

Announcement of the Start of Academic Year 2020 - 2021

We hope that you had a restful and safe vacation. We imagine that the reopening of schools has been weighing heavy on your mind. After receiving feedback from all of you and our teachers, as well as carefully vetting various scenarios, we have finalized reopening plans.

SABIS® Online Offerings

As per the Ministry of Education directives, we will shift to a distance learning plan that includes five days of required synchronous (live) online instruction, which will cover all subjects for all grade levels. In order to effectively follow up on students' progress and ensure that essential concepts are mastered by all our students, AIS will continue to offer, virtually, special classes in English and Mathematics.

In addition, to ensure that our students are engaged in non-academic activities, the Student Life Organization will be fully functional throughout the distance learning period.

Also, an extensive plan that includes Art, Physical Education, and Extra-Curricular Activities has been designed. More specific information will be shared including class schedules.

We believe that this plan will optimize our students' education amidst the pandemic, while at the same time protecting the health and safety of our students, staff, and parents.

We are very proud of the way our students, parents, employees, and community leaders handled the demand we were faced with.

Staff Training and Support

AIS places a heavy emphasis on the quality of teaching at the institution. For this reason, a number of measures has been taken to constantly develop the educational skills of all AIS teachers. These include supervision and observation in the classroom intended to support staff through feedback, and an ongoing dialogue about teaching styles, successful strategies, best practices, etc. We have also organized workshops and seminars throughout the summer vacation to ensure that all our teachers are fully ready for the start of AY 2021.

Tuition fees Updates

This is to also inform you that Abdulaziz International School will apply a deduction (posted earlier on SDP) in addition to benefits for those who are part of the health sector as frontiers in the COVID-19 pandemic in addition to soldiers in the frontline, stationed on the borders of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

SABIS® E-Books

In order to move successfully from traditional classroom teaching to E-learning, the right infrastructure has to be in place. That infrastructure includes a systematic approach to teaching, instructional methodologies that empower students to take an active role in the learning cycle and, of course, access to the technology tools that can facilitate the entire process. Surely, an essential part of technology during distance learning is the usage of E-books that are available for students in Levels E to N (Grades 3 to 12). Simultaneously, books will be provided to Kindergarten students as well as Grades 1 and 2 students. As for students in the other grade levels, they will receive Workbooks in addition to non-SABIS® books.

Details regarding E-Books download and tablets specifications will be communicated shortly in a separate letter.

Communication

An announcement with the school start dates, timings, and schedules will be posted in the week of August 23rd on the SABIS® Digital Platform. Regarding book distribution, you will be notified via SMS and SABIS® Digital Platform of the dates and timings of the selling week.

Be assured that we have been working diligently on our distance learning plan. The comprehensive plan will be posted on SABIS® Digital Platform. We encourage our parents to frequently visit our school website for up to date and accurate information.

Wishing all our students a great and successful year.

Regards,

AIS Administration