school for an assessment. In these circumstances, either a conversation by phone or via video conference is possible, or the child may be offered a place on the basis of the application in conjunction with teacher evaluations, records, and conversations with the current school. As with all final admissions decisions, this is entirely at the discretion of the Principal.

Curriculum:

Awfaz Global School provides children with a planned, co-coordinated program based on the English Early Years and Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. The early Years and Foundation Stage is a program designed to develop key learning skills and to allow children to learn to work together with other children. This is achieved by planning activities which enable each child to reach Early Learning Goals at the end of the Foundation Stage.

One of the most important aims of the Foundation Stage is to prepare the child for Key Stage One. The Foundation Stage encourages students to reach their full potential as well as giving them the intellectual, physical, social and emotional skills needed at Key Stage One.

In the first year of the Foundation Stage, the program focuses on each child's intellectual and social skills. Encouragement is given to the child to develop at their own pace, and the focus is on the individual needs and interests of the child.

In the second year of the Foundation Stage, the program becomes more structured. Greater emphasis is placed on language and number work as well as Arabic and French. Children are introduced to formal Literacy and Numeracy sessions. Independence is encouraged by giving the children time to do things for themselves, while also making them aware of the needs of others.

The Key Stage One Curriculum encourages and stimulates the best possible progress and highest attainment for all children. The daily routine consists of subject-orientated work, with strong focus on the core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science. Children also study Literacy, Numeracy, History, Geography, Physical Education, Art and Design, Information Technology, Music, Drama, PSHE, Citizenship and Religious Education. Arabic, French, and Islamic Studies are studied and in line with SEC guidelines. They are a carefully planned and important addition to the core curriculum.

The Cambridge School

Contact Information:

Website: <http://www.tcsqatar.com>

Email: registrar@tcsqatar.com

Phone: 974-4469-6590

Check school website for current:

- Tuition fees
- Assessment fee
- Registration fee

Transportation: Transportation is available for QR 3,932 per year.

Uniforms: Required - please contact the school for additional information.

Security: There is a security building that all visitors must go through to receive a badge before entering the school. Please note that the security area is very crowded and not well controlled.

Application: Collect/complete a pre-registration form from school and turn it into the Registration Office along with the below documents:

- Four recent passport size photographs of the student.
- 1 copy of child's passport with valid residence permit (This is a mandatory requirement from the State of Qatar Law. In the case of visa process, please forward copy of parent's Qatar Residence Permit together with child's temporary visa).
- 1 copy of both parents passports, residence permits and Qatar Identity Cards (Submit copy of both front and back of the ID).
- A copy of Birth Certificate.
- A copy of Immunization Record (Entry for KG up to Year 6 only).
- A copy of the child's health card
- A copy of the last academic report.
- A copy of the Transfer Certificate and School Recommendation Letter (Entry for Year 7 up to Year 13 only).
- A copy of the IGCSE/AS/A Levels subject choices (for Y11 onwards).
- Blood Group Certificate.

The Registrar will check the application form and the availability of a place according to your child's age. Upon payment of non-refundable assessment fee, an assessment will be arranged. This will include a meeting with the Principal or Head of Section and an entrance test for children in Grades 1 to 10. Results of interviews/examinations will be given immediately/within a few days and if the child reaches the required standard they can be invited to join the school. If the place is accepted, you will be required to sign the declaration form and pay the non-refundable registration fee, first term tuition fee, postdated checks for term 2 and 3, textbook and uniform costs (and transport fee if applicable), together with a refundable cautionary deposit. A spot in the school is not automatically approved should the School feel that it is unable to fully meet a child's educational and social needs or a student cannot fit into the ethos of the school.

The Cambridge School

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Should parents decide to withdraw the child from school because the parents are leaving Qatar and not intending to return, the term's fees will be forfeited, irrespective of the number of days your child has attended during the term.

Curriculum: The Cambridge School of Doha follows the National Curriculum for England (Grade 1-9). The main subjects areas are core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and Information and Communication Technology; foundation subjects of History, Geography, Art, Music, Physical Education, French and additional subjects of Arabic, Islamic Studies, and Qatar History.

Cambridge International School for Girls

Contact Information:

Website: <http://www.cisgqatar.com>

Email: cisg@qatar.net.qa

Phone: 974-5552-8679

Accreditation: Qatar National School Accreditation (QNSA)

Check school website for current:

- Tuition fees
- Assessment fee
- Registration fee

Transportation: Transportation is available, QR 3,859 per year.

Uniforms: Required - please contact the school for additional information.

Extracurricular Activities: Extra support classes in a range of academic areas, house-based academic quiz games, non-competitive sports activities, interest-based clubs such as cooking, drama, arts and crafts, computers, debate, effective communication, and much more.

Security: There is a security building that all visitors must go through to receive a badge before entering the school. Please note that the security area is very crowded and not well controlled.

