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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

NATIONAL FRAMEWORK

National Education Charter sets a unified vision

The UAE Ministry of Education outlined the National Education Charter as a unified framework to guide education policy, curriculum development, teacher training, leadership, student support and family engagement. Its pillars emphasize national identity, balanced learner attributes and future ready skills, including critical thinking, communication, AI mastery, literacy, numeracy, creativity and financial literacy.

TEACHER TALENT

ADEK launches Midad pathway into teaching

Abu Dhabi's Department of Education and Knowledge launched Midad, a flexible four week bootcamp for UAE nationals and long term residents. The programme introduces classroom management, teaching methodologies, diverse student needs, technology and AI integration, and UAE national identity, with pathways into part time teaching and further qualifications.

WHY IT MATTERS

The UAE is linking national identity, AI skills and teacher talent development into one system level direction for future learning.

Sources: UAE Ministry of Education; Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK)



SAUDI ARABIA

INVESTMENT

ETIF 2026 highlights education investment opportunities

Saudi Arabia's Education and Training Investment Forum 2026 focused on investment opportunities in education and training, including financial sustainability, spending efficiency, quality outcomes, public private partnerships, education technologies and AI enabled personalized learning. The forum positioned education as a strategic economic sector aligned with Saudi Vision 2030.

AI CURRICULUM

AI curriculum continues across public education

For the 2025 2026 academic year, students across Saudi public schools are studying a newly approved artificial intelligence curriculum. The initiative aims to build AI literacy, creativity, innovation and responsible technology awareness, preparing students for future studies and careers in a technology driven economy.

WHY IT MATTERS

Saudi Arabia is combining private sector investment, EdTech and AI literacy to accelerate education transformation and future workforce readiness.

Sources: Saudi Ministry of Education; Saudi Gazette



BAHRAIN

INTERNATIONAL PATHWAYS

IB programmes to enter government schools

Bahrain's Ministry of Education signed an agreement with the International Baccalaureate to introduce IB programmes in public schools from September 2026. The first phase will include the Middle Years Programme and Diploma Programme, expanding access to internationally recognized pathways within Bahrain's public education system.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Imkan offers free evening remedial lessons

The Ministry of Education launched the free evening Imkan programme for government school students in Grade 9, secondary education and technical and vocational education. The programme provides optional online revision classes through Microsoft Teams, supporting students ahead of final examinations.

WHY IT MATTERS

Bahrain is strengthening both long term academic pathways and short term exam support, with international benchmarking and digital delivery playing key roles.

Sources: Bahrain SDGs Portal; International Baccalaureate; Biz Bahrain / BNA



QATAR

HIGHER EDUCATION 2026

2026-2027 scholarship plan expands priority pathways

Qatar's Ministry of Education and Higher Education launched its 2026-2027 government scholarship plan, introducing new academic pathways and financial support. The plan includes support for students with disabilities, bridging options for arts stream students and priority fields such as artificial intelligence, data science, nuclear engineering, clinical psychology, medicine and engineering.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Teacher competency assessment in private schools

Qatar introduced a teacher competency assessment project for Arabic, Islamic Studies and Qatari History in private schools and kindergartens for the 2025 2026 academic year. The initiative aims to strengthen teaching quality, improve learning outcomes and guide professional development through clearer competency standards.

WHY IT MATTERS

Qatar is aligning scholarships and teacher quality with national priorities, inclusion and long term human capital development.

Sources: The Peninsula / QNA; Qatar News Agency



KUWAIT

DIGITAL SERVICES

Student sick leave records linked through Sahel

Kuwait's Ministries of Health and Education launched an electronic system linking public school student sick leave certificates directly with school records through the Sahel app. The system removes the need for paper submissions, improves coordination between ministries and allows parents to receive instant confirmation.

CURRICULUM REVIEW

More than 194,000 join curriculum feedback survey

Kuwait's Ministry of Education reported 194,542 responses to its online curriculum survey from education sector employees and parents. Feedback is being analyzed using scientific methodologies and AI supported tools to inform curriculum and textbook updates for the 2026-2027 academic year.

WHY IT MATTERS

Kuwait is advancing e-government services and evidence informed curriculum reform, with parent and educator feedback feeding into policy updates.

Sources: Arab Times Kuwait; Kuwait Times



OMAN

HIGHER EDUCATION

AI enhanced admission system opens for 2026-2027

Oman opened higher education admissions registration for the 2026-2027 academic year through an upgraded digital platform. The system supports online applications, programme review, eligibility filtering, preference ranking and smart suggestions based on academic performance, improving the student application experience.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Schools advance AI and digital transformation

Oman's Ministry of Education is expanding AI and digital transformation in education through AI teams, guidance manuals, teacher and student training, AI enabled learning spaces and digital monitoring systems. The work aims to improve readiness, efficiency, future skills and the overall quality of the learning environment.

WHY IT MATTERS

Oman is moving toward smarter education systems, combining student facing digital services with school level AI planning and readiness tools.

Sources: Oman News Agency via The Arabian Stories; Ministry of Education Oman