



YASMINA
AMERICAN SCHOOL

Parent Information Pack

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Principal's Message



Amal Shahine
Director of Education &
Executive Principal

I feel privileged to have the opportunity to serve as the Founding Principal of Yasmina American School. With over 33 years of experience in the education field, all of which have been spent in Abu Dhabi, I am both excited and honored to take on this new challenge.

Previously, I had the privilege of being the Founding Principal of Horizon Private School/American Branch, where I spent over 16 years. I witnessed the school grow from just 100 students in its first year to over 1,500 students from its sixth year onwards.

I firmly believe that children are gifts from God, each with unique talents. I am convinced that all children can succeed if we create the right conditions for them to discover and nurture their abilities. Every child is born with the potential to make a meaningful contribution to the world, and it is our duty as educators to guide our students in finding their path and achieving their dreams.

My goal is to see the students of Yasmina American School grow into responsible, self-confident global citizens who believe in their ability to make a positive impact on the world around them, making it a better place for everyone.

Meet our Senior Leadership Team



Dr. Chrisdelin Traylor
Vice Principal

I am proud to serve as Vice Principal at Yasmina American School, bringing over 20 years of experience in education, including nearly a decade in the UAE. Originally from Dallas, Texas, I have worked in diverse school settings leading initiatives in curriculum development, teacher training, and student support. My goal is to deliver a high-quality education that honors the UAE values and prepares students to succeed in a ever-changing global world.

Within Aldar Education, I've supported efforts to strengthen teaching and improve student outcomes across grade levels. I hold a doctorate in Educational Leadership, along with certifications in teaching, counseling, and K-12 administration. As Yasmina opens in August 2025, I am focused on establishing a solid start for students in Pre-K to Grade 5. I am passionate about helping children build strong reading and math skills through engaging, hands-on experiences that spark curiosity and critical thinking. Also, I believe all learners thrive in joyful, well-structured environments that nurture both academic and personal growth.

As a wife and mother of a four-year-old, I understand the importance of early education and building a school community where every child feels seen, supported, and inspired. I look forward to partnering with families, students, and staff to help every learner at Yasmina grow and succeed.



Taghreed Safour
Assistant Principal at
Yasmina American School

I'm originally from Syria and have been an educator since 2004, with 22 years of experience in teaching and leadership.

I hold a Bachelor's degree in Arabic Language from Al Baath University, along with professional diplomas in teaching and instructional leadership from Abu Dhabi University and the University of Jordan - Queen Rania Teacher Academy.

I've been a proud member of Aldar Academies since 2011, and I'm truly honored to join the founding team of Yasmina American School as the Assistant Principal for Ministry of Education subjects.

I'm passionate about the Arabic language and committed to promoting national identity through meaningful learning experiences. I'm excited to help build a school culture that inspires creativity, confidence, and pride in our students' heritage.



Natalie Koloizian
Head of Early Years and
Elementary at Yasmina
American School

I am Armenian-Lebanese and bring over 18 years of experience in early and primary education to my role as Head of Pre-K to Grade 3.

With a strong foundation in leadership, a Bachelor's degree, and a passion for curriculum planning, I've worked closely with students from Pre-K through Grade 4 to create inclusive, engaging learning environments. Fluent in Arabic, English, and Armenian, I believe in the power of strong school communities and collaborative leadership.

I'm excited to join Yasmina American School—a place that truly values innovation, teamwork, and student-centered learning—and I look forward to helping young learners thrive and grow.



Curriculum Information

Yasmina American School will deliver a rigorous American curriculum aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for English Language Arts and Mathematics, along with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for Science. The school's academic framework is designed to provide a high-quality, inquiry-driven, and student-centered education, fostering both foundational knowledge and critical thinking skills.

CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

Early Childhood (Pre-K & Kindergarten): A play-based, inquiry-driven program that integrates literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional development, following the Creative curriculum.

Elementary (Grades 1-5): A balanced curriculum focusing on core subjects—English, Mathematics, and Science – complemented by Art, Music, Physical Education, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). The curriculum emphasizes project-based learning and the development of 21st-century skills.

Middle & High School Expansion (Future): The school plans to introduce Advanced Placement (AP) courses at the high school level, offering students opportunities to earn college credits and prepare for university-level studies.

KINDERGARTEN

Our Early years and Kindergarten program is thoughtfully designed to provide a nurturing and stimulating environment, laying the foundation for a lifelong love of learning. With a focus on your child's holistic development, our engaging and play-based program sparks curiosity through hands-on activities and interactive learning experiences.

