



HORIZON PRIVATE SCHOOL

AMERICAN BRANCH

**EXCELLENCE TODAY,
LEADERS TOMORROW**

Every Child Known, Every Child Valued, Every Child Prepared

American Curriculum
Pre-KG to Grade 12

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At Horizon Private School - American Branch we do more than teach. We know every child by name, we hold every child to a high standard, and we prepare every child for what comes after us.

17

Years

Educating in Khalifa City

86.3%

AP Pass Rate

Five-year average, scores of 3 or higher

94%

University Placed

Class of 2026, across 12 countries

Five consecutive years

of AP results above both the UAE national average and the global average.

PISA 2022

scores above the Abu Dhabi and UAE averages in Mathematics, Reading and Science, and the highest score among the Abu Dhabi curricula measured in creative thinking.

Growth we measure twice a year

with NWEA MAP Growth. Students advanced in every subject in 2025-2026, strongest in Science.

Top 10

in the 2026 Edarabia Parents' Choice Awards.





A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

WELCOME TO HORIZON

Welcome to Horizon Private School - American Branch.

There is something particular about the start of a school year. The energy of a new beginning sits alongside the comfort of a tradition we know well. To families joining us for the first time, welcome. You are joining a school that takes real pride in knowing, valuing and preparing every child who walks through our doors.

We believe the heart of education lies in knowing each student well, inspiring them to think boldly, and giving them the knowledge, skills and values they need in a complex world. That means academic rigor, character, and a strong foundation in Arabic and Islamic Studies. It also means a school where a child feels seen and heard.

Our story is one of steady, deliberate excellence, and we build on it every year. What follows in these pages is the evidence.

EXCELLENCE TODAY, LEADERS TOMORROW.

CHRISTOPHER R. TOMPKINS

Principal
Horizon Private School – American Branch

OUR VISION

**EVERY CHILD KNOWN.
EVERY CHILD VALUED.
EVERY CHILD PREPARED.**

OUR MISSION

Horizon Private School - American Branch is committed to creating a secure and stimulating learning environment where students can reach their maximum potential through high standards in teaching and leadership. We want our young people to become lifelong learners and valuable members of the wider global community.

OUR VALUES

Respect

Integrity

Innovation

Collaboration

Excellence

Community

Inquiry

WHY FAMILIES CHOOSE HORIZON

An American curriculum, accredited

Aligned to the Common Core State Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards, licensed by ADEK and accredited by Cognia.

Multilingual by design

English as the language of instruction, with Arabic A and B and Islamic Studies to UAE Ministry of Education requirements, and French from the early grades through to DELF certification.

Reading taught properly, from the start

Structured Read Write Inc. phonics from Pre-KG, with character education continuing through every grade after.

Advanced Placement that performs

Genuine College Board AP courses, and a five-year pass rate of 86.3% that has beaten the UAE and global averages five years running.

Lab science, not textbook science

Separate purpose-built Physics, Chemistry and Biology laboratories are the primary instructional space for science across the secondary years.

A counselor who plans in years, not weeks

One dedicated College and Career Counselor guides course choice, AP planning, testing and university applications from Grade 9 onward.

1 800

Students

47+

Nationalities

1 15

Teachers

85

AP Scholars since 2022

THE ACADEMIC JOURNEY

One school, Pre-KG to Grade 12. Each division is built on the one before it, so a child who joins us at three and leaves us at eighteen travels a single continuous path.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

PRE-KG TO KG2

Play-based, inquiry-driven discovery anchored by structured Read Write Inc. phonics from Pre-KG. Classrooms and outdoor spaces were refreshed in 2025-26 with new furniture, flooring, a library, play areas, a bike track and a sand pit.

ELEMENTARY

GRADES 1 TO 5

Strong foundations in English, Mathematics, Science, Arabic, Islamic Studies and Social Studies, with Art, Music, PE and Technology. Inquiry and project work carry the learning, not worksheets.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRADES 6 TO 8

Academic challenge, personal responsibility and collaborative learning. Students build the thinking and communication habits that make the high school years work, and take on real leadership through Student Council.

HIGH SCHOOL

GRADES 9 TO 12

A credit-based American High School Diploma, recognized in the UAE through the certificate-equivalency system. The diploma requires 24 credits. Horizon delivers 26.



CAMPUS

THE SPACES WE LEARN IN

Science laboratories

Separate Physics, Chemistry and Biology labs, used as the main teaching space for science, not as an occasional extra.

Senior and Junior Libraries

Both fully renovated in 2025-26. Brighter, better resourced, and split so younger and older readers each have their own space.

Performing and visual arts

Art, music and theater spaces, including a black box theater added in 2025-26 for performance and rehearsal.

Cafeteria

Renovated in 2025-26, expanding where students eat and gather between classes.

Digital Literacy Lab

A dedicated space for research skills, responsible technology use and critical work with AI.

The Natatorium and gymnasium

An indoor pool and gym anchoring the Aquatics and Athletics program, alongside outdoor fields and playgrounds.

