

GEMS AKIS High School Profile 2025-2026

AKIS SCHOOL PROFILE

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GEMS Al Khaleej International School, founded in 1992, and owned and operated by GEMS (Global Education Management Services), is a K-12 U.S. curriculum international school with an admissions policy that is rooted in inclusiveness and diversity. AKIS is recognized by the MOE (Ministry of Education-UAE), KHDA (Knowledge and Human Development Authority), and accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges -Commission on International Education (NEASC/CIE). GEMS AKIS is authorized to offer College Board programs such as AP, SAT & PSAT as well as the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)

VISION STATEMENT

Empowering balanced lifelong learners to drive positive change.

MISSION STATEMENT

Through values, cultural heritage, and academic excellence, AKIS nurtures globally minded, principled leaders who are agents of change, dedicated to making a meaningful impact.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

GEMS AKIS serves a diverse community of international families from all over the world. We celebrate our students' diversity while simultaneously fostering and preserving their cultural identity and beliefs. English is the primary language of instruction at AKIS.

Our school instills confidence, persistence, teamwork, and a love for lifelong learning in our students, empowering them to achieve academic excellence. At AKIS, we provide innovative learning experiences that prepare our students to be empathetic, responsible global citizens in an ever-evolving world.

Nationalities from 80+ Countries



AKIS Grading Scale - AKIS follows a cumulative, year-long calendar with quarterly grading, focusing on mastery of curriculum standards. AP and IBDP courses receive a 0.25 GPA weight per subject to reflect their rigor.

GRADE	AVERAGE %	CGPA
A+	97 – 100	4.0
A	93 – 96	4.0
A-	90 – 92	3.7
B+	87 – 89	3.3
B	83 – 86	3.0
B-	80 – 82	2.7
C+	77 – 79	2.3
C	73 – 76	2.0
C-	70 – 72	1.7
D+	67 – 69	1.3
D	65 – 66	1.0
D-	Below 65	0.0
E/ F	Below 60	0.0

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The graduating class of 2025–2026 is required to accumulate a minimum of 23.5 credits over four years of high school. Students have the choice to graduate with more than 23.5 credit hours if they opt for any elective courses offered by AKIS including AP courses authorized by The College Board as well as IBDP courses offered by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). Students who study for the IB diploma and pass will graduate with a US Diploma as well as the IB diploma. The credit requirements for graduating are listed below.

AP RESULTS

Academic Year	Number of Exams	AKIS Pass Rate % (Students with 3+)	Worldwide Passing Rate % (Scores with 3+)
24 – 25	291	83%	60%
23 – 24	203	63%	69%
22 – 23	64	78%	63%
21 – 22	46	70%	61%
20 – 21	32	44%	58%

AKIS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English Language Arts	4 Credit Hours
Mathematics	4 Credit Hours
Science	4 Credit Hours
Social Sciences/Humanities	3 Credit Hours
Arabic/ World Language	4 Credit Hours
Physical Education	2 Credit Hours
Performing Arts	0.5 Credit Hour
Islamic Studies/ Civics	2 Credit Hours

AKIS's UNIQUE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

GEMS AKIS is a U.S. Curriculum school which also provides students with Arabic and Islamic education as stipulated by the UAE Ministry of Education. Academic programs at AKIS is based on Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for English Language Arts and Math, and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for Science, alongside the UAE National Standards for teaching Arabic, Islamic and Social Studies. Students at AKIS also have the opportunity to enroll in a full International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP).

AKIS offers a rigorous selection of courses including an expanding array of Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Currently offered AP courses are AP English Language & Composition, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Precalculus, AP Calculus AB & BC, AP Psychology, AP Microeconomics, AP Physics C Mechanics, AP Physics 1, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Computer Science Principles, AP ART & Design, AP Seminar, and AP Research. The IBDP courses consist of 6 groups of subjects along with the core subjects consisting of CAS, TOK and the EE.

All AP and IBDP subjects are weighted at 0.25. Most AP classes are reserved for Juniors and Seniors; however, Sophomores have the option to do 1 AP subject. The academic programs at AKIS aims to prepare students for universities and careers of their choice. AKIS is a recognized test center for AP exams, IELTS, SAT, and PSAT. Internal assessments in the school are weighted to ensure that high school students develop the skills of critical thinking, research, and inquiry in line with the skills required to be successful in college. For more information about the programme structure please [visit the course catalog](#)

WHERE DO OUR GRADUATES STUDY?

