



# Ajyal Schools: FAQs

## 1 What are Ajyal Schools?

Emirates Schools Establishment (ESE) has selected several cycle one public schools across the UAE to be operated by well-established private operators with proven experience in international education in the country.

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## 2 Why is ESE implementing this model?

The UAE Cabinet approved Ajyal Schools to develop some of the cycle one schools of the government education sector. This project is one of the various projects that aims to diversify the public education sector in the country and provide more opportunities and educational models to parents and students ones that will produce a generation future thinking leaders.

## 3 How many schools will implement Ajyal School model in the academic year 2023-2024?

ESE will be adding eight new cycle one public schools, to implement the Ajyal Schools' model during the academic year 2023-2024, bringing the total number of schools that implement the model to 18 schools for the academic year 2023-2024.

## 4 Who can apply to Ajyal Schools?

UAE national students and the children of UAE mothers. Noting that the new eight public schools who will implement Ajyal model in the next academic year 2023-2024 are existing schools and it have existing students, hence the seats for new students will be according to the capacity of each school.

## 5 What curriculum will Ajyal Schools offer to students?

- It will combine the national curricula, including Arabic language, Islamic education, moral education and social studies, with the American curriculum for subjects such as mathematics, science, English and others. Also, the new model enhances the Emirati identity and instils the values of loyalty and belonging among the students.



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## 6 What is the impact on school timings and calendar?

The school calendar and timings will remain the same as existing public schools.

## 7 Will there be any additional fees?

There will be no additional fees associated with Ajyal Schools. The government will bear all students' fees and operating expenses.

## 8 What about the school transportation, uniforms and books?

- Ajyal Schools will provide transportation for its students according to the same system used in the rest of the public schools in the country, taking into consideration the catchment area of the school
- As for the school uniforms, it will be the same as the rest of the public schools in the UAE. You can contact the school for more information about uniforms and schoolbooks before starting the new academic year

## 9 What will change other than the curriculum?

The school will be staffed with new qualified teachers, staff and administrative, in addition the existing Arabic, Islamic and Social Studies subject teachers who will remain in their positions.

## 10 How will the UAE culture, heritage and Islamic teachings be maintained?

The schools will follow the current curriculum for Arabic, Islamic and Social Studies as all ESE public schools. There will also be several Emirati staff from existing ESE schools who will remain to support maintaining the identity of the schools.

The schools will work to enhance the Emirati identity and instil the values of loyalty and belonging among students. Also, the school's name, uniforms, activity calendar and school timings will remain aligned with ESE public schools.

For more information you can visit: <https://ajyalschools.esse.gov.ae/>



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## 11 When can we register our children for the next academic year (2023-2024)?

For all information related to the registration for the academic year 2023-2024, please visit the Registration page at (<https://ajyalschools.esse.gov.ae/>). Note that Ajyal schools are existing schools and there are current students, so the capacity to accept new students will be according to the capacity of each school, especially from Grade 2 to 4 during the next academic year (2023-2024). For any inquiries, please contact your children's school.

## 12 What if we do not want to enrol our children in this new model?

As a parent, you have the full right to move your children to another public school following MoE curriculum in all subjects. For more information, please reach out to the school.

## 13 What will happen to our children when they finish cycle one?

- The eight newly announced public schools will implement the Ajyal Schools' model commencing with grade one to grade four in the forthcoming academic year (2023-2024). A Grade 5 class will be added as students advance on their educational journey in the following 2024-2025 academic year.
- The current ten public schools that are already implementing the Ajyal schools' model this academic year 2022-2023 will extend to a grade 5 in the forthcoming 2023-2024 academic year, allowing for the progression of the existing grade 4 students.
- Ajyal Schools' students will always maintain a complete file with ESE and may transfer back to any public school that implements MOE curriculum in the future if required.

## 14 What will the parents' role be in this new model?

- The new model is based on a partnership between ESE, the school, and parents, prioritizing the parents' essential role in the student's success and enriching his/her skills in the new provided American curriculum through a clear commitment.
- Partnership contracts will be signed with parents within the new schools to build greater cooperation between families and schools in evaluating the educational level of students.

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