

EDUCATION IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Categories of educational system:

- 1)public schools
- 2)private schools
- 3)higher education institutions

State schools generally have 4 levels:

- 1)Early Childhood Education (ages 3–5)
- 2)Primary (ages 6–11)
- 3)Lower Secondary (ages 12–15)
- 4)Upper Secondary (ages 16–18)

Education is:

universal, free (in public schools), compulsory for Emirati children, gender-segregated.



Pre-school education in the UAE

- age (3-5 y.o.0)
- co-educational
- K-12 education (from kindergarten to 12th grade)



Primary education in the UAE

- starts at the **age of 6**
- grades **1–5 (ages 6–11)**
- subjects: **math, science, English and/or Arabic, and social studies.**
- school week runs from **Sunday – Thursday**
- *Public schools* - **trimester system**,
Private - **two-semester system**

Holidays:

- a winter holiday in December
- a spring break in late March
- a summer break in the hot months





Private schools (educational systems of UK, the US, India + International Baccalaureate (IB) program)



State schools - a graduation certificate from the Ministry of Education.

Secondary education in the UAE

- mandatory
- lower (grades 6–9)
- and upper (grades 10–12)
- private schools practice various models



Education costs and funding in the UAE

- public schools - 6,000 AED yearly (122 655 rub)
- private schools - 2700 AED - 66,000 AED (55 194 - 1 349 205 rub)
- financial aid, discounts or scholarships are given by the government or by schools



Higher education in the UAE



- public universities are free of charge for Emirati students
- New York University Abu Dhabi, American University in Dubai, and Canadian University in Dubai

Examinations

- tests throughout and at the end of each school year
- no overarching exams to meet national standards until the final year of secondary school.

Graduating exams

- exam to receive the **General Secondary Education Certificate**
- private schools - **continual, term-end, and year-end assessments.**
- Starting in 2017 - **Emirates Standardized Test (EmSAT)** required for admission into most public universities and colleges.

