



Al Wahda Private Virtual Online Policy

Al Wahda Private Online School (AWPSOS) is a K – 12 private institution providing online learning to respond to the COVID-19 global epidemic in the United Arab Emirates. The online virtual school will be attended by enrolled students from home. AWPSOS brings a fully accredited American private education directly to your family’s door—anywhere in the emirate.

Authorized by the Sharjah Private Education Authority

Al Wahda Private School is authorized under MOE by the Sharjah Private Education Authority. The school is operated by Al Wahda Private School, in conjunction with the Ministry of Education, to provide its educational program and other services online. The school is governed by an independent global education provider, Athena Education.

Our Mission

Al Wahda Private School empowers students through a diverse and challenging American curriculum, instilling international mindedness in a passionate climate and culture to be life-long learners and leaders in a rapid changing world.

Al Wahda Private Online School Experience

We share a common goal with parents: to ensure that students become productive, successful, and confident adults. Al Wahda Private online school program helps students build on their individual strengths and interests in a setting that is both safe and connected to a larger community.

Exceptional Teachers

The teachers are the foundation of the Al Wahda Private online experience. They are talented, passionate, certified, and will receive continuous training to excel in online teaching. Teachers are excited about our opportunity for the virtual school because they care about their students health and safety and online learning have been useful in the classroom by providing personalized instruction.



Individual Attention

Each and every student has unique abilities, and all students perform better when they receive individual attention in a nurturing learning environment. These guiding principles are the foundation of Al Wahda Private virtual learning approach. Using this method, virtual school teachers get to know the learning style, skills, and interests of each student so they can give every student the best opportunity to excel. This approach also allows students to accelerate learning in areas of strength or receive extra attention in areas of weakness.

Parent-Supported Learning

When parents take an active role in education, students prosper. As virtual school, parents can be closely involved in their children's daily education. They're able to see real progress every day and work with dedicated teachers to keep their students on track.

Easy-to-Use Technology

Connections Academy's user-friendly systems. This lets students access a welcoming and collaborative learning experience anywhere they have an Internet connection.

(Grades KG – 5)

- *ClassDojo*
- *RazKids/Science A - Z*
- *MAP Skills Navigator*
- *McGrawHill (English, Math and Science)*
- *ALEF*

(Grades 6 – 12)

- *Edmodo*
- *Google Classroom*
- *MAP Skills Navigator*
- *McGrawHill (Math and Science; **English – Grade 6 only**)*
- *eScience*
- *ALEF (Grades 6 – 9)*
- *HMH (English 7-12)*



Our Students

AWPS Students

Each and every student has unique abilities, and all students perform better when they receive individual attention. With support and personal attention from teachers, and a Parent at home to facilitate learning and keep students on track, virtual school students are empowered to succeed. At AWPSOS, the student role in online learning and the amount of hands-on time an online student spends with his or her Parent is generally determined by the student's age.

Student Responsibilities

Virtual School Student Responsibility

“Who sets my student's daily schedule?” “Do I have to plan lessons or teach class?” “How much time will my student spend on the computer?” These are great questions to ask as you begin to explore the possibility of online schooling for your child. At AWPSOS, the answers lie in understanding the roles that parents, students, and teachers each play in our virtual school program and how those roles evolve over the school years to support student accountability.

Below is a glance at students' responsibilities during each phase of their education online.

Online Elementary School—Support and Structure

In grade 1 - 5, students require a lot of support from caring adults at home and in the online classroom. Roles and activities are carefully structured to ensure that students develop a love of learning and gain the reading, writing, and mathematics skills essential to their future success in virtual school.

Students get the best start on a bright future as they:

- Begin with a flexible schedule
 - Devote a minimum of thirty hours per week to learning
 - Perform most of their schoolwork offline—reading books, writing, and completing assignments
 - Spend 15–30% of each school day working on the computer
- Online Middle School—Greater Independence and Accountability

In grades 6–8, students become more independent in their education.



Students begin to take more personal responsibility for their learning as they:

- Follow a prescribed schedule, customized to individual student needs
 - Devote a minimum of thirty hours per week to their studies
 - Spend 50–75% of their school day on the computer—attending sessions, using interactive educational tools, or completing assignments from the online curriculum
 - Blend online and offline work in their classes
- Online High School—Students Take the Lead

In grades 9–12, online students start to really take charge of their education—setting goals, working independently, and exploring their future career and college options.

