

# **GEMS AKIS High School Profile 2023-2024**

# PROFILE

GEMS AI Khaleej International School, founded in 1992, 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 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.

# VISION STATEMENT

To be one of the finest US curriculum schools in Dubai in terms of the quality of teaching and learning and students' character.

# MISSION STATEMENT

GEMS AKIS aims to develop principled leaders who are caring, responsible, respectful, reflective, global citizens and independent learners. GEMS AKIS develops international minded students while instilling and preserving the Emirati cultural identity and beliefs by taking pride in their cultural heritage yet respecting diversity. To this end, GEMS AKIS is setting high expectations by aligning instructional practices to international standards and hiring qualified educators that can deliver the innovative curriculum that promotes 21st century learning skills.

# **SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

GEMS AKIS services a diverse community of international families that come from all over the world. AKIS celebrates our students' diversity while simultaneously instilling and preserving their cultural identity and beliefs. English is the primary language of instruction. AKIS instills confidence, persistence, teamwork, and life-long learning in our students in order to achieve academic excellence. At AKIS, we provide innovative learning experiences to our students to prepare them to be empathetic, responsible, global citizens of an ever-evolving world.

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https://www.gemsakinternationalschool.com/en/

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**AKNS Grading Scale -** AKIS offers a cumulative yearlong calendar with term-based grading that is rooted in mastery of curriculum standards.

GRADE	AVERAGE %	CGPA
Α+	97 – 100	4.0
Α	93 – 96	4.0
Α	90 – 92	3.7
B+	87 – 89	3.3
В	83 – 86	3.0
В	80 – 82	2.7
C+	77 – 79	2.3
С	73 – 76	2.0
С	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

# **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

For Grades 9-12, the academic year consists of 3 terms (September—June)

# **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

The graduating class of 2023-2024 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 the opt for any elective courses offered by AKIS including AP courses authorized by The Collage Board.

# **AKIS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

English Language Arts	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Science	4.0
Social Sciences/Humanities	3.0
Arabic/ World Language	4.0
Physical Education	2
Performing Arts	0.5
Islamic Studies/ Civics	2.0

# **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 program at AKIS is based on Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for English Language Arts and Math, and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for Science, Dalongside the UAE National Standards for teaching Arabic, Islamic and Social Studies. AKIS graduates explore post-secondary academic opportunities both within the UAE and across the globe.

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 BC, AP Statistics, AP Psychology, AP Microeconomics, AP Macroeconomics, AP Physics C Mechanics, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Computer Science Principles, AP ART & Design, AP Seminar, and AP Research.

All AP classes taken on campus are weighted at 0.25. Most AP classes are reserved for Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors; however, Freshmen are offered elective courses that prepare them amply for undertaking AP courses. The academic program 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.

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# WHERE DO OUR GRADUATES STUDY?

# UAE

- **AD Polytechnics**
- **Ajman University**
- Al Ghurair University
- Al Misbah Institute
- American University in Dubai (AUD)
- American University of RAK
- 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 (NYU)
- **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

# CANADA

- Carleton University
- Concordia University
- Manitoba University
- McMaster University
- Ryerson University
- University of British Colombia
- 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

# AFRICA

- Ain Shams University/ Eyapt
- Al Khartoum University/ Sudan
- American University in Cairo/ Eygpt Arab Maritime Academy/ Eygpt
- Future University/ Eygpt
- German University of Cairo/ Eygpt
- Misr International University/ Eygpt
- 6th of October University/ Eygypt
- British University in Egypt (BUE)/ Eygypt

# USA

- 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), USA
- Boston College Massachusetts, USA

# AUSTRALIA

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

# 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)/
- **Princess Sumaya University for Technology** (PSUT), Jordan

# EUROPE

- Arden University/ Germany
- Charles University/ Czech Republic
- University of Debrecen/Hungary
- DIFC Dublin International Foundation College/ Ireland
- HRW BerlinSchool 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

# 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, UK**
- **Cardiff University**
- Queen Mary University of London (QMUL), UK

# TURKEY

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

# 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

New universities highlighted in red are the latest additions introduced by the Class of 2023.3

### NOTE