U A E

- AD Polytechnics
- Ajman University
- Al Ghurair University
- Al Misbah Institute
- American University in Dubai (AUD)
- American University of RAK (AURAK)
- American University of Sharjah
- Amity University
- Canadian University Dubai (CUD)
- Dubai Institute of Design and Technology (DIDI)
- Dubai Medical College
- Dubai Men's College
- Dubai Pharmacy College
- Dubai Women's College
- Emirates Aviation University
- Gulf Medical University
- Harriot Watt University
- Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University (HBMSU)
- Higher College of Technology
- Khalifa University
- Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences (MBRU)
- Middlesex University
- Murdoch University
- New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD)
- RAK Medical & Health Sciences University
- Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
- SAE
- Skyline University
- Sorbonne University
- United Arab Emirates University (UAEU)
- University of Dubai
- University of Sharjah (UoS)
- University of Wollongong
- Zayed University (ZU)
- Dubai Police Academy
- Emirates Aviation University (EAU)
- International Centre of Culinary Arts (ICCA)
- Khalifa bin Zayed Air College
- University of Birmingham, Dubai
- Zayed Military College (ZMC), Al Ain
- American University in the Emirate

CANADA

- Carleton University
- Concordia University
- Manitoba University
- McMaster University
- Ryerson University
- University of British Columbia
- University of Guelph
- University of Ontario Institute of Technology
- University of Ottawa
- University of Regina
- University of Toronto
- University of Victoria
- University of Waterloo
- Western University of Ontario
- Windsor University
- York University
- Queen's University
- University of Alberta
- **Toronto Metropolitan University**

AFRICA

- Ain Shams University, Egypt
- American University in Cairo, Egypt
- Arab Academy for Maritime & Transport, Egypt
- Future University, Egypt
- German University in Cairo, Egypt
- Misr International University, Egypt
- 6th of October University, Egypt
- British University in Egypt (BUE), Egypt
- Coventry University, Egypt
- New Giza University, Egypt

U S A

- Colorado State University
- George Institute of Technology
- Ohio Northern University
- Ohio University
- Oregon State University
- Penn State University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Queen's College
- Queens Borough Community College
- Stony Brook University
- Tarrant County College
- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, San Diego
- University of Central Florida
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Michigan
- University of Nebraska- Lincoln
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Seattle
- University of Texas
- University of Toledo
- Washington State University
- West Virginia University
- School of Visual Arts, New York City
- University of Utah (U of U)
- Boston College, Massachusetts
- Irvine Valley College, California
- Pace University
- **Columbia University, New York**
- **University of Kansas**
- **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**

TURKEY

- Bahcesehir University
- Isik University
- Medipol University
- Middle East Technical University
- Istanbul Okan University
- University of Sennerbach

MIDDLE EAST

- Al Aqsa University, Palestine
- American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- American University of Science and Technology (AUST), Lebanon
- University of Balamand , Lebanon
- Qatar University, Qatar
- RCSI, Bahrain
- University of Jordan, Jordan
- American University of Madaba (AUM), Jordan
- Princess Sumaya University for Technology (PSUT), Jordan
- German University of Technology, Oman
- **Antonine University, Lebanon**

ASIA

- Adamson University, Philippines
- Aga Khan Medical University, Pakistan
- Centro Escolar University, Philippines
- Dela Salle University, Philippines
- Dow International Medical College, Pakistan
- Far Eastern University, Philippines
- Korea University, South Korea
- Madras School of Social Work, India
- National University of Singapore, Singapore
- Nottingham University, Malaysia
- Tama art University, Japan
- Taylor University, Malaysia
- University of Indonesia, Indonesia
- University of Santo Tomas, Philippines
- Ziauddin Medical University, Pakistan
- KJ Somaiya College of Engineering, India
- Newcastle University Medicine, Malaysia
- Cyberlynx International College, Malaysia
- Sophia University, Japan
- **Temple University, Japan**
- **Universiti Teknologi Malaysia**
- **Sechenov University, Russia**

U K

- Bath University
- Exeter University
- Keele University
- Leicester University
- Manchester University
- Middlesex University
- Nottingham University
- Rochester University
- Roehampton university
- Royal Holloway
- Strathclyde University
- Taylors University
- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- University of Kent
- University of Liverpool
- University of London
- University of Nottingham
- Brunel University
- Kingston University
- Cardiff University
- Queen Mary University of London (QMUL)
- Newcastle University
- University of Leeds
- **Aston University**

AUSTRALIA

- Deakin University
- University of Wollongong
- Victoria University (VU), Australia
- University of New South Wales
- **The University of Melbourne**

EUROPE

- Arden University, Germany
- Charles University, Czech Republic
- University of Debrecen, Hungary
- DIFC Dublin International Foundation College, Ireland
- HRW Berlin School of Economics and Law, Germany
- International Academy in Paris, France
- Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), Ireland
- Sciences Po, France
- Technical University of Munich, Germany
- UCAM Universidad Católica San Antonio de Murcia, Spain
- Masaryk University (MUNI), Czech Republic
- Institut Paul Bocuse, Ecully, France
- University of Georgia (UGA), Georgia
- Ilia State University, Georgia
- Skies Aviation Academy, Greece
- University Of Debrecen (UOD), Hungary
- University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Catholic University of Portugal
- University of Crete , Greece
- ETH Zurich , Germany
- Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany
- Jetstream Aviation Academy , Greece
- SRH Hochschule Berlin , Germany
- **Constructor University, Germany**
- **University of Vienna, Austria**
- **Sapienza University, Italy**
- **University of Pecs, Hungary**
- **Technological University, Ireland**

NOTE

- **New universities highlighted in red are the latest additions introduced by the Class of 2025**

