

WHO IS IT FOR ?

SISD offers a tailored EAL (English as an Additional Language) Programme for new students from non-English speaking learning environments joining the school in Grades 6 to 9. EAL students will substantially improve their English language proficiency to fully integrate the academic content of the challenging IB curriculum after a minimum of one, and a maximum of two semesters in the EAL programme.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

To determine the level of each student's English language, to set the objectives for his language learning as well as to define the number of weekly EAL lessons needed to reach the targeted language goals, each student identified at Admission phase as being an EAL candidate is assessed by the EAL teacher within the first days of his/her arrival at SISD.

The EAL programme is tailored to the English learning need of the individual student. EAL students will be exempted from a minimum of 4 weekly lessons from English Language and Literature. These subject courses can be:

English
language
& Literature

Visual Arts
or Music
or Drama*

Design**

Extended
personal
development***

During these pull-out lessons, EAL students will follow a targeted Language Acquisition Programme that integrates elements from the subject courses to build not only general English language proficiency in reading, speaking and writing, but also academic language. This ensures that students are prepared for reintegration to regular subject courses after one or two semesters. If needed, EAL teachers will additionally support students during further subject courses (push-in):

Individuals
& Societies

Integrated
Sciences

Progress and attainment in English will be assessed regularly. The individual progress of each EAL student is reviewed against the targeted language benchmark at the end of the first semester. The EAL programme can then be individually extended for reduced pull-out/push-in lessons for a second semester.

*Subject to Grade requirements **G6-8 students still have to complete two task-based projects ***For non-muslim students only