



The Online American School

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**Mandatory courses for all students
registered with KHDA**

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OVERVIEW

iCademy Middle East is a KHDA-licensed school.

What is the KHDA?

The Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA) oversees the growth and quality of private education in Dubai, UAE.

All KHDA-registered students must be enrolled in the following courses:

1. **Arabic Language**

- Mandatory for Native Arabic speakers in Grades 1–12
- Mandatory for Non-Native Arabic speakers in Grades 1–9 (optional in Grades 10–12)

2. **Moral, Social, and Cultural Studies (MSC)** – for Non-Native students in Grades 1–9

3. **Native Social Studies** – for Native Arabic speakers in Grades 1–9.

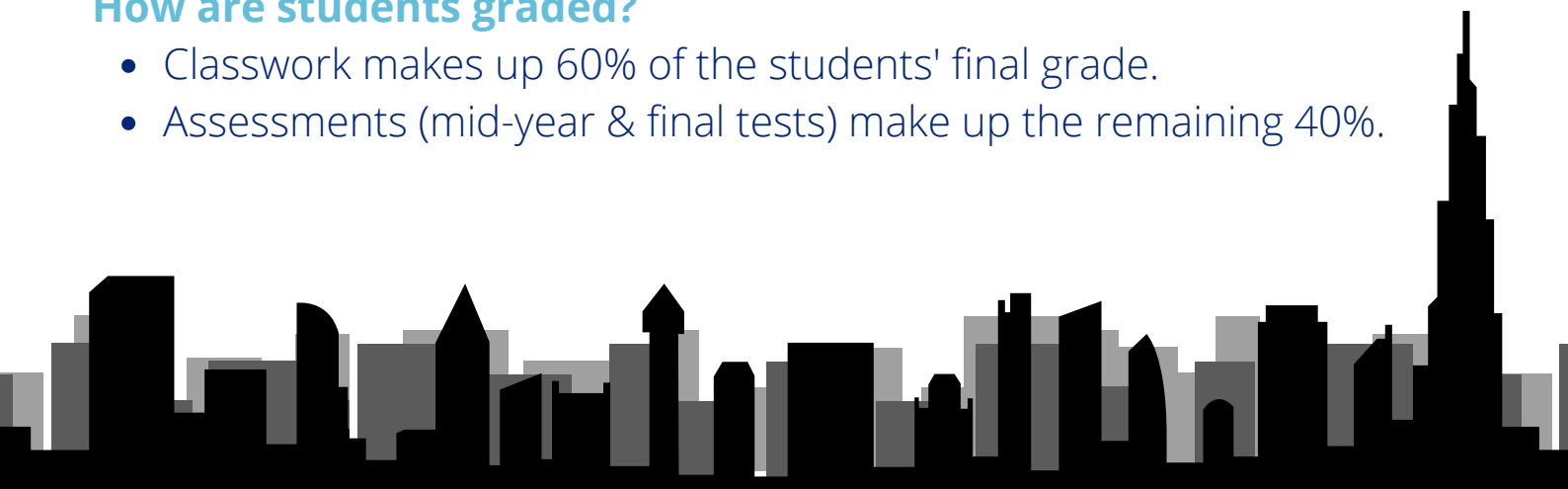
4. **Islamic Education** – mandatory for **Muslim** students in Grades 1–12, offered in Arabic or English

What does the school year look like?

The KHDA academic calendar runs from September to June. Students who start school after September must work on a “catch-up plan” with their subject teacher.

How are students graded?

- Classwork makes up 60% of the students' final grade.
- Assessments (mid-year & final tests) make up the remaining 40%.



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ARABIC LANGUAGE

(Native Arabic speakers)

The Native Arabic course is mandatory for all Arabic passport-holder students in grades 1-12.

The Native Arabic course focuses on developing the four language skills: reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

The material provided to students, including the Arabic textbook and workbooks, is sourced from the UAE Ministry of Education (MOE). The teacher provides electronic books, but hard copies can be ordered online from the Ministry of Education bookstore.

Students attend **two live lessons** and **one live help** session per week. During these sessions, they meet the teacher online, listen, watch, interact, ask questions, and work with their classmates on engaging activities.

Students participate in a weekly **reading program** supported by the digital reading platform Kutubee, which helps strengthen their fluency and accuracy in reading.

The Native Arabic course follows the MOE curriculum and is delivered through fully interactive lessons on the Alef Education platform. It offers a personalized learning experience, allowing students to progress at their own pace, anytime and anywhere.



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ARABIC LANGUAGE (Non-Native Arabic speakers)

The Non-Native Arabic course is mandatory for all Non-Arab students in grades 1-9, and it is optional in grades 10-12.

The Arabic Language program for Non-Native Arabic speakers aims to build students' communication skills from beginner to advanced levels. The courses develop reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. The students explore various contemporary topics related to the modern world.

Students attend **two live sessions** per week in the lower school and **one live session** per week for middle and high school. All grades also have **one live help** session per week. All the live lessons are recorded, and the course material, homework, assignments, and additional lesson resources are added to the Arabic course modules on Canvas.

Our Non-Native Arabic course is delivered through an interactive digital platform called Alef. The curriculum aligns with KHDA standards and learning outcomes for Non-Native Arabic speakers.

Students participate in a weekly **reading program** supported by the digital reading platform Kutubee, which helps strengthen their fluency and accuracy in reading.