Admissions: Collect/complete a pre-registration form and turn it in to the Registration Office along with the below documents:

- Five recent passport size photographs of the student
- 1 copy of child's passport with valid residence permit
- 1 copy of both parents' passports, residence permits and Qatar Identity Cards
- A copy of Birth Certificate
- A copy of Immunization Record (Entry for KG up to Grade 6 only)
- A copy of the child's health card e.g. Hamad Hospital
- Blood Group
- A copy of the last academic report
- A copy of the Transfer Certificate and School Recommendation Letter for Grade 7 - 11
- A copy of the IGCSE/AS/A Levels subject choices (for G10 onwards)

Cambridge International School for Girls (CISG) cont'

The Registrar will check the application form and the availability of a place according to your child's age. With the payment of the non-refundable assessment fee, an assessment visit will be arranged. This will include an entrance test for children in Grades 1 to 12 and a possible interview. Results of interviews/examinations will be given to you within a few days and if your child reaches the required standard they can be invited to join the school. If the place is accepted, you will be required to sign the declaration form and pay the non-refundable registration fee, first term tuition fee, textbook and uniform costs (and transport fee if applicable), together with a refundable interest free cautionary deposit. Where the classes are full you can submit an application to go on to the waiting list. Parents need to pay the tuition and transport fees from 15 days before the start of each term.

Curriculum: CISG follows the National Curriculum for England. In addition to the subjects that are included in the teaching of the National Curriculum for England, the CISG places significant emphasis on preparing students for leadership and world citizenship. The inclusion of Arabic (MFL), Islamic studies and Qatar History is an integral aspect of the unique difference that the education at CISG provides for pupils.

The school's programs provide numerous opportunities for students to develop their leadership and world citizenship skills across a range of subjects. Students are encouraged to develop skills of independence, organization and leadership; to become creative, sensitive thinkers; and to develop communication and decision making skills. They learn about the world and people around them through the introduction of current issues into the curriculum, in addition to developing an awareness about different countries and cultures. These two aspects of the curriculum are aimed at helping students develop into tolerant and mature individuals who are confident, responsible, and flexible individuals ready to meet the challenges of the world.

Compass International School of Doha

Contact Information:

Website: <http://www.cisdoha.com>

Email: admissions@wcischools.org

Phone: Gharaffa: 974-4487-7445 Madinat: 4493-2036 Rayyan: 4411-4288

Locations:

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| • Gharaffa Campus | Early Years & Primary School | (ages 3-11) |
| • Madinat Khalifa Campus | Primary and Secondary School | (ages 5-15) |
| • Rayyan Campus | Early Years | (ages 3-11) |

Accreditation: Cambridge International Centre

Check school website for current:

- Tuition fees
- Application fee
- Development Levy fee
- Transportation fees

Transportation: Bus service is available through Tri-Logistics.

Uniforms: Required - they can be purchased online via the school website.

Security: All visitors must check in at security and receive a badge before entering the school premises.

Admissions:

The application will be processed when the admissions office receives the completed application form and accompanying paperwork.

- Completed application for admission
- Copy of sponsor's passport and Qatar ID
- Copy of child's passport and Qatar ID
- Birth certificate
- Personal number issued by Ministry of the Interior
- Valid Residence Permit (for non-Qatari students)
- 2 photos
- Vaccination card
- Application fee of QR 567
- A non-refundable Development Levy of QR 7,581

Compass International School of Doha

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Curriculum: Compass International School offers a unique combination of the International Primary Curriculum and the National Curriculum for England that provides an innovative framework for learning and social development. Children will study languages and participate in music and physical education activities.

The International Primary Curriculum (IPC) is a highly-respected, internationally-recognized curriculum used in over 800 schools in 58 countries. Children in IPC schools will understand and appreciate other cultures, be encouraged to question/discover, and develop personal skills (adaptability, thoughtfulness, and respect).

The International Middle Years Curriculum is a new curriculum for 11-14 year-olds that responds to three key challenges:

- To provide a way for students to experience some of the learning benefits primary children are getting from the International Primary Curriculum.
- To help teachers help 11-14 year-old students learn in ways that retain their engagement and interest and respond to the particular needs of their developing brains.
- To meet both of the above challenges without asking schools to completely change their systems and structures.

Cambridge IGCSE is the world's most popular international curriculum for 14-16 year olds, leading to globally recognized and valued IGCSE qualifications. It is part of the Cambridge Secondary 2 stage.

Schools worldwide have helped develop Cambridge IGCSE, which provides excellent preparation for the Cambridge Advanced stage including Cambridge International AS and A Levels and Cambridge Pre-U, as well as other progression routes. It incorporates the best in international education for learners at this level. It develops in line with changing needs, and is regularly updated and extended. Cambridge IGCSE teachers can draw on excellent resources, training and advice from subject experts.

Doha Academy

Contact Information:

Website: <http://www.dohaacademy.net>

Email: doahaacademy@qatar.net.qa

Phone: 974-4458-1915

Check school website for current:

- Tuition fees
- Entrance test fee
- Registration fee
- Transportation fee

Uniforms: Required - uniforms are supplied through Lord Fashions, 4462-8902.

Extracurricular Activities: Debate, mathematics club, career club, Model United Nations, book club, sport club and chess, French club, nasheed club, Islamic club, badminton, football, basketball, chess, cooking club, arts and crafts, and much more.

School Clinic: There is a nurse available during school hours.

Security: There are no security guards at this school, however visitors are required to check in with the front desk upon arrival.

