



**THE APPLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, DUBAI**

# **MoE Mandatory Subjects Policy 2026-2027**

## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that The Apple International School complies fully with UAE Ministry of Education (MoE) and KHDA requirements for the teaching of mandatory subjects, while delivering a high-quality UK National Curriculum education.

This policy ensures that:

- All mandatory subjects are taught at the required stages
- Emirati identity, language, and values are promoted
- Provision is age-appropriate, inclusive, and culturally respectful
- Early Years provision meets statutory and developmental expectations

## Scope

This policy applies to:

- Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
- Primary (Years 1–6)
- Secondary (Years 7–11)
- Post 16 (Year 12 and 13)

It applies to all students, including:

- Emirati students
- Non-Emirati students
- Students of Determination (SEND)

## Mandatory Subjects by Key Stage

### 3.1 Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

In Early Years, learning is play-based, holistic, and developmentally appropriate. Mandatory MoE subjects are delivered through integrated learning, not formal lessons.

#### Subjects Provided in Early Years

- **Arabic Language**
  - Delivered through songs, stories, play, routines, and interaction
  - Focus on listening, speaking, and early vocabulary
  - Taught by qualified Arabic teachers
- **Islamic Education (to be implemented)**
  - Age-appropriate exposure to Islamic values
  - Focus on morals, respect, kindness, and basic Islamic practices
  - No formal assessments: learning observed through behaviour and participation

#### Early Years Approach

- Learning is assessed through observation and play
- No written outcomes are required
- Teaching respects children's developmental stages
- Provision aligns with MoE and EYFS statutory guidance

### **3.2 Primary Stage (Years 2–6)**

The following subjects are mandatory as per MoE requirements:

#### **Arabic Language**

- Arabic A for native speakers (Arabs)
- Arabic B for non-native speakers (non-Arabs)
- Taught by MoE/KHDA -approved teachers
- Assessed regularly as per KHDA/MoE guidelines

#### **Islamic Education**

- Mandatory for all Muslim students
- Based on MoE-approved curriculum
- Focus on faith, morals, and values
- Taught by MoE/KHDA -approved teachers
- Assessed regularly as per KHDA/MoE guidelines

#### **Moral, Social and Cultural Studies**

- Mandatory for all students (non-Arabs)
- Based on MoE-approved curriculum
- Taught and assessed in English
- Covers UAE history, geography, citizenship, and national identity
- Taught by MoE/KHDA -approved teachers
- Assessed regularly as per KHDA/MoE guidelines

#### **Moral Education and Social Studies**

- Mandatory for all Arab students
- Based on MoE-approved curriculum
- Taught and assessed in Arabic
- Taught by MoE/KHDA -approved teachers
- Assessed regularly as per KHDA/MoE guidelines

### **3.3 Secondary and Post 16 Stage (Years 7–13)**

The following subjects are mandatory as per MoE requirements:

#### **Arabic Language**

- Arabic A for native speakers (Arabs)
- Arabic B for non-native speakers (non-Arabs)
- Taught by MoE/KHDA -approved teachers
- Assessed regularly as per KHDA/MoE guidelines

#### **Islamic Education**

- Mandatory for all Muslim students
- Based on MoE-approved curriculum
- Focus on faith, morals, and values
- Taught by MoE/KHDA -approved teachers
- Assessed regularly as per KHDA/MoE guidelines

#### Moral, Social and Cultural Studies ( For non-Arab Students of Year 7 to 10)

- Mandatory for all students (non-Arabs)
- Based on MoE-approved curriculum
- Taught and assessed in English
- Covers UAE history, geography, citizenship, and national identity
- Taught by MoE/KHDA -approved teachers
- Assessed regularly as per KHDA/MoE guidelines

#### Moral Education and Social Studies ( For Arab students of Year 7-10)

- Mandatory for all Arab students
- Based on MoE-approved curriculum
- Taught and assessed in Arabic
- Taught by MoE/KHDA -approved teachers
- Assessed regularly as per KHDA/MoE guidelines

#### Moral Education (For students from Year 11 to 13)

- Moral Education is compulsory for students from Years 11 to 13.
- Taught and assessed in Arabic for Arab students
- Taught and assessed in English for Non- Arab students
- Taught by MoE/KHDA -approved teachers
- Assessed regularly as per KHDA/MoE guidelines

## Curriculum Delivery and Timetabling

- Follows MOE curriculum framework
- Mandatory subjects are clearly timetabled
- Required instructional hours are met
- Subjects are delivered by qualified and approved teachers
- Teaching methods are age-appropriate and inclusive
- Learning resources align with UAE values and culture

## Assessment and Reporting

- Assessment follows MoE and KHDA guidelines
- Assessment structure, practices and use of data is as per ARR policy
- Progress is reported to parents through:
  - School reports
  - Parent-teacher meetings
  - School portals

## Inclusion and Support

- Students of Determination receive appropriate accommodation
- Differentiation is applied where needed
- Support plans are created in collaboration with parents
- Language support is provided for students transitioning from non-international schools

## Compliance and Monitoring

- Monitored directly by Head of MoE subjects
- School leadership monitors implementation
- Regular audits ensure MoE and KHDA compliance
- Any updates from MoE are implemented promptly
- Staff receive training on mandatory subject requirements

## Review of Policy

This policy will be:

- Reviewed annually
- Updated in line with MoE, KHDA, and UAE regulations
- Approved by school leadership

## Reference Framework

- KHDA, Quality Framework for Early Childhood Care and Education in Dubai (2025).
- KHDA, Administrative Resolution No. (13) of 2026 approving the ECCE Quality Framework.
- KHDA, Administrative Resolution No. (31) of 2026 concerning requirements and controls for curricula in ECCs.
- KHDA, Arabic Language Provision in Early Childhood Education / FAQs (policy phased from September 2025).
- UAE Ministry of Education, Mandatory Subjects Guide in Private Kindergartens.
- UAE Ministry of Education, National Education Charter (2026).
- UAE Ministry of Education, Early Childhood Care and Education guidance.