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Shining Star International School, Abu Dhabi

Our Vision

To be a school of innovation & creativity; preparing students for global challenges.

Our Mission

“Our mission is through the combined efforts of our staff, parents, students, and community to develop future leaders with active and creative minds. Our focus is on the holistic development of the individual, social, moral, intellectual, and physical growth, along with a strong sense of heritage and culture.”

Core Values

Care, Ownership, Togetherness, Honesty, Empathy, Gratitude
We ensure that the entire SSIS family follows these values.

KG Arabic Curriculum Policy	
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1. Rationale.

In alignment with the ADEK School KG Arabic Curriculum Policy (June 2025), Shining Star International School (SSIS) recognizes Arabic as a cornerstone of the UAE's cultural identity. This policy ensures structured, developmentally appropriate Arabic language exposure in Kindergarten, supporting linguistic readiness, cultural appreciation, and smooth transition to MOE compulsory subjects.

2. Aims / Purpose

- Mandate the teaching of Arabic from Pre-KG to KG2.
- Define standards for Arabic language teaching and learning.
- Establish minimum instructional time requirements.
- Ensure appropriate assessment and inclusion.
- Promote parental engagement.
- Ensure compliance with ADEK policies

3. Scope

This policy applies to all Kindergarten sections at SSIS, and covers curriculum delivery, assessment, staffing, and parental engagement.

4. Policy Framework

SSIS follows ADEK Arabic Curriculum Standards – KG Requirements. Arabic instruction is delivered through:

- Direct Arabic instruction sessions
- Integrated learning with Islamic and UAE culture
- Use of Standard Modern Arabic (Faseeha)
- Inclusive practices for students of determination

5. Procedure

The Arabic curriculum is implemented in alignment with ADEK Arabic Curriculum Standards – KG Requirements, ADEK School Curriculum Policy, ADEK School Assessment Policy, ADEK Cultural Consideration Policy, and ADEK Inclusion policies.

Arabic Curriculum Structure

- Arabic A: UAE and Arab nationals and students with sufficient Arabic proficiency.
- Arabic B: Non-Arab students with little or no prior exposure.

Arabic Streams

Grade/Year	Stream	
Pre-KG/FS1	Arabic A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UAE/Arab Nationals Non-Arab Nationals 	
KG1/FS2 – KG2/Y1	Arabic A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UAE/Arab Nationals Non-Arab Nationals with prior Arabic exposure 	Arabic B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-Arab Nationals without prior Arabic exposure

Arabic Curriculum for KG1/FS2 and KG2/Y1:

a. UAE and Arab National Students:

Students shall be allocated to the Arabic A stream by default.

b. Non-Arab National Students: Schools shall adhere to the following:

i. Students who do not have any prior exposure to Arabic shall be allocated to the Arabic B stream by default.

ii. Students who have prior exposure to Arabic and who possess sufficient proficiency (to understand most of the spoken language) shall be allocated to the Arabic A stream by default.

Stream Switch: Schools shall authorize the switching of streams as per the following conditions: 1. UAE Nationals and Arab Nationals are not authorized to switch streams. However, students with additional learning needs who have severe linguistic difficulties are authorized to do so, subject to ADEK approval, ensuring the submission of relevant clinical assessment reports. 2. Non-Arab National students are authorized to switch streams if requested by parents and approved by the school (based on proficiency), subject to final ADEK approval.

Time Allocation

Stream	PHASE 1: Allocation by 2025/26 (minutes)	PHASE 2: Allocation by 2027/28 (minutes)
Arabic A	240	300
Arabic B	150	210*

Teaching and Learning Approach

Teaching follows play-based, inquiry-based, and experiential learning approaches using Standard Modern Arabic (Faseeha). Inclusive practices and culturally relevant resources are applied.

Preparation for MOE Compulsory Subjects: School is authorized to introduce additional subjects such as UAE Social Studies and Islamic Studies (for Muslim students) to complement their KG Arabic curriculum. These can be delivered as stand alone subjects or as the Integrated Arabic Curriculum.

Assessment

Adhere to the ADEK School Assessment Policy for the implementation of internal assessments, (i.e., formative assessments, developmental screenings, observational assessments) as per the Arabic Curriculum.



new students to place them in suitable streams.

Inclusion and Support

Differentiation and intervention support are provided as required, including accommodations for students of determination.

Teacher Qualifications and CPD

Arabic A is taught by native speakers. Arabic B may be taught by fluent native or non-native speakers. Teachers should complete a minimum of 75 CPD hours annually.

Parent Engagement

Develop strategies to engage parents in supporting their child's learning of Arabic, including communicating learning outcomes on a regular basis (e.g., weekly newsletter) and encouraging Arabic language learning at home.

Schools are authorized to distribute translated instructional materials to students to enable parents to engage with and assist students with their Arabic language learning at home. S

Arabic curriculum-related activities and events shall be delivered and ensure opportunities are offered to all students and their parents to actively encourage participation.

6.Roles and Responsibilities

Principal:

- Overall policy oversight and ADEK compliance.

Head of KG:

- Monitoring implementation, timetabling, and quality assurance.

Arabic Teachers:

- Deliver curriculum using approved pedagogy and assessments.

Class Teachers:

- Collaborate with Arabic teachers to support holistic learning.

Parents:

- Reinforce Arabic learning at home and participate in school initiatives.

7.Compliance and Review

This policy is effective from AY 2025–26 and will be reviewed annually or as per ADEK updates. Non-compliance will be addressed in accordance with ADEK regulations.