



Emirati Students Policy

Emirates International School - Jumeirah

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This document aims to demonstrate how the school supports the UAE National Agenda and the KHDA Education 33 (E33) strategy for Emirati Students.

1. Academic Achievement & The National Agenda

The school is working to close the gap between Emirati students and their international peers through:

- **Target Setting**

Setting the challenging target that 90% of Emirati students complete high school and meet international benchmarks (**PISA, TIMSS, PIRLS**).

- **Data-Driven Personalization**

The school uses **CAT4** and **GL Progress Test** data to create **Personalized Emirati Student Learning Plans (PESLP)** where necessary.

- **Arabic & Islamic Excellence**

The school has specific strategies to ensure high attainment in Arabic as a first language and Islamic Education, aligning with MoE standards.

2. Cultural Identity & National Value

A culture of pride is fostered within the school community through:

- **The National Identity Framework**

Emirati culture is integrated across the curriculum by ensuring that curriculum provision draws upon local culture, history and understanding.

Student trips focus on local opportunities for further understanding and knowledge in trips to museums, libraries and other cultural centres.

An annual Hajj trip offers spiritual merit that provides Emirati and other Muslims with an opportunity of self-renewal and spiritual reflection alongside their peers.

- **Flag Protocol & National Anthem**

A daily observance and respect for national symbols is followed and particular attention paid to Flag Day, National Day and other days of national significance.

- **Celebration of Heritage**

UAE National Day, Flag Day, and Commemoration Day events involve the wider student body and contain elements of learning around the national culture such as presentations and performances. Ramadan is significant and has plenty of opportunities for community events such as Iftar.

3. Career Pathways & Guidance

The E33 strategy focuses on preparing productive Emiratis for strategic sectors. The school will support this through:

- **Mentorship Programs**

Partnerships with Emirati professionals or alumni to provide career guidance.

- **Scholarship Support**

Specific counseling for government scholarship applications (NAPO, MoHESR, and the Hamdan bin Mohammed Scholarship).

- **Work Placements**

CP students attend work experience placements with prominent local companies, including Al Habtoor Group. Widening opportunities to include internships in sectors like technology, clean energy, and space exploration are all considered.

4. Attendance & Wellbeing

Emirati students feel safe, supported, and happy within our school through:

- **Attendance Targets**

A clear policy aiming for 98%+ attendance, with specific protocols for cultural or religious leaves of absence.

- **Inclusion of Determination**

Clear pathways for Emirati Students of Determination to ensure they receive 1:1 support and modified curricula where needed.

- **Counseling**

Access to a dedicated Emirati counselor who is culturally sensitive and can provide support in all aspects of school life as required.

5. Parental Engagement

Engaged Parents is a goal of the E33 strategy which will be supported through:

- **Emirati Parent inclusion in both the Parent Support Group (PSG) and the School Advisory Council (SAC)**

Establishing forums for Emirati parents to provide feedback on school provision and to offer guidance on school development and strategies.

- **Communication Standards**

A commitment to providing communication in both English and Arabic and to having Emirati and Arabic speaking support staff to receive parents in all reception areas.

- **Governance and Accountability**

We ensure responsibility for the success of Emirati learners and their support in all aspects of school life through specific people who are part of the SAC

Emirati Parent Ambassador for High School	Ms. Mahboobeh Khoramifar
Emirati Parents Ambassador for Primary School	Ms. Dana Al Ansari
Emirati Champion	Dr. Majid Al Qasimi
Emirati Alumni - Graduated in 2015	Ms. Majida Al Maktoum