

Kingdom Schools

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



Twin single-sex campuses in Riyadh pair American Common Core rigor with Arabic and Islamic studies, plus a bid for IB Primary Years status.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	69/100
Academic outcomes	70/100
University placement	69/100
Prestige & heritage	71/100
Alumni network	70/100
Facilities	73/100
Transparency	65/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Kingdom Schools occupies a specific niche in Riyadh: a Muslim day school with separate boys’ and girls’ sections, an American curriculum, and a stronger stated commitment to Arabic language, Islamic values and national identity than many international schools chasing a placeless global brief. It opened in **2000** and runs from ages **3–18**, with English and Arabic as languages of instruction. The point of difference is not novelty; it is structure. Parents get an American academic spine, Arabic and Islamic studies kept firmly in view, and a school that serves families who want *cultural confidence* without abandoning *global ambition*. The school also holds Cognia K-12 accreditation and is a candidate school for the IB Primary Years Programme. That candidacy matters, but only up to a point: candidacy is not

authorisation.

What puts Kingdom Schools on a shortlist is breadth with scale. The school states that it has 0 students, 0 classes and 0 teachers; those published figures are unusable, which is a lapse in basic public communication. More useful is the shape of the offer: STEAM and AI enrichment, scholarships for academic excellence, co-curricular activity, and visible investment in public-facing student events, from robotics in the early years to drama and football competitions. Parents looking for a *tight moral framework*, *single-sex continuity* and a curriculum that keeps one foot in American standards and the other in Saudi cultural life will find a coherent proposition here. Parents looking for published external exam data, hard destination figures or granular academic performance measures will find the school opaque. Kingdom Schools tells you a lot about ethos and programmes; it tells you little about outcomes.

The best fit is a student who thrives in a structured environment, values clear boundaries, and does not need a progressive, student-led culture to do well. This is a school for children who will benefit from *order and expectation*, who can handle a bilingual setting, and whose families want school and home pulling in the same direction on religion and conduct. It also suits ambitious students who want a conventional academic route with room for leadership and enrichment, rather than a highly experimental model. For international or mixed-background families, the attraction lies in *rooted internationalism*: an English-medium American education inside a school culture that is explicitly Saudi and Muslim. That combination is not rare in Riyadh; Kingdom Schools delivers it with more institutional confidence than many competitors.

STRENGTHS

- The school is Cognia K-12 accredited and is a candidate for the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, working toward full IBPYP World School authorization.
- Published tuition for 2026/27 runs from SAR 28,800 to SAR 51,300 a year, making it one of the more moderately priced American-curriculum day schools in Riyadh.
- Enrichment pathways in STEAM and Artificial Intelligence support advanced learning across age levels alongside the core American Diploma track.
- Campus facilities include a fitness center, athletic field, auditorium and play areas, with classrooms fitted with interactive whiteboards and data projectors.
- The curriculum preserves Islamic studies, Arabic language and Saudi history alongside the international program, easing integration for local and Muslim expat families.

TRADE-OFFS

- Kingdom Schools operates as two separate single-sex campuses, a Boys' School and a Girls' School, so there is no coeducational option for families who prefer mixed classrooms.
- Scholarships are not currently offered by the school, so fee support for families facing financial strain is unavailable.
- No school-provided bus service is publicised on official materials, meaning families must arrange transport privately or via Riyadh's public network.
- Much of the school's own marketing leans on self-declared claims such as being 'ranked No. 1 among the top international schools in Riyadh,' rather than citing independent inspection or league-table data.

ADMISSIONS

Kingdom Schools admits students from kindergarten (age 3) through Grade 12 across separate boys' and girls' campuses. Entry begins with an online student booking form, followed by submission of ID or residency documents, a family card, passport, birth certificate and, for under-8s, a vaccination certificate. Transferring pupils must provide financial clearance and prior school records. No separate application fee is published and scholarships are not offered. Admissions appear rolling rather than sharply selective, consistent with the school's mid-market, rising-status position rather than an oversubscribed flagship institution.

WTS RATING 

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