Three student lounges

One for quiet study, one built around games, and a larger mixed-use lounge with booths and shared tables for group work.

Health and safety

An on-campus medical room and clinic staffed by trained personnel, layered campus security, and clear emergency protocols.

BEYOND THE TIMETABLE

- Term-based activities including robotics, dance, sport, languages and the arts
- Model United Nations and Business Day for secondary students
- Local and international field trips
- Summer camps with sports and creative options
- Sustainability education and student-led achievement celebrations



ADVANCED PLACEMENT, GRADES 11 AND 12

UNIVERSITY-LEVEL WORK, INSIDE THE SCHOOL DAY

86.3%

Five-year AP pass rate, scores of 3 or higher

85

AP Scholars since 2022, an average of 17 a year

31 TO 62

Students sitting AP exams since 2021

We start Advanced Placement in Grade 11 by design, not by default. Grades 9 and 10 exist to build the foundation and the study habits that make a genuine university-level course achievable rather than overwhelming. By Grade 11 our teachers and counselors have two years of evidence to place each student into the right AP course, not simply the popular one.

AVAILABLE FROM GRADE 11

AP English Language & Composition
AP Physics 1
AP Chemistry

ADDED IN GRADE 12

AP Calculus AB/BC
AP Biology
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Computer Science A
AP World History: Modern

AP Precalculus has posted a 100% pass rate in all three years it has been offered, and AP Physics C: Mechanics has done the same for four consecutive years.

THE ACADEMIC CORE, GRADES 9 TO 12

GRADE	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	ENGLISH	SOCIAL STUDIES
Grade 9	Integrated Math 1	Integrated Science I	English	Global Geography, UAE Social Studies
Grade 10	Integrated Math 2	Integrated Science II	English	Modern World History
Grade 11	Integrated Math 3 or Pre-Calculus	Physics and Chemistry	English or AP English	Elective focus
Grade 12	Calculus or AP Calculus	Science and Physics electives	English	Elective focus

CLASS OF 2026

WHERE A HORIZON EDUCATION LEADS

94%

Of 54 graduating seniors in the Class of 2026, 51 had confirmed a university place by early summer. That is 94%, across 12 countries. Twenty-eight are continuing their studies here in the UAE.

IN THE UAE

Khalifa University, NYU Abu Dhabi, the Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi University, United Arab Emirates University, Zayed University, RIT Dubai, American University of Ras Al Khaimah, Heriot-Watt.

FURTHER AFIELD

The University of Toronto and the University of Alberta in Canada, the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom, the Eindhoven University of Technology in the Netherlands, Semmelweis University in Hungary, the Medical University of Lodz in Poland, and New Giza University in Egypt.

INTO

Engineering, medicine, law, computing, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, public and cultural affairs, and the humanities.

Beyond these, the Class of 2026 received single offers from roughly 35 more universities across the UAE, the wider GCC, Europe, North America and Australia. These are not one-off results. They are the product of a rigorous American curriculum, a genuine College Board AP program, and a counselling team that knows each student by name.



PREPARED FOR WHAT COMES NEXT

WHAT OUR FAMILIES SAY

"I absolutely love my school. The best part is the Science experiments and the Sports teams. I can't wait for the next science project, and I'm really good at basketball now because of all the practice. The teachers make everything exciting, and I always look forward to coming to school."

Student, Grade 6 · Omar

"All three of my children have attended here, and it has been an incredible experience for each of them. The American curriculum is well structured, and the school always keeps parents involved, from regular updates to family events. I really feel Horizon is like a second home to our family."

Parent · Maha

"I feel truly supported and inspired here. We go beyond academics to nurture creativity, confidence and character in every child. It is a privilege to be part of a community that shapes bright futures."

Teacher · Ms. Asma

SAFE. VALUED. PROTECTED.

Every student has the right to feel safe at Horizon, and we take a zero-tolerance approach to any form of harm. A trained Designated Safeguarding Lead and a Child Protection Team are always available, and every adult on campus is vetted and trained annually.

JOINING HORIZON

Pre-KG	AED 26,160
KG1 - KG2	AED 27,660 - 29,430
Grade 1 - 5	AED 31,820 - 37,500
Grade 6 - 12	AED 39,770 - 55,110

Annual tuition. Please confirm current fees with the Admissions team.

1

Book a tour

Come and see the school with our team, and ask us anything.

2

Apply

Submit your completed application. Our Admissions team will contact you.

3

Assessment

On a successful assessment, you receive an offer of admission.

4

Enrol

Accept the offer, submit the required documents, and complete the registration payment.

THE SCHOOL DAY

School hours are Monday to Thursday 8:00 AM to 2:20 PM, and Friday 8:00 to 11:10 AM. Term dates for the current academic year are published on the school website and available from the Admissions team.



JOIN THE HORIZON FAMILY.

A world-class American education, rooted in local heart and built for global excellence.

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