Admissions: Students seeking admission into Kindergarten and Reception are not required to take an entrance exam. However, students seeking admission into Years 1-12 must successfully complete the appropriate school entrance examination, which tests their level in both English and Mathematics. Upon being offered a place, a complete application form along with the below documents and a non-refundable fee must be paid in order to secure the place.

Documents required:

- 2 passport sized photographs of the student
- A copy of passport
- A copy of residence permit
- A copy of birth certificate
- A copy of vaccination certificate

Curriculum: At the Kindergarten stage the early years foundation stage curriculum is used as guidance and framework to design the curriculum to cater for the needs of learners in line with the school's vision and philosophy.

At Doha Academy Primary, they follow the National Curriculum for England. They take an active approach to learning; children are fully engaged in hands-on activities, groups, and project work. Creativity and Thinking Skills are embedded in the curriculum.

Doha Academy Girls Secondary School follows a British national curriculum for all classes.

Doha British School

Contact Information:

Website: www.dohabritishschool.com
Email: admissions@dohabritishschool.com
Phone: 974-4450-2257/2259

Accreditation: The Primary School is accredited through the Council of International Schools, British Schools in the Middle East, and British School Overseas. The Secondary School is accredited by the International Baccalaureate.

Check school website for current:

- Tuition fees
- Application fee
- Registration fee
- Resource levy fee

Transportation: Transportation is not provided by the school.

Uniforms: Required - they can be purchased through Zak's.

Extracurricular Activities: Book club, ball club, Green Awareness, French, Lego, chess, Quran, art, frame, football, netball, swim, table tennis, soccer, karate, drum, cross stitch, paint by numbers, board games, Arabic, Information and Communications Technology (ICT), badminton, basketball, Science, and much more.

School Clinic: There are 2 school nurses available during school hours.

PTA: Doha British School Friends allows for parent involvement in the school.

Security: All visitors must check in at security and receive a badge before entering the school.

Admissions: Doha British School operates on an open access policy, children of all nationalities are welcome to apply for places. The priority for acceptance are:

- 1) The child must be competent but preferably fluent in the English language,
- 2) The child must be able to access the curriculum (this is established by an entrance test)
- 3) Priority will be given to applicants who already have siblings in the school

Each application should be submitted with the following information:

- One passport photograph
- A copy of the child's latest school report
- A copy of the child's passport, resident permit, birth certificate, and immunization certificates
- A copy of the parent's passports and resident permits
- A copy of any assessments relating to Special Educational needs

Doha British School

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When a seat becomes available, the applicant will be invited to take an assessment at a cost of QR 300. After the assessment the parents will be advised of the result and whether or not the child has met the schools standard. When a place is offered, a letter will be sent and an invoice will be raised. The parent has 14 days to settle the payment or the place will no longer be held for the child.

Curriculum:

Early Years: The children are observed as they act and interact in their play, everyday activities, and planned activities; this allows the teachers to identify the “next steps” which can be planned for implementation. To promote engagement, children are encouraged to find out and explore. Motivation and active learning is seen in the children’s involvement and concentration during activities, and their enjoyment in achieving what they set out to do. By enabling them to make links, have their own ideas, and choose ways to do things, the staff support the children to become creative and critical thinkers.

Key Stage 1: This stage covers Year 1 and 2. The core subjects are English, Mathematics, and Science. Other subjects include Art, Design Technology, Social Studies, and Physical Education.

Key Stage 2: This stage covers children who are age 7 to 11. This is the longest of all stages and encourages significant academic and social development. During this stage each child develops greater independence and self-confidence. The broad and balanced curriculum aims to build on and enhance the students wide variety of knowledge, skills, and experiences.

Key Stage 3: This stage covers children who are age 12 to 14. During this stage students follow the National Curriculum for England studying English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, History, Art, Music, Design Technology, Information and Communication Technology, and Physical Education. Also, two languages are offered, French as a second language and Arabic.

Key Stage 4: This stage is open to children 15 years and older. During this stage students study Mathematics, English, and Science. Optional subjects include Modern Language, Drama, Art, Business Studies, Information and Communication Technology, Physical Education, Geography, and History. These courses provide a method of assessment appropriate for a wide ability range that will prepare the student for the International General Certificate of Education.

Doha Primary/Secondary School (Doha College)

Contact Information:

Website: <http://dohacollege.com>

Email: enquiries@dohacollege.com

Phone: 974-4407-6777

Locations:

Al Waab Campus

Al Bustan St (near Salwa Rd)

Doha

West Bay Campus

Al Farouq Street

Doha

Accreditation: Council of International Schools

Check school website for current:

- Tuition fees
- Application fee
- Registration fee
- Capital Charge fee

Uniforms: Required - contact the school for more information on purchasing.

School Clinic: A fully trained school nurse is available during school hours.

Security: All visitors must check in at security and receive a badge before entering the school premises.

Doha College is one of the oldest British curriculum schools in Qatar providing a world class education for 1800 students, between the ages of 3 and 18, who represent over 50 nationalities.

