

Dubai School Shortlisting Sheet

How to Rank the Right School for Your Child

Scoring Method - Rate each school from 1 to 5

1 = Poor	2 = Below Average	3 = Good	4 = Very Good	5 = Excellent
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You may double weight the 2 to 3 factors most important to your family.

01. KHDA Rating & Inspection Report

Criteria	Score (1-5)
Overall KHDA Rating (Outstanding / Very Good / Good)	
Student Progress & Attainment	
Teaching & Assessment Quality	
Leadership & Management	
Wellbeing & Inclusion	

Subtotal: _____ / 25



02. Curriculum & Exam Pathways

Question	Score (1-5)
Curriculum matches future university plans	
Strong recent exam results	
Clear university destinations	
Subject specialisation options (A level / AP / IB depth)	
Flexibility & global mobility	

Notes:

- UK (IGCSE + A-level)
- IB Continuum (PYP-DP)
- US (HS Diploma + AP/IB)
- Indian (CBSE/ICSE)
- French / Others

Subtotal: _____ / 25



03. Location, Commute & Timing

Criteria	Score (1-5)
Door to door commute practicality	
Traffic impact (peak hours)	
Bus availability	
Start / Finish times vs work schedule	
Sibling logistics	

Subtotal: _____ / 25



04. Fees vs Real Value

Criteria	Score (1-5)
Annual fee affordability	
Value for facilities & teaching	
What's included (books, exams, ECAs)	
Transparency of additional costs	
Long term sustainability (13 years planning)	

Subtotal: _____ / 25



05. Class Size & Student Support

Criteria	Score (1-5)
Average class size	
Teacher student ratio	
EAL support	
SEN / Inclusion quality	
Gifted & Talented support	

Subtotal: _____ / 25



06. Academic Culture vs Whole Child Balance

Criteria	Score (1-5)
Academic rigor	
Sport & Arts strength	
Co curricular variety	
Character education	
Suitability for your child's personality	

Subtotal: _____ / 25



07. Wellbeing, Behaviour & Community

Criteria	Score (1-5)
Bullying policies & discipline	
Student happiness & belonging	
Parent communication systems	
Accessibility of leadership	
Community atmosphere	

Subtotal: _____ / 25



08. Leadership & Staff Stability

Criteria	Score (1-5)
Principal tenure	
Senior leadership stability	
Teacher retention rate	
Governance quality	
Strategic direction clarity	

Subtotal: _____ / 25



09. Facilities & Co Curricular Depth

Criteria	Score (1-5)
Science & tech labs	
Sports facilities	
Performing arts & music	
Innovation (AI, robotics, STEAM)	
Depth of ECAs (MUN, coding, service, languages)	

Subtotal: _____ / 25



10. Admissions Selectivity & Fit

Criteria	Score (1-5)
Entry requirements realistic	
Academic pressure level suitable	
Cultural fit for your family	
Waiting list likelihood	
Long term progression pathway	

Subtotal: _____ / 25

Final Comparison Table

School Name	Total Score (/250)	Double Weighted Adjusted Score
School A		
School B		
School C		

Remember

The “best” school depends on:

- Curriculum preference (British vs IB vs US vs Indian vs French)
 - Your child’s academic profile and personality
 - Budget comfort level
 - Where you live in Dubai
 - Long term university and relocation plans
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