



# School of Modern Skills

High School Profile 2023-2024

CEEB 697063

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## ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

**New England Association of Schools and  
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## School Mission

School of Modern Skills provides a comprehensive education experience that fosters innovation, celebrates academic achievement, and develops compassionate, respectful, and creative leaders.

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## About US

School of Modern Skills is a private K-12 school founded in 2006 serving the educational needs of the Deira district. Located in Dubai, one of the fastest growing cities in the world, the district enjoys a diversified economic base. Currently, the district consists of 10 K-12 schools with different curricula and one recognized College of Medicine. The student body consists of 1687 students.

85% are Emirati Students and 15% students from other nationalities represent the cultural diversity of Dubai. The area has attracted new families of various cultural backgrounds, and our community has grown increasingly diverse over recent years. Our parents form an integral part of the wider school community. Employment opportunities for the parents of School of Modern Skills center on the Government and Business industry, including many private, internationally recognized companies. Family incomes are high; support for education is mainly covered by the UAE government. Education in the UAE is supported through a National Agenda.



## Graduation Requirements

Core Subjects Subject	Minimum Credit
English	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
World Language	2
Islamic (For Muslims)	2
Arabic (For Arabs)	4
Visual/ Performing Art	0.5
Core Electives	2
General Electives	3.5
All students are required to enroll in a minimum of 7.0 credits per year	

## Standardized Tests Highest Scores Class 2023

**Highest Score in IELTS 8**

**Highest Score in SAT1 Math 590**

## Academics

School of Modern Skills offers the American Curriculum from K-12. All students work toward earning a High School Diploma .Students in Grade 10, 11 and 12 choose to enroll in Advanced Placement (AP) courses and/or SMS High School courses and electives.

## Program Highlights

- English is the language of Instruction throughout the school.
- Arabic Language is required for all phases for Arabic Passport holders.
- Credit is awarded for a passing grade of D 60%.
- SMS offers a range of electives based on students' interests and academic requirements.
- Offering Advanced Placement courses including Capstone Diploma. .
- Ongoing school-community partnership with local businesses and organizations support students' college and career readiness.
- Our High School students are required to do a research based, cross-curricular and entrepreneurial project called "SMS does Shark Tank!"
- SMS Students sit for SAT, AP and IELTS.
- Our students are engaged in extracurricular activities.
- SMS students are required to do 24 hours of community service effective 2023 for Grade 9.
- Weekly Homeroom time to support and develop student wellbeing.
- STREAM time to practice scientific research is embedded across all grades. .
- 131 students in the class of 2023



## Course Offerings

Our course offerings ranges from year long to semester long courses

### AP Courses

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics ( Algebra Based )
- AP Seminar
- AP Language and Composition
- AP Calculus

### Science Electives

- Organic Chemistry
- BioChemistry
- Genetics
- Human Anatomy
- Forensic Science
- Health Science
- Introduction to Sustainable Development
- Earth and Environmental Science

### Math Courses

- Calculus
- Statistics
- Business Math
- College and Career Readiness (SAT, EmSAT, Career Guidance)
- Pre-Calculus
- Algebra 2

### Humanities and Social

- Business Enterprise
- Marketing and Advertising

- Economics
- Economic Geography (In Arabic)
- Digital Marketing
- Accounting
- Personal Finance and Literacy
- United Nations

### Information Technology and Innovation

- IT (Networking and Programming C++ and Database)
- Advanced Application Design.
- IT Python Programming Language.
- Multimedia (Photoshop and Video Editing).
- IT Web Design.

### English

- Public Speaking
- Theater and Drama
- Creative Writing

### Art

- Digital Art Adobe Illustrator.
- Introduction to Art.
- Architectural Designs.
- Drawing and Crafting
- Painting and Design

### Physical Education

- Physical and Health Education



## Grading Scale

Letter	Numeric	GPA Point	AP GPA Point
A+	97-100	4.0	4.25
A	93-96	4.0	4.25
A-	90-92	3.7	3.95
B+	87-89	3.3	3.55
B	83-86	3	3.25
B-	80-82	2.7	2.95
C+	77-79	2.3	2.55
C	73-76	2	2.25
C-	70-72	1.7	1.95
D+	67-69	1.3	1.55
D	63-66	1	1.25
D-	60-62	1	1.25
F	Below 60	0	0

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## Extracurricular Activities

Our academic program is richly supplemented by Visual and Performing Arts, Leadership Activities, STEAM Clubs, TedTalk club, Languages Clubs, World Culture, Journalism, Media Studies, Robotics, Student Council.

## Class of 2023 GPA Statistics

GPA Scale	Number of Students
4-3.7	35
3.6-3.5	16
3.4-3.2	27
3.1-3.00	9
2.99-2.70	19
2.6-2.5	9
2.4-2.1	7
2 -1.9	9



## University Acceptance

In the past 5 years, School of Modern Skills High School seniors have been accepted at the following colleges and universities:

Dublin City University - Ireland

University of Penn State – USA

Royal College of Surgeons - Ireland

Rochester Institute of technology - UAE

The University of Manchester-England

The University of Sydney-Australia

Toronto Metropolitan University-Canada

Dubai International College - UAE

University of Sharjah - UAE

University of Dubai - UAE

University of West Virginia - USA

Colorado School of MINES - USA

UAE Air Force - UAE

Zayed University - UAE

American University in Dubai - UAE

American University in Sharjah - UAE

Dubai Police Academy - UAE

University of United Arab Emirates - UAE

Emirates Airlines - UAE

Al Etihad Airlines - UAE

Higher Colleges of Technology - UAE

Ajman University of Science and Technology-UAE

Khalifa University - UAE

Al Jazeera University - UAE

KAIST University (South Korea)

United Arab Emirates University (UAEU)-UAE

New York University Abu Dhabi-(UAE)