

The Indian High School

Dubai, United Arab Emirates



Founded a decade before the UAE itself, this CBSE pioneer has grown into the Gulf's largest Indian-curriculum community.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	65/100
Academic outcomes	73/100
University placement	66/100
Prestige & heritage	65/100
Alumni network	63/100
Facilities	63/100
Transparency	62/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

The Indian High School trades on scale, history and regulatory solidity. Founded in 1961, a full decade before the UAE itself, it holds a rare place in Dubai’s education market: an Indian-curriculum institution that long ago moved from niche expatriate provision to civic fixture. It is a day school for ages 4 to 18, teaches in English, and carries a KHDA rating of **Very Good** for 2023/24. The published ****10:1**** student-teacher ratio matters here. In a school of this size and profile, that ratio points to serious operational depth rather than a thinly staffed volume model. Parents looking for a school with a long record, clear academic structure and a community that extends across the full school years will find that combination **hard to dismiss**.

What sets it apart is not progressive experimentation or boutique intimacy. It is the opposite: continuity, throughput and a curriculum track that many Indian families know exactly how to read. In Dubai’s crowded private-school market, that still counts for a great deal. The school covers the full **4–18** age range under the Indian National curriculum, KHDA-attested as Indian, and that clarity is one of its strengths. There is no ambiguity about what it is offering. For families who want a direct route through school without curriculum switches, translation headaches or imported educational fashion, this is a **serious, grown-up** option. The scale also brings a wider peer base and the social confidence of an established institution, though parents who want a small campus culture or highly personalised hand-holding will find the model **less tender** than a boutique international school.

The Indian High School belongs on a shortlist for families who value academic discipline, cultural familiarity and institutional permanence over novelty. It will suit students who are comfortable in a busy, structured environment and who do not need a school to flatter them with endless individual packaging. Self-directed children who can navigate a large community and keep pace with a clear academic routine will do well. Children who need a very soft landing, a highly therapeutic setting or the intimacy of a small school may not. For the right family, though, this is a **high-functioning** piece of Dubai’s school landscape: old, stable, and still convincingly relevant after **1961** ceased to be a date and became a credential.

STRENGTHS	TRADE - OFFS
• All-through provision from ages 4 to 18 on one campus • English-medium instruction across the school • Indian National curriculum, regulator-attested • KHDA rated Very good for 2023/24 • Long-established, founded in 1961, with settled institutional identity	• Indian curriculum narrows non-Indian and Western examination pathways • We could not independently verify recent board-exam results, so families should request Class X and XII data directly • We could not independently verify current facilities detail, limiting direct comparison with newer campuses

ADMISSIONS

Admissions cover a broad age range, with entry from age 4 through to 18, so the obvious intake points are the early primary years. As this is a day school in Dubai offering an Indian National curriculum, parents should expect the usual application sequence of registration, document submission and age-appropriate admission testing.

WTS RATING 

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