

UAE National students' education program at Japanese School and Kindergarten in Abu Dhabi



Profile

With the support of the Japanese Community in Abu Dhabi, The Japanese School of Abu Dhabi was established in 1978 and the Kindergarten in 1981. The school is attached to the Embassy of Japan and officially authorized by Japanese Government as a school following the Education Curriculum of Japan.

UAE National Students education support program

UAE National Students education support program was proposed by H.H. Sheik Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates and ruler of Abu Dhabi. Supported by Japanese Government to provide an opportunity to study at the Japanese School under the Japanese educational curriculum from September 2006. The Board of Japanese School is carrying out the project in cooperation with The Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK).

1. Admission

Only four (4) Emirati children are admitted through selection procedure.

2. School grades

Japanese School in Abu Dhabi starts from Pre KG up to G9.

3. ADEK rating ; Very good

4. Teachers

KG and School teachers are well qualified.

5. School environment

❖ Small classes

5-15 students in a class. One class per a grade. Students can be given more individual attention for better education and daily life guidance by teachers.

❖ Mix gender

All classes are mixed including P.E. (swimming classes) until G9.

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AGE CRITERIA:

Pre KG-KG2 (Kindergarten) : between 3-6 years old

Grade 1-6 (Elementary) : between 6 and 12 years old

Grade 7-9 (Junior high) : between 12 and 15 years old

Grade 10-12 (High School) : between 15 and 18 years old *

University : 18 years old and above*

***Regarding the information about the high school and university in Japan, please refer to the FAQ.**

Curriculum (KG)

Attendance time	Drop off	Pick up
Monday-Thursday	8:15 (KG1&2), 8:45 (PKG)	14:30 (KG1&2), 13:30 (PKG)
Friday	8:15 (KG1&2), 8:45 (PKG)	12:00 (all grades)

- In Kindergarten, we concentrate on teaching basic Japanese language, discipline, diligence, social skills, cooperation and independence to ensure that the students are well behaved and can enjoy school life in the KG.
- There are daily extra Japanese language classes for Emirati children.
Pre KG 8:45-9:15
KG1 & KG2 8:15-9:15 and 13:30-14:30
- There are no English classes in KG.



Extra Japanese Class



Free time



Lunch time



Activities ; Rhythmic play, Music, Arts, Craft, Swimming, P.E, Outdoor play

Curriculum (School)

• The school provides education in accordance with the curriculum set by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT), in Japanese language

Attendance time

Monday - Thursday G1 & G2 07:00-15:00, G3-G9 07:00-15:55

Friday All grades 7:00-12:00

Main subjects

Japanese, Mathematics, Social studies, Science, Art and Craft, Music, Physical education, Home economics, English (from G3)

ADEK subject by ADEK teachers

Arabic, Islamic and UAE social studies

Classes per a week (each class is 45 min.)

	Arabic	Islamic	UAE social	English
G1 & G2	4	2	1	0
G3 & G4	4	2	1	1
G5	4	2	1	2
G6	4	2	1	4
G7-G9	3	2	2	4

Extra Japanese Classes

It's mandatory for Emirati students in order to keep up with Japanese studies and to pass entrance exam for higher education level even during long holidays. Professional assistants (NPO) will support Emirati student's school life and learning Japanese.

Extra activities (optional)

Sports (basketball, table tennis, kendo, football)

Traditional tea ceremony



Yearly schedule (KG)



Music concert



UAE National day event



Sports day event

1 st term	April	First day of academic year
	May	Mother's day event *
	June	Parents - teachers meeting *
	July	Music concert *
Summer Holiday		
2 nd term	September	Summer Festival *
	October	
	November	Parents - teachers meeting * UAE National day event*
	December	Sports day event *
Winter Holiday		
3 rd term	January	Field trip with parents *
	February	Cultural festival *
	March	Graduation Ceremony * Last day of academic year
Spring Holiday		

Other Activities

Birthday party (according to students' birth month)

Seasonal Cultural Events (Tanabata"Star Festival"...etc)

Medical checkup and dental checkup (Once a year)

Note: * We strongly request parents to participate in the school events.

Yearly schedule (School)

1 st term	April	First day of academic year, Entrance ceremony, PTA
	May	Swimming class, School Trip
	June	Interactive Class
	July	Hyakuin-Issyu (100 poems by 100poets Card Game) Festival
Summer Holiday		
2 nd term	September	Summer Festival *
	October	
	November	Desert Tour UAE National day event*
	December	
Winter Holiday		
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Summer Festival



Desert Tour



UAE National day event



Sports day event

Other Activities

Parents -Teachers meeting will be held each term
and will be repeated if necessary.

Note: * **We strongly request parents to participate in the school events**

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

➤ **School bus**

Transportation is not available. Kindly provide your own.

➤ **What is the plan after G9?**

There is no Japanese high school and university in UAE. Students are expected to go to Japan to continue their study for high school and university.

➤ **What is the requirement to go to Japan after G9?**

If the student's academic performance and behavior meets high school requirements, the student will have a chance to study in Japan.

➤ **How about long holidays and Ramadan schedule?**

Japanese KG and School have summer, winter and spring holidays.

Summer holidays ; End of July - Beg of September

Winter holidays ; End of December - Beg of January

Spring holidays ; Mid of March - Mid of April

Ramadan timing will be as per the government instructions.

➤ **Any Enrollment requirements?**

Students should finish toilet training. - No diaper.

➤ **If the student is facing difficulties with the Japanese curriculum, can the parents transfer them to the other school?**

Yes. However, we will discuss with parents about it.

➤ **Can the school dismiss the student?**

Yes.

1. If the student misbehaves or shows a significant lack of academic achievement.
2. We cannot get the understanding and cooperation from the parents.
3. Parents and students won't follow our school policies.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

➤ How could parents support child's homework at home?

【KG】

We request the parents to support child's homework in Arabic or English. Please arrange a suitable environment for your child to study quietly and get into the habits of concentrating on studying.

【School】

Students have homework every day. Please follow up and observe your child when he/she does his/her homework and check if it is done. Please encourage your child to study even if you don't understand Japanese.

Please support some of homework such as the basic calculation of Math, the way of writing letters and reading text in a loud clear voice etc.

➤ What can parents do for child at home?

【KG】 Please let your child be self independent at home.

For example, dressing, eating, sleeping, toilet habits

【KG, School】 Please give your child knowledge and experiences in Arabic or English.

For example, **【KG】** how to count, the concept of numbers, the name of colors, animals, vegetables, fruits, types of feelings to increase vocabulary etc...

For example, **【School】** Discuss about news and family topics to broaden their horizon, Behavior, Life style rhythm(sleep routine, eating habits), how to respect others, punctuality, communication, kindness towards others.

All of the above are very important. If the child doesn't master his/her first language, it'll become difficult for them to study Japanese language.

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➤ **What kind of high school will Emirati students enter in Japan?**

- Currently it's Tokai University Takanawadai High school (private school - which is connected to Tokai university). There are 2 entrance exams, one is before high school and the other one before University. Based on the results of the entrance exam, they maybe able to join high school and University.

➤ **What about the scholarship program?**

- ADEK is providing the scholarship only to the Emirati from kindergarten in Abu Dhabi till high school in Japan.

Regarding the university scholarship, please check with ADEK.

➤ **Where will students live in Japan?**

- High school students will stay in a supervised dormitory by "JOBA (Japan Overseas Bridging Academy)" in Tokyo.

➤ **Who will take care of Emirati students in Japan?**

- Mainly UAE embassy in Japan and JOBA will take care of Emirati students during their stay in Japan.
- NPO (Non-Profit Organization) will also support them in Japan.