

Doctors Guide to Dubai Schools.

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YEARS IN
THE GULF

95+

HOSPITAL
RELATIONSHIPS

500+

DOCTORS PLACED
IN THE LAST 4 YEARS

Simplifying the School Selection Process

By the time most of our doctors get here, they've already navigated licensing, contracts, and a residency visa. Choosing a school, against all of that, should be the easy part, and it usually is, once you know where to look.

A good number of the families we've relocated end up at the same handful of schools, not because choice is limited, but because these schools work well for the way a doctor's family actually lives here: close enough to home and hospital to make mornings simple, strong enough academically that nobody has to compromise, and used to welcoming a child mid-year.

This is a short guide to those schools, what they cost for the year ahead, and a few things that have changed recently that are worth knowing before you visit one.

IN THIS GUIDE

- 14 top-rated Dubai schools, with official KHDA ratings and 2025–26 fees
- Five things that have changed and matter before you visit
- What doctors who made this move actually say

A working shortlist, not the whole map. All ratings shown are official KHDA (Knowledge and Human Development Authority) and DSIB (Dubai Schools Inspection Bureau) results, most from the 2023–24 inspection cycle. Fees are published tuition ranges for 2025–26.

Safa British School

VERY GOOD

Al Safa · BSO Outstanding 2022 & 2025

safabritishschool.com

AED 45,428 – 73,550

Safa Community School

OUTSTANDING

Al Barsha

safacommunityschool.com

AED 54,437 – 89,440

Jumeira Baccalaureate School

VERY GOOD

Al Wasl / Jumeirah · IB through Grade 12

jbschool.ae

AED 43,325 – 91,840

The English College Dubai

VERY GOOD

Umm Suqeim · 24 Outstanding measures

englishcollegedubai.com

AED 41,000 – 68,265

Dubai English Speaking College

OUTSTANDING

Academic City

desc.sch.ae

AED 84,325 – 90,633

Hartland International School

VERY GOOD

Sobha Hartland · BSO Outstanding, twice awarded

hartlandinternational.com

AED 48,781 – 92,803

Kings' School Al Barsha

OUTSTANDING

Al Barsha

kings-edu.com/albarsha

AED 57,999 – 105,873

Nord Anglia International School

OUTSTANDING

Al Barsha South

nordangliaeducation.com/nas-dubai

AED 69,625 – 105,288

JESS Arabian Ranches

OUTSTANDING

Arabian Ranches

jess.sch.ae

AED 54,129 – 104,544

Dubai British School, Emirates Hills

OUTSTANDING

Emirates Hills · Continuously since 2017

dubaibritishschool.ae

AED 53,027 – 79,541

Dubai British School, Jumeirah Park

OUTSTANDING

Jumeirah Park

dubaibritishschooljp.ae

AED 65,719 – 111,799

Royal Grammar School Guildford Dubai

OUTSTANDING

Dubai Sports City · Best debut result + BSO Outstanding 2025

rgsgd.com

AED 78,758 – 119,713

Two strong options outside the British curriculum.

For families who prefer a US or French curriculum, both schools are fully inspected and well established in Dubai.

US CURRICULUM

OUTSTANDING

GEMS Dubai American Academy

Al Barsha South
gemsaa-dubai.com

The only US curriculum school in Dubai rated Outstanding. Held continuously since 2011.

AED 66,185 – 93,300

FRENCH CURRICULUM

VERY GOOD

Lycée Français Int'l Georges Pompidou

Academic City
lfigp.org

English, French, Mathematics and Science all rated Outstanding individually.

AED 36,920 – 50,700

WE DO THIS FOR YOU

If you'd like a recommendation closer to your specific hospital, contract, and child's age, just ask. It's part of what we already help with.

Fees and ratings can change by school year and year group. Always confirm final tuition, availability, sibling discounts, and registration requirements directly with the school before applying.

1

Fees are frozen for next year.

Dubai school fees cannot rise at all for 2026–27. The number you see today is the number you'll pay.

2

The age cut-off just changed in your favour.

From 2026–27, it moves from August 31 to December 31. Children born later in the year can now start on schedule instead of losing a full year waiting.

3

A rating is a snapshot, not a guarantee.

Full inspections have been paused since 2024, so most ratings reflect 2023–24. Worth a quick check with the school directly on anything more recent.

4

Sibling discounts vary more than you'd think.

Some schools discount from your first additional child, others only from the third or fourth. Worth asking early if you're moving with more than one.

5

Many schools can start while the Emirates ID is pending.

Several schools register a child on a passport copy and transfer certificate, adding the Emirates ID once issued, which is useful since that process can take a few weeks on its own.

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"They put significant effort into understanding their clients' personalities and preferences, and they strive to place them in well suited hospitals."

Dr Feras Sanoubara

Gastroenterologist

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

"Allocation Assist got me my Consultant job in Abu Dhabi where I am very happy. If you're a British doctor looking for a job in the UAE, this is where you start."

Dr Richard Baker

Consultant Plastic Surgeon

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

"A few of my colleagues have moved to Dubai through this team after my recommendations. They also have a super helpful WhatsApp group and social events that help with networking in Dubai."

Dr Omendra Narayan

Consultant Paediatrician & Pediatric Pulmonologist

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

"I highly recommend Allocation Assist — they introduced me to my working opportunity in Abu Dhabi and they keep in touch post relocation with regular networking events for doctors."

Dr Mohammad Allow

Consultant Haematologist & Medical Oncologist

Settling in is part of the move too.

We know the licensing, the contract, and the visa are the part that feels urgent. The school is the part that makes it feel like home.

Mention it whenever you're next in touch, and we'll talk through which of these fits your family best, alongside everything else.

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