All parents seeking admission at akshar arbol international school (aais) are requested to read through this guide to familiarize themselves with the stages and procedures.

2021-22 ADMISSIONS GUIDE STAGES | PROCEDURES

AKSHAR ARBOL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CHENNAI



Our Vision

We foster continual learning for all, at all times.

Our Mission

We provide the best of contemporary educational practices in an atmosphere of cooperation and mutual respect, through experiential learning, for life-long thinking and problem solving.

ENROLMENT PROCEDURE

We aim to provide a simple, clear, easy and straight-forward process to enrol your ward at Akshar Arbol International School (AAIS). Typically, for students from Chennai, the admission process takes 2 - 4 working days, while for outstation/overseas students the process takes 5 - 8 working days. We seek your cooperation to ensure that the process is completed within the promised timeline.

In order to get to know about us better, we strongly recommend the parents to attend the **AAIS Parent Open House** before submitting the Application form

Step-by-step Process of the Admission procedure

1. Parent Open House • Register for

session

 School Visit
Make an appointment for visit Application
Procure Admission Pack 4. Diagnostic & Interaction • Schedule the

date

5. Admission
• Join the AAIS

community



Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What board / curriculum does AAIS offer?

| Campus | Grades | Program |
|-----------|--------------------|--|
| CTY & ECR | ELC1 - Grade 5 | International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme |
| CTY & ECR | Grade 6 - Grade 10 | Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme and Cambridge IGCSE |
| СТҮ | Grade 11 & 12 | Cambridge AS/A |
| ECR | Grade 11 & 12 | International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme |

2. Currently, till which grades do you currently offer?

AAIS is a full-fledged K-12 School, at both our campuses. For more details on the programme we offer, read the section on <u>Academics</u> on our website.

3. Do you offer Summer Programs on campus for students?

At present, we do not offer any summer programmes. However, we offer a wide variety of <u>After-School</u> activities. For more information on our After-School Programmes, do read the section on After-School in the Community Section of our website.

4. What are the School timings?

| Grade | Timings |
|----------------|--------------------|
| ELC 1 | 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM |
| ELC 2 | 9:15 AM - 12:30 PM |
| ELC 3 | 8:10 AM - 3:00 PM |
| Grades 1 - 5 | 8:10 AM - 3:00 PM |
| Grades 6 To 12 | 8:10 AM - 3:00 PM |

- Students of ELC1 Grade 5 work from Monday to Friday.
- Students of Grade 6 Grade 12 work one Saturday a month, to engage in various Sports Activities and House Competitions; in addition to their schedule from Mondays to Fridays.



5. What indoor and outdoor games does the School offer?

A variety of games and sports is offered as a part of the School Physical Education Programme. The focus of the Sports Programme is to build age-appropriate Physical Education skills of Balance, Endurance, Strength, Flexibility and Coordination, as well as to build skills of Collaboration and Teamwork through Sports.

Students have access to the football field, cricket nets, Basketball and throw ball courts.

6. What co - curricular activities does the School offer?

As an IB School, we integrate Performing Arts (Music, Theatre); Visual Arts and Physical Education, along with academic subjects to deliver a holistic curriculum. These are offered as part of the School Timetable from ELC 1 to Grade 8. From Grade 9 onwards, subjects such as Art & Design / Visual Art are offered as courses for study towards the Grade 10 or Grade 12 qualification.

7. Is there a School uniform?

- We believe that a School uniform nurtures a sense of oneness and builds a sense of identity in students and we also believe that it must be simple, free from gender-bias, comfortable, and appealing across all age groups. Hence, we worked along with our Senior Students, designers and merchandisers of a leading fashion brand, on the colour, material, texture and cut; to custom make it, in their special factory.
- The uniforms are in two colours Green Grey (Regular Uniforms) and Orange Grey (P.E uniforms). Students wear their regular or PE uniform on specific days mentioned.
- Students of ELC (Early Learning Centre) wear the School uniform twice a week. On other days, they are encouraged to come in comfortable wear on the basis of the weather conditions.
- Students are required to wear the uniform, while representing the School in any forum outside of School; unless it is a formal occasion, where a specific dress code has been prescribed.

8. What is the maximum number of students in a classroom?

We believe in small class sizes, as this is required to foster an Inquiry-based Curriculum and pedagogy. We restrict the number of students in a class to be between 20 - 22, to ensure that the teacher is able to give personalized attention to each student, and also encourage collaborative learning amidst the students.

9. Do you have any International staff at AAIS ?



Our staff come from diverse backgrounds – ethnicity, nationality, qualifications, having lived and worked in various parts of the world. Many of our teachers are of Indian origin, while we have some teachers of foreign ethnicity. What we look for in all our teachers is International -mindedness, a growth mindset and a professional approach to teaching. Regular and ongoing Professional Development is the hallmark of a teacher at AAIS and the School has a regular round-the-year Professional Development Programme that all Staff participate in.

10. What access do students have, to digital gadgets ?

- Classrooms and Learning Spaces are equipped with hardware such as desktops, projectors, laptops, tablets and headphones, for teacher and student use. Students are taught to use various apps on the devices and use the hardware for a variety of learning activities such as research, presentation, collaboration and communication.
- From Grade 9 onwards, the School has a BYOD policy.
- All students are registered through the firewall to ensure safety and privacy; and devices are used by all students under adult supervision, at all times.
- Students are also coached in responsible Digital Citizenship.

11. Are the students safe on the campus?

- The foremost priority on campus is to provide a safe and nurturing environment. Students are supervised at all times. Teachers and other staff ensure safety in classrooms, Science labs, on the fields, on field trips, and during School events.
- Buildings are secure and; electrical, fire safety and sanitary standards are complied with. Each of the campuses is registered with a nearby medical centre or hospital and the nearby Police Station, who are intimated, in case of an emergency.
- For internet security, the Secondary School campus is protected with a firewall.

12. What is the protocol for Covid-19?

- The School has made-ready blueprints, as per International and Government guidelines, to ensure that safety is maintained at all times.
- Guidelines for Check-in, movement within the campus, seating, recess times, group work and so on, has been put in place.
- Temperature checks and mandatory sanitisation at entry points has been put in place since Apr 2020.
- Regular sanitization schedule is already in practice at the our Campus

13. Do you provide meals at the School?



Yes, we provide food at School. This may be temporarily suspended during the Covid-19 times.

14. Does the School provide transport?

- Transport service is an optional service facilitated and outsourced by the School for the convenience of its students. We have our own transport (Yellow School Vans) that provide the service.
- Safety measures are complied with.
- The School has taken utmost care for the safety and convenience of the students.

15. When should I submit an application for admission?

- AAIS has a rolling Admission Policy. Students can join anytime during the year, provided there is a vacancy in the grade applied to, as we have small classroom sizes.
- However, we recommend that for a start-of-academic-year admission, you begin the process in November of the previous year and complete it within two weeks, to ensure an assured seat.