We understand the unique needs of young learners and are dedicated to fostering their social, emotional, cognitive, and physical growth. In our compassionate and dynamic classrooms, exploration and discovery are at the heart of every day.

Let's make learning fun and meaningful together! Our Pre-K and KG program is a stepping stone to a bright and promising future that lays the groundwork for lifelong success.

ELEMENTARY

The Elementary Curriculum at Yasmina American School (Grades 1-5) is designed to nurture curiosity, foster critical thinking, and build the foundations for future success.

Our program focuses on four interconnected goals:

- **Cultivating a Love for Learning:** We build on the natural curiosity and enthusiasm children bring to their early years.
- **Exploring the World:** We deepen children's understanding and appreciation of the fascinating world around them.
- **Instilling Good Habits of Mind:** We encourage resilience, creativity, and critical thinking.
- **Developing Essential Skills:** We equip students with the tools they need for the next stages of their educational journey.

We prioritize an integrated curriculum where Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) are central to learning. These interdisciplinary experiences are thoughtfully designed to align with the US Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for Mathematics and the English Language Arts (ELA) framework, ensuring both academic rigor and coherence.

Through this approach, students develop critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills, preparing them for future academic and professional success.

Ministry of Education (MoE) Curriculum

At Yasmina American School we follow the Ministry of Education (MoE) curriculum for Arabic Language, Islamic Education, and UAE Social Studies. These subjects reflect the values and identity of the United Arab Emirates and are delivered in accordance with the standards set by the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK).

Curriculum Areas:

- Arabic Language
- Islamic Education
- UAE Social Studies
- Moral Education

Our goal is to ensure all students gain a deep appreciation for the UAE's culture and values while feeling supported in their learning. We believe in creating an inclusive environment where every child is guided to grow with confidence, respect, and a strong sense of belonging.





Registration Forms/ Documents Checklist

In order to ensure that the school has accurate and up to date information and to enable the school to meet the requirements for registration with the Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK), it is essential that you provide the following documents:

- ▶ Acceptance letter
- ▶ Confirmation of payment slip
- ▶ Student's, father's, and mother's Emirates Identity Card (EID front & back Side)
- ▶ Student's, father's, and mother's passport copy
- ▶ Student's, father's, and mother's residential visa (not applicable to UAE Nationals)
- ▶ Student's birth certificate
- ▶ Childs immunization record
- ▶ Your address location proof-either ADDC (electricity) bill or Tawtheeq
- ▶ Passport size photograph of student
- ▶ Copy of 2 most recent school reports
- ▶ Graduation requirements undertaking
- ▶ Transfer certificate (applicable if current school is outside of Abu Dhabi)
- ▶ Essential registration forms:
 - Form 1: Parent security pass
 - Form 2: Student health record
 - Form 3: Consent medical issues
 - Form 4: Parental consent to administer emergency medication
 - Form 5: Learning support information
 - Form 6: Consent form for photography and images of children
 - Form 7: Consent form for use of photographic devices at school events by parents
 - Form 8: ICT parents acceptable use agreement

For more information, please email:
Admissions@yasminaamericanschool.com

Parents/Guardian ID

At Yasmina American School, student safety is our top priority. To support our safeguarding procedures, every adult entering the school will be stopped at reception and required to register with security staff. As a courtesy to our families and to make this process more convenient, we are pleased to offer school entry passes for up to four approved family members per household.

To receive your passes, please visit the school reception to complete a short registration form and submit a passport-sized photograph for each individual. Passes will take up to three school days to process and can be collected from the school reception once ready.

These Security Passes can be worn during any school visit, helping parents and/or guardians save time while supporting a smooth and safe experience on campus.



Uniform and Shoe Guidelines

Uniform Expectations

- Students must wear the school-approved uniform appropriate for their grade level each day.
- On PE days, students are required to wear the official PE uniform, including the school PE t-shirt and athletic bottoms.
- Uniforms should be clean, neat, and properly sized for ease of movement, especially for younger learners.

Shoe Expectations

To support safe play, movement, and long hours on their feet, students must wear appropriate, school-approved footwear:

- Shoes must be all black, including soles, laces, and any visible logos.
- Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes only. Shoes must be secure on the foot, no slip-ons.
- On PE days, students must wear athletic shoes with hard soles in white, black, or a white-and-black combination. The shoes should provide proper support for physical activity and outdoor play.