Students take more responsibility for their own academic success as they:

- Spend a minimum of thirty hours per week on schoolwork
- Spend 80–90% of each school day on the computer
- Learn primarily online

Our Parents

The Role of Parental Involvement

One of the hallmarks of the AWPS virtual school program is parental involvement. A parent's (or other trusted adult's) daily participation in learning activities shows children that education is a top priority and helps ensure their success. There are many benefits to this level of parent involvement in education, such as improved grades and test scores, higher graduation rates, and greater enrollment in postsecondary education. At AWPS, the person who supports the child's education in the home is called a Parent.

Parent Responsibilities

Al Wahda Private School (AWPS), virtual school parents serve as personal, face-to-face support for their children's day-to-day activities. A Parent provides the structure a student needs by establishing and managing the daily routine. Our handy online scheduling tool makes it easy to schedule lessons for each subject and combine family and school activities. The Parent also helps monitor attendance and ensures that the student attends state examinations as required.

In addition, the Parent stays in touch with the student's teachers by phone, secure internal messaging system (ClassDojo, Edmodo, Google Classroom, WhatsApp) messages, and online



meetings. Your student's teacher will contact you to discuss how you will work together to help your student reach his or her potential.

Understanding the Commitment

Understanding the role of the Parent is key to the success of your virtual school student. In general, the age of your student determines how much hands-on time you will spend as a Parent.

Online Elementary School—Starting Out Together

In grades 1 - 5, students require a lot of support from caring adults at home and in the online classroom.

Parents can expect to:

- Devote about five hours per day to overseeing their students' schoolwork
- Set the daily schedule with varied activities and breaks
- Assist with lessons and communicate frequently with the teacher
- Help monitor student progress and comprehension

Online Middle School—Nurturing Independence and Accountability

As students become more independent and responsible in grades 6–8, Parents “step back” a bit, and subject-specific teachers “step in” to provide expert online instruction and offline support in math, language arts, science, social studies, and an array of electives.

Parents support this transition to more independent learning as they:

- Oversee schoolwork for two to three hours per day
- Assist with some lessons
- Monitor student comprehension and grades
- Refer students to teachers as needed
- Communicate regularly with teachers

Online High School—Students Take the Lead
In grades 9–12, online students start to really take charge of their education—setting goals, working independently, and exploring their future options.

Parents encourage their students' growing independence as they:



- Commit one to two hours per day to overseeing schoolwork
- Verify that lessons and assignments are completed
- Communicate with teachers, referring students to teachers for help when needed
- Attend regular teacher conferences

Complete Training and Support

Our administrators, instructional coaches, and parental support will help the Parent understand his or her responsibilities. It also introduces all the resources and support systems made available to help the Parent and student succeed. The Parent can also contact the school on WhatsApp at **052-367-4217** for a technical support representative. This support is available for both installation and troubleshooting.

Our Teachers

Al Wahda Private School (AWPS) has attracted caring, talented teachers and staff who have a genuine respect for young people and believe strongly in collaborating with parents to prepare each student for success. Because they know their students well, AWPS can create lessons and coursework to ensure that each student receives the right degree of challenge or support. Often, teachers will receive continuous training.

Customized Learning

Individualized Instruction Program

The mission of Al Wahda Private School (AWPS) is to help each student maximize his or her potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely learning program online for a temporary basis.

Timely Intervention

When help is needed, teachers may modify instruction or lessons, provide meaningful ways to practice skills, and offer helpful resources. They may arrange to work with a student in a small group or even one-on-one. This personal attention empowers students in virtual school to do their best and to achieve their goals.



Collaborating to Provide Even Greater Support

AWPS teachers work together closely and talk regularly. They share best practices, subject matter tips, teaching methods, and more. For families working with multiple teachers, these teachers can coordinate efforts to meet the student's personal needs.

Connected to Students and Families

The bonds that teachers at AWPS build with their students are deep and strong. Often, teachers get to know the entire family well. These relationships enable teachers to make truly meaningful, life-changing connections with their students.