



## School Demographics

The WellSpring School is a new private American school in Ras al Khaimah temporarily located on the secondary campus of RAK Academy while a new campus for the school is being custom built. TWS began classes in 2015 for students in KG1 through grade nine, expanding year by year until it reaches grade twelve. Grade ten will be offered in the 2016-2017 school year. The WellSpring School offers an American curriculum and system of instruction that is college preparatory and is based on American standards and benchmarks, including Common Core. The school reached an enrollment of 200 students in its first year, and has a capacity for 320 students in its current location. Our student body is quite diverse, with students from 30 nations. The administration and the teachers in the core English based classes are American, but there are also teachers from the region who will teach Arabic, Arabic social studies, and Islamic Studies.



## Mission and Vision

The WellSpring School meets each child where they are, prepares them for higher learning, and encourages them to become vibrant people of good character who love truth and learning who effectively influence society through moral and conscientious service and courageous leadership. Our vision for our students is that they would take pride in their learning heritage and over their lifetimes become vibrant global citizens of truth and life-long learning in every vocation, conscientiously influencing the world and courageously leading the way.

## Curriculum



The WellSpring School has adopted the Pennsylvania State Academic Standards (PSAS) and Common Core State Standards (CCSS) as the curriculum foundation for the school. In addition to the American based curriculum, students at TWS also have Arabic, Islamic Studies, and Arabic Social Studies courses as appropriate. Non-Muslim students may opt out of Islamic Studies and Arabic social studies. Students may also participate in extra-curricular activities after school such as football, ballet, martial arts,

drama, and more. The elementary school curriculum uses teacher-directed study/learning activities in character education, language arts, phonics, science, social studies, Arabic, math, Islamic studies, physical education, technology, art, and music. The child moves from concrete experiences to increasingly more complex levels of abstraction in critical thinking. Skills related to each area build upon previous learning and measurable performance objectives. The emphasis of the secondary curriculum is on language arts, mathematics, Arabic, social studies, and science. Optional other courses may include Islamic studies, technology, art, music, and physical education.

### What Makes Us Special

We strive to be a school that feels like home, a place of warmth and nurturing, a place where teachers care about their students, invest personal time in their care, and believe in each student's ability to reach his or her full potential. We also strive to encourage our students to take increasing levels of responsibility for their learning as they progress through the school. We strive to support students as they grow in self-confidence and natural curiosity.

### What Makes Us Distinctive

- We are a true American school with American teachers throughout
- We are a non-profit school so we focus on our students not on our profit line
- We care about character development because we want our students to be givers not takers
- We employ excellent teachers who model the character they teach in their own lives
- We believe that the best schools are partnerships with parents!