Admissions: Doha College application forms are available from either the Doha College website or from the Admissions Office at the College. This form must be completed with the Parental Undertaking and Fee Regulations sections signed. All relevant information must be submitted including details of any disciplinary, social, physical, medical or psychological problems. Relevant medical and educational psychologist's reports should be copied to the school, if appropriate. Applications submitted without school reports will not be considered. Applications will not be processed until all information, any additional costs, reports, etc., have been received.

Doha Primary/Secondary School (Doha College) cont'

Documents Required:

- Latest school report (For Year 1 to Year 13)
- Copy of a nursery report (for Pre School & Reception)
- Copy of the applicant's passport
- Copy of the Qatar Residence Permit. If this is not available at the time of application, please complete the form to state 'In Process'
- Two passport size photographs
- For applicants from Year 5 to Year 13: If the applicant has previously undertaken a Cognitive Ability Test (CAT) please supply a copy of the results or contact details of the school holding such results

Curriculum: Pupils are taught the core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science through a variety of teaching styles which foster creativity and personalized learning. Pupils also study the following subjects: History, Geography, Art, Music, PE, Arabic, French and Physical Education. Pupils are immersed in challenging learning experiences through a wide range of opportunities that offer fun and enjoyment. An extensive after school program is offered to all pupils in Key Stages 1 and 2 and provides opportunities to develop a diverse range of skills and interests. A number of formal and informal assessment procedures are carried out during the school year.

English Modern School

Contact Information:

Website: <http://emsdoha.net/>
Email: office@emsdoha.net
Phone: 974-4488-3806/3807

Check school website for current:

- Tuition fees
- Application fees
- Registration fees
- Transportation fees

Uniforms: Required - Approved uniform items can be purchased from Edumax.

School Clinic: There is a doctor on campus and a nurse in each building.

Security: All visitors are required to check in at the security gate and receive a badge before entering the school premises.

Admissions:

Applicants need to complete the application form and submit it to the school's Admission Office with the required documents below :

- Copy of Student's Passport
- Copy of Residency and ID (for non-Qatari students)
- 4 photos passport size
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Copy of Health Record
- Copy of father/guardian Passport and RP
- Original academic and behavioral reports from the previous two years (official English translation required if not in English)
- Reference letter from previous school/nursery (ECC) - (official English translation required if not in English).

Procedures:

1. Application and admission assessments will take place at the school. The assessment will include English and Math components
2. The Principal may involve professional staff in reviewing data
3. When there is any concern about the suitability of an applicant, the potential of the applicant shall be determined by the academic/behavioral reports for the previous 2 years, continuity of previous education, scope of educational experience, evidence of emotional stability/maturity, results from previous tests/EMS placement assessments, former teacher or administrator comments, and references

English Modern School

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Curriculum: The school secondary curriculum at EMS is based on the Cambridge Curriculum. Islamic Studies and Arabic Language are adhered to the standards as outlined by the Supreme Education Council of Qatar.

EMS curriculum is designed to meet the unique needs and abilities of the individual child to prepare him/her for IGCSE and AS Level Examinations administered by the University of Cambridge. The school relates much of its course content to the local environment and the rich cultural, political, historical and religious heritage enjoyed in Qatar. Instruction and communication is in English with the exception of Arabic and Islamic Studies where Arabic is the language of instruction.

The Primary School follows the Cambridge International Primary Program (CIPP) Curriculum from Year 1 to Year 6. They also offer Arabic Language and Islamic Studies classes which are sanctioned and approved by The Supreme Education Council.

The CIPP develops English, Mathematics and Science skills. In addition to these core subjects, the school provides a curriculum in Social Studies, PE, Art (Years 3-6), and ICT (Years 4-6). These subjects are taught in English. CIPP secures for all students the skills and attitudes necessary for their self-fulfillment and development as active and responsible citizens. For more information on CIPP, go to <http://www.britishcouncil.org/pakistan-exams-cip-programme.htm>.

International School of London - Qatar

Contact Information:

Website: <http://www.islschools.org/qatar>

Email: mail@islqatar.com

Phone: 974-4433-8600

Accreditation: International Baccalaureate World School

Check school website for current:

- Tuition fees
- Application fees
- Registration fees
- Transportation fees

Transportation: Provided through Al Mana Leasing.

Uniforms: Required - please contact the school for additional information.

Extracurricular Activities: Drama, music, football, tennis, choir, arts & crafts, gymnastics, fencing, volleyball, squash, photography, dance, and much more

School Clinic: A school nurse is available during school hours.

PTA: Available for all parents and teachers of the International School of London

Security: All visitors are required to check in at the security gate and receive a badge before entering the school premises.

Admissions:

- A completed Application Form A with the QAR 500 Application Fee.
- One passport - sized photograph.
- Copies of School Reports for the previous two years.
- A Letter of Recommendation from the Principal or Head of School/Division Head
 - For primary applicants, this should address the student's overall academic ability, behavior and attitude towards learning.
 - For primary applicants, this should address the above plus specific information about the student's levels and abilities in English and mathematics.
- A copy of the applicant's passport or ID card for the student and the parents/guardians.
- A copy of the applicant's vaccination card.

International School of London - Qatar

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All applicants who are admitted to ISL Qatar are expected to function within the academically rigorous International Baccalaureate Program. The Admissions Office may send a confidential Student Evaluation form requesting additional information to the student's current or previous school. Before submitting an application to ISL Qatar, parents are advised to read the Admissions Booklet as it contains all the necessary practical information as well as the terms and conditions of admissions.