Arabic Language

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ISLAMIC STUDIES (Native Arabic speakers)

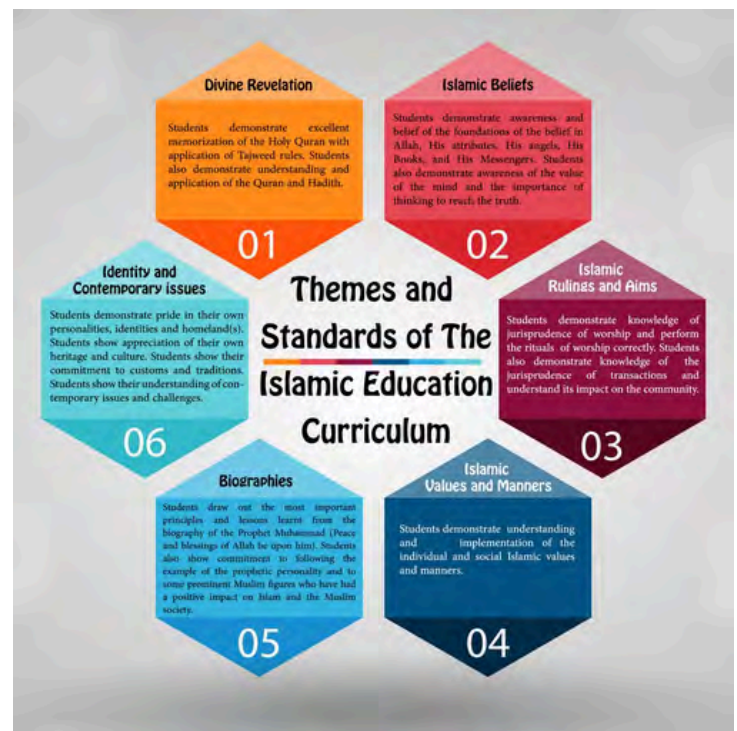
The Native Islamic Studies course is mandatory for all Arab Muslim students in grades 1-12.

The Islamic Studies course for Arab Muslims is an integrated curriculum. It includes six elements named the *Themes and Standards of the Islamic Education Curriculum*.

Students have a **weekly live session** a **weekly Tilawa session**, and **office hours/live help** for one-on-one support. They are assigned Surahs from the Quran to study and memorize. They are also assessed on their ability to recite these Surahs by delivering a recorded video on **Canvas**. We use various educational applications (such as Nearpod, Kami, and Flipgrid) to provide students with easy-to-access information, accelerated learning, and fun opportunities to practice what they learn. Students connect concepts taught in class and apply their knowledge to their everyday lives.

Students are given access to the curriculum in two formats: the digital textbook provided by MOE and the interactive lessons on Alef Education.

The Native Islamic course follows the MOE curriculum and is delivered through fully interactive lessons on the Alef Education platform. It offers a personalized learning experience, allowing students to progress at their own pace, anytime and anywhere.



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ISLAMIC STUDIES (Non-Native Arabic Speakers)

The Non-Native Islamic Studies course is mandatory for all Non-Arab Muslim students in grades 1-12.

This course inspires students to love Islam, understand it, practice its teachings, and be proud of it. It covers a variety of topics, including the divine revelation, Islamic creed, Islamic values and moral teachings, Islamic rulings and purposes, the Prophet's biography, Islamic personalities, national identity, and modern issues.

Students have **two live sessions** weekly. The first is a live lesson, during which they are introduced to a new topic about Islam. The second is a Tilawa session, during which they learn to recite the Quran correctly while observing Tajweed rules. In addition, a live help session allows students to receive individual help and support from their teacher.

The course transmits traditional Islamic teachings in a unique, interactive manner that enables learners to enjoy the course and be proud of applying its teachings to their lives. We use various educational apps and resources to enrich learners' experiences. Some apps we use are Nearpod, Flipgrid, Edpuzzle, Wordwall, and much more. The course also includes many activities, competitions, and discussions that stimulate learners' minds, encourage interaction and communication between one another, and help them to go beyond the virtual setting to a more engaging learning environment.

All classes are recorded, and all resources and activities are saved in one place on our platform, **Canvas**, where students can access them at any time.



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NATIVE SOCIAL STUDIES

(ARABIC)

The Native Social Studies course is mandatory for Native Arabic students registered with KHDA in grades 1–9.

This subject is offered in Arabic.

The program is an engaging curriculum designed to develop Arab youth in the UAE through universal principles and values that reflect shared human experiences. It encourages young people to explore essential life questions while building on the cultural values common across the UAE's diverse communities. Students in Grades 5–9 use the **Alef** platform, a digital learning environment that offers interactive lessons and personalized learning paths. All students attend weekly live sessions, plus one live help session.

The course is delivered through teacher-led, synchronous interactive sessions as well as asynchronous discussions, projects, and assessments based on Ministry of Education materials.

Moral Education is integrated within this course to support students' social and ethical development alongside academic learning.

Students complete weekly assignments centered on the current topic, allowing them to apply their knowledge and see the relevance of the course material to their everyday lives. Additional enrichment is provided through virtual field trips to important cultural sites in the country.



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MORAL, SOCIAL, AND CULTURE STUDIES (ENGLISH)

The Moral, Social, and Cultural (MSC) Studies course is mandatory for Non-Native Arabic students registered with KHDA in grades 1-9.

This subject is offered in English.

The MSC program is an innovative, engaging curriculum designed to develop young people of all nationalities and ages in the UAE with universal principles and values that reflect the shared experiences of humanity.

The program encourages youth to explore questions core to everyday life, building on the cultural values shared across the UAE's diverse communities.

Lower and Middle School students attend weekly live sessions plus one live help session, while **High School** students follow a self-study format. The course is delivered via teacher-led, synchronous interactive sessions and asynchronous discussions, projects, and assessments based on Ministry of Education material. Students complete weekly assignments designed around the given topic. Through these assignments, students can apply their knowledge and understand how the course material is relevant to their everyday lives. Additional enrichment is provided through virtual field trips to important cultural sites in the country.





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