To keep all students safe and comfortable during the school day, the following are not allowed:

- Crocs (or Croc-style shoes)
- Sandals, slides, or open-toe shoes
- Shoes with wheels, lights, or sound features
- Slippers or dress shoes with heels
- Platform shoes or boots

Thank you for helping us maintain a school environment that is safe, unified, and developmentally appropriate for all students. We appreciate your cooperation and partnership in making sure your child arrives each day ready to learn, play, and grow.





School Uniform

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

PRE KG - KG2



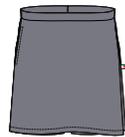
Polo T-Shirt
Boys | PRE KG - KG2



Dress
Girls | PRE KG - KG2



Polo T-Shirt
Girls | PRE KG - KG2



Grey Skort
Girls | PRE KG - KG2



Trouser
Boys & Girls | PRE KG - KG2



Grey Short
Boys | PRE KG - KG2

GRADE 1 - GRADE 5



Polo T-Shirt
Boys | GRADE 1 - GRADE 5



Grey Pinafore
Girls | GRADE 1 - GRADE 5



Polo T-Shirt
Girls | GRADE 1 - GRADE 5



Grey Skort
Girls | GRADE 1 - GRADE 5



Trouser
Boys & Girls | GRADE 1 - GRADE 5



Grey Short
Boys | GRADE 1 - GRADE 5

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School Uniform

SCHOOL UNIFORMS



P.E. T-Shirt
Boys & Girls | PRE KG - GRADE 12



P.E. Track Pants
Boys & Girls | PRE KG - GRADE 12



V-Neck Sweater
Boys & Girls | PRE KG - GRADE 12



Navy Blue Cardigan
Boys & Girls | KG1 - GRADE 4



Swimsuit



Romper



Unisex P.E. Shorts
Boys & Girls | PRE KG - GRADE 12



High Neck Jacket
Boys & Girls | PRE KG - GRADE 12



Black book Bag with Logo
PRE KG - GRADE 5



P.E. / Swim Bag



Swim Cap



House Shirts
Boys & Girls | PRE KG - GRADE 12



Legionaire Cap



Baseball Cap



Swimming Trunks



Bag Weight Policy

Introduction

At Yasmina American School, student health and safety are top priorities. In line with the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) directives and the WHO Child Growth Chart, we are implementing a clear policy on limiting school bag weight to prevent long-term physical strain and promote student well-being.

Objectives

- Prevent health issues caused by heavy school bags.
- Promote correct posture and safe backpack use.
- Educate students and parents about responsible bag packing habits.
- Ensure staff, parents, and students work together to monitor school bag safety.

Guidelines for Students and Parents

- Bags should never exceed 20% of the student’s body weight.
- Trolley bags are not permitted in grade 1 - 5.
- Use ergonomic school bags with wide, padded, and adjustable straps.
- Always wear bags on both shoulders to ensure even weight distribution.
- Devices should be transported separately if they are bulky or heavy.
- Use digital versions of textbooks whenever possible.
- Pack only essential items: water bottle, lunchbox (carried separately if needed), pencil case, and any books or devices needed that day.

Monitoring and Enforcement

Class teachers will regularly check bag weights. School Nurse will assist in weighing bags if needed. If a student’s bag exceeds the allowed weight, parents will be notified and advised. Documentation of repeated incidents will be recorded in the student’s pastoral care log.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Parents: Ensure compliance before students leave home.
- Students: Practice responsible packing habits.
- Teachers: Monitor student compliance and limit the number of materials required daily.
- Leadership Team: Review policy implementation and make adjustments as per ADEK updates.

ADEK School Bag Weight Limits



Grade	KG1	KG2	Gr 1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8	Gr 9	Gr 10
Max. Backpack Weight	2.2	2.4	2.6	3.0	3.4	3.8	4.1	4.5	5.0	5.8	6.5	7.3

This policy will be reviewed annually or upon any changes in ADEK guidelines. The next review date is June 2026.

School Supplies

We provide textbooks, exercise books, and online resources (where required) to our students. Students are expected to bring in their own stationery.

There will be a list of required equipment and stationery provided to the students at the start of the year.

Nutrition/Catering

Food Nation LLC. was established in 2016 and the aim was to provide nutritious, innovative food offerings bursting with flavor to schools across the UAE. Food Nation uses only quality raw products and all products are made from scratch, ingredients are non-processed, additive free and use healthy fats over trans-fats that are found in many processed foods. Food Nation's 'Eat Bright' programme creates products with specifically targeted nutrients to improve academic performance; ensuring essential nutrients, vitamins, minerals, proteins and healthy fats are included in our meals. Use of clever food combining and alternative cooking techniques results in delicious foods, packed with "hidden goodness", which children love.

