

Q.F.I School "Everything starts with the child"

School's vision and values

 We are a learning community dedicated to inspiring success and nurturing well-being. Finnish education excellence is at the heart of all we do, because we believe that everybody deserves the best possible future.



About the Q.F.I. School

- The School is operated by EduCluster Finland since 2014
- Localised version of the Finnish National Core Curriculum which is in accordance with Qatari standards
- Grades from 0 to 12
- ~750 students
- ~60 nationalities
- ~90 pedagogical staff
- ~50 Finnish staff members
- ~1:8 ratio of educators to student





School day structure

- Grades 0-2 from 7.30 to 13.00
- Grades 3-12 from 7.30 to 14.00
- Lunch + 2-3 breaks during the school day
- Extra Curricular Activities and Afternoon club (G0-G2 students) arranged directly after school day
- School bus service operating
- Canteen service, Jazz Cafe



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



Student centered approach

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

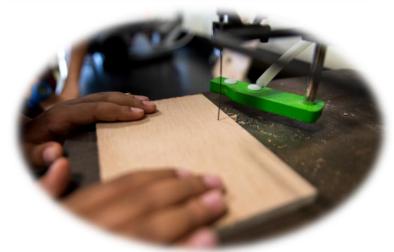




Learning by doing for life

- New things are best learnt in practice
- Learning should always be made meaningful by connecting it into everyday life situations relevant to the student
- Transversal competences form the comprehensive foundation
- 21st century skills
- Extensive 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
- Grades 0-9 report cards three times per academic year, in High School after each period





Highly trained staff

- All Finnish teachers have a Master's degree in Education
- International staff receives training in Finnish pedagogy
- Subject specialists in secondary school and High School
- 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





Blended learning during AY 2021-2022

- Students are attending on-site every other day, except Grade 0 and Grade 12 students every day
- The rest of the days are on-line studies following the same school day structure
- On-line students have live lessons and teacher/LA support throughout the school hours





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School calendar

Qatar-Finland International School - Academic Year 2021-2022 Student Calendar

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NOTE: All dates are subject to change	e according to Ministry guidance and reg	gulations	Ramadan Eid Al Fitr / Eid Al Adha Holiday Summer Holiday	Period 4 begins Feb 20, 35 academic days. Period 5 begins Apr 17, 40 academic days.
			Spring Holiday Last day of the academic year	Total Academic Days: 180