



QATAR·FINLAND
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Virtual School Tour



Qatar-Finland International School, videos



- [Q.F.I. School](#)
- [Q.F.I. High School](#)



Brief history of the school

- The School is operated by EduCluster Finland
- HH Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser became interested in Finnish educational system
- Invitation to establish the Finnish school in Qatar
- With the help of MoEHE providing the school building, the school was officially opened in 2014
- Tremendous growth followed, currently school operates at almost full capacity



Statistics

- Grades from 0 to 12
- ~700 students
- ~60 nationalities
- ~90 pedagogical staff
- ~50 Finnish staff members
- ~1:8 ratio of educators to student



Highly trained staff

- All Finnish teachers have a Master's degree in Education
- International staff receives training in Finnish pedagogy
- Subject specialists in secondary
- Special Educational Needs Teachers
- Counsellors to secure students' well-being
- Teachers have autonomy in their work - with trust comes responsibility and higher level of motivation



Student centered approach

- Equal opportunities
- Students are active learners who are taught to take responsibility for their own learning
- Holistic approach, theme based cross-curricular learning units
- Personal learning paths and supporting individual differentiation, continuous assessment and home-school collaboration
- Overall student well-being in focus



Learning by doing

- New things are best learnt in practice
- Learning should always be made meaningful by connecting it into everyday life situations relevant to the student



Learning for life

- Transversal competences form the comprehensive foundation
- 21st century skills
- Instructional language English, in language programme Arabic, French, Spanish
- Creative subjects are valued equally with academics



Assessment

- Viewed as a tool to support student's progress
- Students learn to guide their own learning processes
- Continuous, can be done in many different ways
- Focus on process and progress instead of comparing to averages
- Students study to learn, not only for doing well in tests



High School

- Q.F.I. School operates the first ever Finnish International High School in English outside of Finland
- Skills based approach
- Learning connected to real life
- In addition to compulsory modules, students are allowed to choose their own learning paths
- Final exam
- Opens doors to higher education study and advancement



School day structure

- Grades 0-2 from 7.30 to 13.00
- Grades 3-11 from 7.30 to 14.00
- Lunch + 3 breaks during the school day
- Extra Curricular Activities and Afternoon club arranged directly after school day
- School bus service operating



Blended learning

- During the AY 2020-2021 students are attending on-site every other day, except Grade 0 students every day
- The rest of the days are on-line studies following the same school day structure
- Students have live lessons and teacher/LA support throughout the school hours.
- Option to study fully on-line according the instructions by the Ministry



Assembly hall



Early years classroom



Upper grades classroom



Crafts room for hard materials



Crafts room for soft materials



Music room



School Gym



School library



On-site visits

- Please note that we can only offer on-site tours in our premises after school hours for max. 5 families at a time on Wednesdays 3.00 – 4.00pm. Appointments are mandatory.
- Book your visit, <https://qatarfinlandschool.com/admissions/>



Admissions and contacts

- [Admissions process](#)
- [School Policy 2020-2021, English](#)
- [School Policy 2020-2021, Arabic](#)
- [Online application form](#)
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