Food served in our cafeterias, and menus are rotated on a three weekly basis to ensure variety and a balanced nutritious programme. Payment can be made via payment cards or online.

Families may, of course, opt to provide children with their own healthy lunchbox. Food deliveries during the day are not permitted and the school asks families to limit sending in 'gifts' and 'treats'. The school is a nut-free site.





Online Education Platforms

All children have access to a Microsoft 365 account, where they can use all Microsoft programs. One login is used for all educational apps, including MS Teams and Class Dojo.

Bus Information

Emirates Transport

The buses we use have been inspected by the Department of Transportation (DoT) and have been given approval to operate. As for the team they have been given first aid, child protection and safety training.

If you would like to make use of the bus transportation service for your child, please use the link to register below:

<http://one.et.ae/>

Also, if you would like to communicate with our bus coordinator, please feel free to send him an email to: **alyasmina@et.ae**

School Day Timings

- **Monday - Thursday: 7:30 am - 2:30 pm**
(optional KG early pick up starting 1:45 pm)
- **Friday: 7:30 am - 11:30 am**

Payment Information

To pay tuition fees, you can either pay by debit card, credit card, cheque or bank transfer.

Please note that when you make a direct deposit to our bank account, we do not necessarily recognise your payment unless you provide us the bank deposit slip. Kindly send a copy of the bank deposit receipt to the following email **finance@yasminaamericanschool.com** immediately, so we can allocate funds accordingly and send you a confirmation receipt.

For online transfer, please see the below bank details.

Account Name: ALDAR ACAD-YASMINA AMERICAN SCHOOL

IBAN: AE080030010482902920056

Account Number: 10482902920056

BIC / SWIFT: ADCBAEAXXX

Bank: ABU DHABI COMMERCIAL BANK

Bank Code/ Branch Name: 101 / AL SALAM STREET





Key Contacts

- **Reception**
Reception@yasminaamericanschool.sch.ae
- **Parent Relations, concerns, communications please contact:**
MyExperience@yasminaamericanschool.com
- **Administration related inquiry please send email to:**
Admissions@yasminaamericanschool.com
- **Finance Inquiries please send email to:**
finance@yasminaamericanschool.com
- **School Counselor concerns please send email to:**
Counselor@yasminaamericanschool.sch.ae

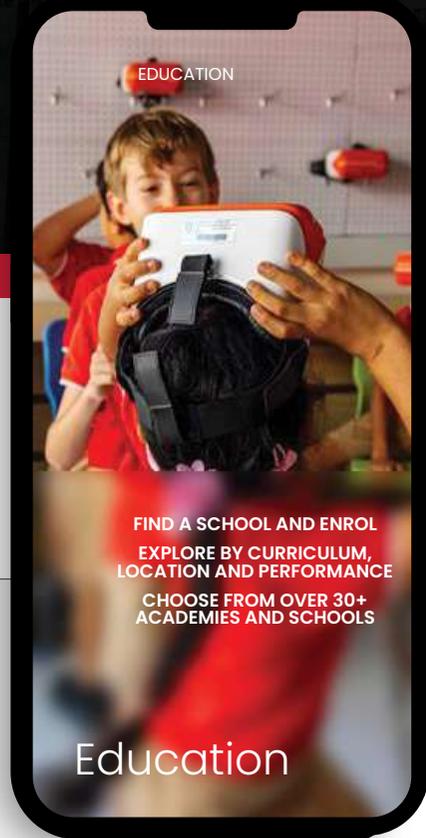




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TIMETABLE VIEW

Check your child's daily and weekly schedule via the calendar section.



TERM TIME MANAGEMENT

View term reports and attendance records to keep track of your child's academic progress.



NOTIFICATIONS

Get real-time updates on activities such as announcements, pending payments, completed transactions, and new request submissions etc.



FEEDBACK SUBMISSION

Provide feedback under various categories to help improve services.



SEAMLESS PAYMENTS

Pay school fees securely and track your transaction history through the integrated wallet.



PARENT & CHILD PROFILES

Easily access your profile and view detailed information about your child.



SINGLE AND MULTIPLE CHILD VIEW

Get an overview of more than one child in a single view; individual child dashboards are also available.



DASHBOARD QUICK CALENDAR

Stay updated with current week's attendance of your child.



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