Curriculum: ISL Qatar is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. The school has candidate status to implement the IB Primary Years Program (PYP) and Middle Years Program (MYP) and is authorized to offer the Diploma Program (IBD). These programs are designed to fulfill the school's vision of combining intellectual rigor and high academic standards with a strong emphasis on the ideals of international understanding and responsible citizenship.

The Primary Years Program is a curriculum framework for children in Early Childhood through grade 5. It is trans-disciplinary, where concepts are explored to support and structure children's inquiries and where 'big ideas' with global significance can be uncovered. Students are provided with learning experiences that are engaging, relevant, challenging and significant. They are given opportunities to ask questions, explore and interact with the environment and make sense of the world around them. Learning experiences are differentiated to meet the needs of a range of abilities and learning styles. Students are empowered to value and take responsibility for their learning. ISL Qatar promotes international mindedness across the whole school community and strives to develop students who are active inquirers and life long learners.

The IB Middle Years Program (IB MYP) offers a rigorous and challenging framework of academic study and life-skills appropriate for 11 to 16 year olds. It is designed to serve the particular needs of adolescents in an international framework. Emphasis is placed on developing critical and creative thinking skills, which are going to be highly valued in the future.

Loydence Academy

Contact Information:

Website: www.loydenceacademy.com

Email: info@loydenceacademy.com

Phone: 974-4491-8114/8111

Check school website for current:

- Tuition fees
- Assessment fee
- Registration fee

Transportation: Transportation is available but only to a limited radius of the city.

Uniforms: Required - please contact the school for additional information.

Extracurricular Activities: Sewing, basketball, netball, Arabic, board games, art, and much more.

School Clinic: A nurse is available during school hours.

Security: All visitors are required to check in at the security gate and then proceed to the front office before being allowed on the school premises.

Admissions: Children applying for a place in Pre-School and Reception must attend an informal interview. Children applying for Year 1 and above must take an entrance exam in mathematics and English. There is a waiting list for attendance at Loydence Academy, but children will be selected in order of ability unless you are a sibling of an existing student—they will take priority for enrollment. Along with the application there are several required documents:

- Loydence Academy admission's form
- Child's previous school report from the previous 2 years
- 5 recent photographs
- A copy of the child's birth certificate and residency page
- A copy of the child's passport
- QR 500 application fee

Loydence Academy

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Once these documents are returned to the school office you will be notified of a test/interview date for the child. Within one week you will be notified if a place will be offered or not. If a place is offered the following must be submitted:

- A completed and signed fee collection policy form
- A copy of the parent or guardian's passport including the ID number
- A completed Loydence Academy medical form
- A copy of the Residence Permit for non-Qatari families
- A copy of the child's immunization card
- Payment of a non-refundable registration fee of QR 3,605 to Loydence Academy accounts department

Curriculum:

Early Years: The children learn by play and exploration through a planned program of activities. Children are introduced to numerical concepts, pre-reading, and writing skills at appropriate stages and are encouraged to work to their full potential.

In Pre-School and Reception pupils progress through the National Curriculum for England, beginning with the Early Learning Goals and moving through to the attainment targets of Key Stage 1 & 2.

From the earliest years, the pupils benefit from the expertise of specialist teachers in Arabic and Islamic Studies. Special visitors, trips to museums, exhibitions and events during the year, vary and enrich the education.

Primary/Secondary Education: The curriculum is broad based and balanced, designed to ensure all of the students receive the highest quality education and fulfill their maximum potential. The students will be well prepared to advance through each stage of their school career. Loydence Academy identifies individual talent and nurtures the student to ensure that they are successful and eager learners.

Loydence Academy will develop high order thinking skills from the earliest age and encourages academic excellence at each stage.

Newton International School

Contact Information:

Website: <http://newtoninternationalschool.edu.qa>

Email: info@newtoninternationalschool.edu.qa

There are 4 Newton International School locations in Doha:

Newton International School D-Ring Road 974-4466-6246

Newton International School Lagoon 974-4412-2254

Newton International School West Bay 974-4493-5507

Newton British School 974-4447-2427

Check school website for current:

- Tuition fees
- Entrance test fee
- Registration fee
- Transportation fee

Uniforms: Required - they can be bought from Zaks, 4450-6940.

Extracurricular Activities: Swimming, football, basketball, drama, music, piano, Arabic, Islamic, ICT Club, table tennis, rugby, sailing,, and much more.

School Clinic: There is a doctor and nurse on duty during school hours.

PTA: A PTA organization is in place for all parents and teachers of Newton International School.

Security: There are guards on duty during school hours and you should check in with them before entering the school premises. However, when we visited they did not try to stop us as we entered the school premises.

Admissions: You will need to collect an application form from the school reception and complete the application and return it to the Registrar with the following documents:

- Four recent passport size photographs
- Copy of the applicant's passport, including a copy of the visa for non Gulf Cooperation Council nationals
- Copy of mother's and father's ID card
- Report from previous school
- Copy of child's immunization record
- Completed medical form
- A signed fee regulations agreement form

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When these documents are returned to the school reception, you may apply for a testing date and time. After the test you may apply for an interview with the Principal; appointments with the Principal can be made through the School Secretary. All required documents MUST be completed and submitted before a placement is made.

