



Parents' Guide for Electives Program in AWPS Admission Form

The American Curriculum in our Al Wahda Private School aims to provide a very innovative learning experience for our students with ample opportunities to become active and responsible participants in designing their future. This is the first time in Sharjah that your child will get an opportunity to graduate in a very unique and innovative way through a range of Electives which will better prepare him / her for college and lead them to a World Class Education.

The Elective Courses at AWPS, which start from grade 9 to 12, aim to help students supplement their studies with the needed courses for their post-school education to meet the requirements of the UAE National Education and the American Graduation Diploma with a minimum of 24 credits.

Our Electives are carefully designed to meet the 21st century skills required by the students to outshine in the Higher Education and Global World. These Elective Classes are carried out during school time in parallel with the mandatory subjects. Students can choose the Elective Course as per their interest of study and grade level. The lessons are delivered by our qualified teachers. You may find elective choices in subjects such as **Robotics, Design and Technology, Journalism, Travel and Tourism, Extended Science, Extended Maths, Extended English, life skills, Entrepreneurship** and more.

Selecting the right elective classes for yourself can give you a chance to explore your choices and prepare you for the level of interest to pursue in college.

More information will be shared in our students' induction program.

Please select one elective of your interest from the pool offered to you in the admission form.

FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)

1. What is 1 credit or a credit?

One Credit refers to classroom contact hours in a subject studied throughout the academic year for four periods of instruction per week.

2. What is half credit?

Half Credit refers to classroom contact hours in a subject studied throughout one semester for four (4) periods of instruction per week or two (2) periods whole school year.

3. What is an Elective?

Electives are those courses that are taken in addition to core courses that are required. Elective courses refer to a pool of various subjects that the students can choose from according to their interest of study, academic performance, or abilities.

4. What are the Graduation Requirements?

At Al Wahda Private School, we will be following a standard conversion chart to convert high school percentage grades to letter grades. This chart must also be used to calculate cumulative grade point averages (GPA). All high school students from Grade 9 to 12 must take recognized standardized tests as appropriate to their needs and grade level. Choices must also be linked to university and National Equivalency Requirements.

The following is a list of recognized standardized tests associated with US curriculum expectations:

Acronym	Description	Grade level appropriateness
PSAT	Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test	Grades 10 and 11
SAT I	Scholastic Assessment Test (English and mathematics)	Grades 11 and 12
SAT II	SAT Subject Tests	Grade 12
TOEFL	Test of English as a Foreign Language	Grades 11 and 12
IELTS	International English Language Testing System	Grades 11 and 12
AP	Advanced Placement Test	Grade 12

EMSAT	The Emirates Standardized Test (EmSAT) All grade 12 Emirati students are required to take the EmSAT Achieve tests.	Grade 12
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- Any student seeking UAE equivalency status for his/ her High School Diploma must sit for SAT I math component (minimum score of 400) and IELTS (minimum score of 5.5) or TOEFL (minimum score of 173 computer based; minimum score of 61 internet based).
- Elective courses, including visual arts, are available to high school students.
- Graduation requirements must be aligned with the following minimum expectations spread over the four years of the High School phase (Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12):

Subject	Units or credits
	Each full unit or credit is considered as a subject studied throughout the academic year for at least three 50 minute periods per week (except for Islamic Education)
English	4
Science	3
Math	3
World Language	2
Social Studies	2
Physical Education	2
Visual/ Performing Art	0.5
Electives	5.5
Arabic	4