Curriculum: All pupils follow the National Curriculum of England and Wales alongside the Cambridge International Primary Program (CIPP). The CIPP develops English, Mathematics and Science skills. This allows for coverage of a comprehensive and well-rounded program of studies that is tailored to our international students.

(For more information on CIPP, go to:
<http://www.britishcouncil.org/pakistan-exams-cip-programme.htm>.)

Noor Al Khaleej International School

Contact Information:

Website: <http://www.nakischool.com>

Email: enquire@nakischool.com

Phone: 4446-6110

Accreditation:

Cambridge Exams and the Supreme Education Council

Check school website for current:

- Tuition fees
- Application fee
- Registration fee
- Transportation fee

Transportation: Transportation is available; Bus fees inside Doha is QR 3000 per year and bus fees outside of Doha is QR 3,600.

Uniforms: Required - please contact the school for additional information.

Extracurricular Activities: Scouts, Science, cooking, theater, soccer, music, art, and much more

School Clinic: There is a nurse on duty during school hours.

PTA: There is no PTA however they have parent teacher meetings that take place each term.

Security: There are 3 security gates to get into the school, two are closed during school hours and only 1 is open for entry during the day. Guards are regularly posted at the gate, however there were not any posted when the school was visited.

Admissions: A student who is seeking admission to any class of the school will have to take an admission test administered by the school in the subjects decided by the Principal. The student will be eligible for admission only if they pass the test.

The following documents are to be produced at the time of admission. Those who do not produce these documents will not be eligible for admission.

- Birth certificate as proof of the date of birth
- Transfer/School Leaving Certificate obtained from the school last attended
- Conduct certificate from previous school
- Certificate of passing examinations and original report card
- Copy of ID
- Copy of Passport
- Photographs (6-Passport size)

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Curriculum:

The school follows the British Curriculum leading to IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education), AS Level (Advanced Subsidiary Level), and A Level (Advanced Level) as set and regulated by the University of Cambridge Local Examination Syndicate. The School is a recognized and approved center for UCLES (University of Cambridge Local Examination Syndicate) to conduct these international exams.

The Cambridge Examination Board recognizes the wide diversity of backgrounds and cultures from which its students come, and seeks to provide an assessment system which is appropriate for students of all abilities. It is committed to supporting modern curriculum development; promoting international understanding, encouraging good teaching practice, and setting widely recognized standards. An important principle of this approach is that students are rewarded for positive achievement--what they know, understand and can do--rather than being penalized for an accumulation of errors. As well as focusing on the recall of information and presenting it in an orderly manner, the curriculum encourages:

- The development of oral and practical skills
- An investigative approach
- The application of skills, knowledge and understanding
- The ability to undertake individual projects and to work as part of a team

At all levels students are encouraged to learn by an investigative approach and to present information based on their own discoveries. The role of the teacher in this process is to facilitate the discovery. In this way the learning process becomes charged with interest and excitement; the thinking process is similarly activated and the creative faculty stimulated.

There is also an important focus on problem-solving, so the students learn to practice their skills, understanding, and knowledge. Risk-taking and learning from mistakes are important learning tools.

Co-operative learning and teamwork are also part of the teaching style. Teachers encourage the co-operative skills which are necessary to enable children to work effectively together. This incorporates the practice of listening and responding sensibly to the ideas of others.

Park House International School

Contact Information:

Website: <http://parkhouseschool.com>

Email: info@parkhouseschool.com

Phone: 974-4468-3800

Accreditation: British Schools in the Middle East (BSME) accredited

Check school website for current:

- Tuition fees
- Application fee
- Registration fee
- Test fee

Transportation: Transportation is not provided, however they highly recommend Transportation Service and they can be contacted at 5535-7500 or far-hanalsayed@hotmail.com.

Uniform: Required - they can be purchased at the Uniform Shop (uniformshop@parhouseschool.com) that is located on the school grounds.

Extracurricular Activities: Netball, painting, swim, iPad, Lego, water polo, soccer, rugby, cricket, tennis, dance, music, chess, book club, badminton, drama, and much more

School Clinic: A school nurse is available during school hours.

PTA: There is opportunity for parent involvement at the school.

Security: All visitors are required to check in at the security gate and receive a badge before entering the school premises.

Admissions: Children are expected to speak English as the school follows the English National Curriculum. All children are required to submit to the school's assessment procedures prior to being offered a place.

All children are welcome to apply but priority is given first to English speaking children and siblings of students that already attend. However, this does not guarantee a place at the school.

Applications can only be submitted on-line and must be completed fully. Once a completed application has been received, parents will receive an email from the Admissions Office.

Park House does not operate a waiting list but rather a waiting pool. When a place comes available in the school, all candidates in the pool are considered before being invited for assessment.

Park House International School cont'

Admissions continued:

Children applying to the Secondary School (Years 7 - 13) will be required to take a test in Math and English. Children from Park House Primary School will be given priority.

While the school year starts in September they do accept children throughout the school year depending on the availability of seats. Admission in to Year 10 is not normally possible after December, as a considerable amount of examination work will have been completed in the first term.

Children applying for Year 12 should have achieved a minimum of 5 Cs at IGCSE and have Bs or above in their chosen AS/A2 subjects.

Curriculum:

The Early Years foundation stage profile consists of six stages:

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development
2. Communication, Language and Literacy
3. Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy
4. Knowledge and Understanding of the World
5. Physical Development
6. Creative Development

Primary Years:

The school follows the National Curriculum for England and teaches English, Math, and Science. The International Primary Curriculum has been adopted to cover History, Geography, Music, Art, IT, PHSE and PE to provide children with a broader education.

Secondary Years:

The Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) curriculum at Park House is a planned three-year program based on the National Curriculum of England. All students take English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Design Technology, French or Arabic, Music, History, Geography, I.T and P.E.

Qatar International School (QIS)

Contact Information:

Website: <http://www.qis.org>

Email: info@qis.com

Phone: 974-4483-3456

Accreditation

Council of International Schools accredited

Check school website for current:

- Tuition fees
- Application fee
- Registration fee

Transportation: Transportation is not provided.

Uniform: Required - they can be purchased at the Uniform Shop located on the school grounds.

Extracurricular Activities: Sports teams, clubs, drama, overseas trips.

School Clinic: A school nurse is available during school hours.

Security: All visitors are required to buzz in at the front gate. Upon assistance the security guard will check/hold your ID and give you a visitor's pass before you are allowed in the school.

Admissions: All children are welcome to apply to QIS, but the ideal time to start the application process would be in January for a school start date of September. The application forms are available from either the QIS website or from the administration office. If you have more than one child applying to QIS a separate form must be completed for each child. As you are applying please note that priority admittance is given to siblings of children enrolled in QIS. However this does not guarantee admission. You will need to complete the application form and return it to the Admission Officer or Receptionist with all the relevant documents (please see the next page for the list of required documents). Failure to do so may result in your child's application not being processed. Please note that the acceptance of the application form does not guarantee admittance to QIS.

- Assessment Fee
- Passport Photograph
- Passport copy, including child's Residence Visa or Qatar ID
- Most recent school report
- Copy of parent's Qatar ID card
- Copy of child's immunization record

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Admissions continued:

Also the application form and the entrance test results are only valid for the relevant academic year. Entrance test /interview will be carried out by the school and a decision is made based on the results of the entrance assessment, previous school reports and availability of places. The school's decision is final. Through the application process QIS does not operate a waiting list but rather a waiting pool; when a place comes available in the school, all candidates in the pool are considered before being invited for assessment.

Curriculum:

The **Early Years** curriculum is based upon the Early Years Foundation Stages of England and Wales. It is organized into six areas of learning, all of which are given equal status.

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication, language and literacy
- Mathematical development
- Knowledge and Understanding of the World
- Physical Development
- Creative Development

We work towards the Early Learning Goals, while recognizing the needs of our international student population.

The **Primary Years** curriculum follows the National Curriculum of England, with all teaching carried out in English (except Arabic, Quran and French lessons).

Primary education is based around the class teacher who takes their group of children for the majority of the school day, covering all the main subject areas. This enables the teacher to closely monitor the progress of individual children, building a special relationship with them over the year.

We reinforce this by using specialist teaching for certain subjects, such as Arabic, Quran, Music, French and Science.

The **Secondary Years** follows the U.K. educational system, broadly adhering to the British National Curriculum. The teaching staff are fully qualified and are mostly recruited from the U.K.

Sherborne Qatar School

Contact Information:

Website: <http://www.sherborneqatar.org/>

Email: registrar@sherborneqatar.org

Phone: 974-4459-6412

Accreditation: Cambridge Exams

Check school website for current:

- Tuition fees
- Application fees
- Registration fee
- Advance fee
- Transportation fee

Transportation: Transportation is available through Tri-Logistics.

Uniforms: Required - please contact the school for additional information.

Extracurricular Activities: Basketball, football, tennis, sailing, taekwondo, golf, dance, French, choir, Brownies, riding, and much more

School Clinic: A doctor and two nurses are available during school hours.

PTA: There is opportunity for parent involvement at the school.

Security: All visitors are required to check in at the security gate and receive a badge before entering the school premises. Also, the school doors are locked at all times, and can only be opened if you have a scan card.

Admissions: Admission is subject to an entry assessment that takes 2-3 hours. For all applicants from Reception (Kindergarten) to Year 10 they must have a good understanding of English. Children applying from outside Qatar that cannot take the entrance tests are assessed from previous school reports and references. Children applying for Reception must have previously attended an English-speaking Nursery/Preschool. All reception children must be toilet trained before starting school and be showing independence. Reception applicants will be invited for an informal assessment in December/January prior to the September start. Applicants after this date will be invited to come into school for an assessment if there is space.

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The application can be downloaded from the school's website or collected from the school. The form must be completed and signed by the parents. A copy of the child's most recent school report should must be submitted with the application along with the following documents:

- Latest school report
- Copy of the applicant passport
- Copy of the applicant Qatar Resident Permit; if this is not available at the time please provide the school with a copy once you have it
- 2 passport size photographs
- Copy of applicant's immunization record
- Copy of parents' Qatari ID card

Curriculum: Sherborne Qatar is a selective British school in an international setting, offering an education based closely on the English National Curriculum.

The aim of Sherborne is to provide pupils with an enhanced British curriculum in an environment where they provide children with creative, inspiring learning experience, as well as preparing them for life beyond school. Sherborne Qatar attracts children both from the local and international communities and requires that for entry, children should be able to communicate in English at a level appropriate to their age and development. Their ethos is to develop well-rounded citizens and to develop their potential not just academically but also qualities necessary for life such as independent thinking, creativity, self-respect, tolerance, empathy and global awareness.

Qatar Canadian School

Contact Information:

Website: <http://www.qcs.edu.qa>

Email: qcs@cna-qatar.edu.qa

Phone: 974-4421-7553/4

Accreditation: International School of Canada

Check school website for current:

- Tuition fees
- Application fee
- Registration fee

Uniforms: Required - they can be purchased at Al Muftah Center on Al Sadd Street.

Extracurricular Activities: Aquatics, soccer, recycling, track and field, Peaceful Schools International, Supreme Council of Health, music, and much more

PAC: Parent Advisory Council is a Parent Voice in matters concerning the welfare and the well-being of the children.

Security: There are security guards on site throughout the day until all children are picked up.

Admissions:

Entry for all age groups at QCS is by selection, in the form of an application, academic screening, receipt of satisfactory reports, and/or an interview. The applicant may be required to take a standardized test, as well as an English and Math content test. With the parent's consent the child's previous school may be contacted for additional information.

All forms must be completed and submitted to the school. QCS is unable to guarantee or confirm a seat for anyone until all documentation and testing has been finalized. This applies to all parents and guardians wanting to have their children enrolled in QCS.

The following documents must be submitted with the application form:

- One passport size photograph
- Copies of previous 2 years school records
- The signed fee regulations agreement form
- Copy of the child's immunization record
- Medical forms (If you are coming from outside Qatar it is easier to complete the medical forms with your own doctor prior to arrival in Doha)
- Copy of parent's and child's Passports
- Copy of parent's and child's Residency Permits/Number (Qatar ID #) (New arrivals to Qatar can file their RP's as soon as they become available following processing.)

Qatar Canadian School cont'

Curriculum:

They offer a caring and supportive environment inclusive of small class sizes plus highly individualized teaching to encourage innovation and creative thought in students. They pride themselves with providing excellence in education and citizenship. They offer an enriched program to students Kindergarten to Grade 10 using the standards based curriculum with clear learning objectives based on the expectations of the Alberta Education Programs of Study. The subjects of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, Music and Art are taught in English in accordance with the requirements of Alberta Education in Canada. They also provide a Core French program.

Schools Previously Attended by Military/DoD Family Members

The following local schools currently have, or have had, school age family members of command sponsored military families enrolled:

- American Community School
- American School of Doha
- Compass International School—Doha
- Doha British School
- Home School Program
- Michael E. DeBakey High School
- Newton International School
- Oxford International School
- Sherborne School Qatar

NOTE: This information is not provided as an endorsement of these schools, nor is it meant to imply that these are the best options for military family members.

Please keep in mind that the Command Sponsorship Program in Qatar is still growing and there have been relatively few command sponsored families with school age family members. We anticipate the number of schools utilized by military families will grow as more families are accepted into the command sponsorship program.

If you wish to speak with a family who has had their children enrolled in any of these schools, please contact the Al Udeid Air Base School Liaison Office at Airman and Family Readiness Center at 379efss.afrc@auab.afcent.af.mil or DSN 318-437-8001. The staff will assist in connecting you with a family.

Key Contact Information

AUAB School Liaison/NDSP Liaison for Qatar

DSN Phone Number: 318-437-8001
Commercial: 011-974-4458-9555-437-8001
Email: 379efss.afrc@auab.afcent.af.mil

Headquarters Non-DoDEA School Program

Registration - Enrollment:

Contact NDSP Program Management for any questions regarding registration, eligibility, NDSP policy, exceptions to policy, submission of the NDSP Family Budget Planning Tool, NDSP Liaison changes, and requests for host nation schools or boarding school.

Email: NDSP.Management@hq.dodea.edu
Phone: Phone: 571-372-0591
DSN: 312-372-0591

Educational Support:

Contact the area NDSP Education Specialist concerning educational issues including special education, supplemental instructional support (educational support, supplemental coursework, etc.), and home based education options.

Europe (includes CENTCOM and AFRICOM):
Email: NDSP.Education.Europe@eu.dodea.edu
Civilian outside Germany: +49 611-380-7727 / 7359/7220
Fax: Civilian outside Germany: +49 611 143 545 1990
Fax DSN: 314 545 1992

Invoices & Reimbursement

Contact the NDSP Invoice Processing Office concerning payment /reimbursement of educational expenses.

Europe (includes CENTCOM and AFRICOM):
Email: NDSP.invoices.Europe@hq.dodea.edu

NDSP Address:

Department of Defense Education Activity
Headquarters - Non DoD School Program
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