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SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-2021



MISSION STATEMENT

“Wellspring Learning Community aims to establish an inquiry-based learning environment in which students from diverse backgrounds are given every opportunity to realize their social, emotional and academic capacities and talents. Our students will become confident, resourceful, creative, caring, responsible and thinking citizens prepared to use their education to contribute in meaningful ways toward improving society, both locally and internationally”

COMMUNITY

Founded in 2007, the school’s original Beirut campus is located near Lebanon’s National Museum and the secondary campus at Ain El Roumaneh. Both locations are historically significant where diverse political, social-economic and religious backgrounds coexist to form bonds of tolerance, peace and cooperation. Wellspring Learning Community is a co-educational, non-selective, non-religious day school where English is the language of instruction. The school serves local Lebanese and international students who come from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds with 59 different nationalities and several different religions represented.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The school places great emphasis upon diverse extra-curricular programs that offer students artistic, sporting, musical and academic opportunities during and beyond the school day. Activities include options such as Model United Nations (local and International), student council, drama productions, participation in international theater festivals, sports (basketball, soccer, badminton, tennis, swimming, table tennis), technology classes (VEX Robotics, App Development, etc.), choir, music, Wellspring’s Week Without Walls and more.

IB FULL DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

The school’s Diploma Programme is open to all Grade 11 students who are eligible to join. Wellspring believes each student should be given the opportunity to earn the full diploma. The school is not selective. Students are given the option by midyear to move into Courses if they choose to do so. Students who move to Courses will earn a High School diploma and may earn possible IB credit for an individual subject if successful in passing the IB subject exam.

SCHOOL

Wellspring Learning Community is privately owned and operates under the guidance of a governing board of international and local members, advisory members and a head of school. The school currently has a student body of 919 students and around 200 faculty and staff members. Wellspring graduated its first senior class in June of 2016 and has earned a 100% Brevet pass rate (local government exam at the end of Grade 9) since students first began sitting for the exams in 2014. Wellspring is the first and currently the only International Baccalaureate Continuum World School in Lebanon authorized to offer three International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes in English: Primary Years (PYP), Middle Years (MYP) and the Diploma Programme (DP) along with the local Lebanese National Curriculum for Brevet students and the Life Sciences Lebanese track for seniors. All students follow the PYP and MYP through Grade 10 using international and Lebanese content. All students from Nursery through Grade 10 take Arabic as either language and literature or as host country language acquisition. PYP students take French as a third language until MYP Grade 6 when students continue with either French or Spanish (international students) as the required third language until the completion of Grade 10. The school was awarded CIS / NEASC accreditation in January 2018.

SECONDARY ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

In Grades 11 and 12 all students who are eligible to enroll into the school’s international IBDP are welcome to join. Lebanese students are eligible to go to the IB DP once they have passed Grade 9 Brevet official exams. All students who satisfy Wellspring’s Grade 12 graduation requirements are awarded a Wellspring High School Diploma that is distinct from the IB Diploma and the Lebanese Baccalaureate diploma.

IB DIPLOMA SUBJECTS

Wellspring offers the following subjects at HL and SL: English Literature or English Language and Literature, Language Acquisition: Language B Arabic, French B, Spanish B, French ab initio and Spanish ab initio; Individuals and Society: Economics, History, Global Politics, Business and Management; Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Environmental Systems and Societies; Mathematics: High Level, Standard Level, Math Studies; The Arts: Theatre and Visual Arts.

As part of the school graduation requirements, all students, regardless of which track they are following, must take part in Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) and write an Extended Essay (EE). CAS involves students participating in and reflecting on extra-curricular and community-based activities. The EE is an original research paper of 4000 words. An additional requirement for full diploma students is Theory of Knowledge (TOK).

UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT

Wellspring student university enrollment: 51% AUB; 30% other local universities; 11% USA; 4% Canada; 4% UK

UNIVERSITY OFFERS

UK: University of Bath, Kings College, University of Manchester, University of Loughborough, Kent University at Canterbury, University of Plymouth, Northumbria University, Goldsmiths, University of Portsmouth, Richmond University, Coventry University, University of Bournemouth, University of East Anglia, University of Nottingham and Brunel University.

US: University of Buffalo, University of Florida, Hofstra University – Long Island, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Syracuse University, Portland State University, Lawrence Technological University, Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), Virginia Tech, University of Rhode Island, Rochester Institute of Technology, Seminole State College, Babson College, North Eastern.

Canada: York University, University of Toronto, McGill University, Concordia University, Simon Fraser University, University of British Columbia

Lebanon: American University of Beirut, Lebanese American University, Notre Dame University

Others: Jacobs University, Berlin University of the Arts, Sabanci University Turkey, Webster University

ACADEMIC MARKING

Grades for all students in Grades 6-12 follow the 7 to 1 scale used by the IB (see below). We do not rank in school but we will provide ranks if necessary for university admissions; however, the information below summarizes our academic programs and will allow for the calculation of an approximate standing for each student.

HIGH SCHOOL AND IB GRADING SYSTEM

By descriptor	By IB Subject	Local Equivalence	US Equivalent Grade
Excellent	7	19.6	98%
Very Good	6	19	95%
Good	5	16.6	83%
Average	4	14	70%
Passing	3	11	60%
Failing	0-2	10	55%

AWARDS

Cumulative GPA	Award
3.75*	High Distinction
3.50*	Distinction
3.20*	Honors
2.20*	Graduation

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT

- 2021 100% matriculated to university
- 2020 100% matriculated to university
- 2019 100% matriculated to university
- 2018 100% matriculated to university
- 2017 100% matriculated to university
- 2016 100% matriculated to university

DISTINCTIONS – LOCAL GRADE 9 BREVET RESULTS

- 2021 100% Brevet Pass Rate
- 2020 100% Brevet Pass Rate
- 2019 100% Brevet Pass Rate
- 2018 100% Brevet Pass Rate
- 2017 100% Brevet Pass Rate
- 2016 100% Brevet Pass Rate
- 2015 100% Brevet Pass Rate
- 2014 100% Brevet Pass Rate
- 2013 100% Brevet Pass Rate

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS AND MILESTONES

- Class of 2021 Results - IB Full Diploma 100% pass; one IB Bilingual Diploma awarded; 100% Pass Lebanese Baccalaureate; 2 Bien.
- Class of 2021 - Wellspring student earns the mark of 41/45 IB Diploma Programme (only 2.5% earned this mark worldwide).
- Class of 2021 - Wellspring student earns IB bilingual IB diploma.
- Class of 2020 – Wellspring student earns the mark of 40/45 IB Diploma Programme-100% pass in the IB Diploma
- Class of 2017- 1st Wellspring student earns 2 programmes- Lebanese Baccalaureate program and full Diploma Programme during the same year.
- Class of 2017 - Wellspring student earns the mark of 41/45 IB Diploma Programme (only 2.5% earned this mark worldwide).
- Class of 2017 results - 100% pass in the IB Diploma.

IB FULL DIPLOMA RESULTS

Year	Full DP Candidates	Courses Candidates	Candidates who Earned the IB Diploma	Retakes	DP Success
2021	19	5	19	0	100 %
2020	25	5	25	0	100 %
2019	15	4	13	2 (1 passed)	92 %
2018	7	2	5	1	71 %
2017	9	1	9	2 (2 passed)	100 %
2016	16	1	11	0	69 %

DISTINCTIONS – INTERNATIONAL IB GRADE 10 PERSONAL PROJECT RESULTS

Session / Year	Pass Rate	Average School Grade	Average Grade (World-Wide)
June 2021	100% Pass Rate	4.88 out of 7	3.90 out of 7
June 2020			
June 2019	100% Pass Rate	4.66 out of 7	3.78 out of 7
June 2018	100% Pass Rate	4.77 out of 7	3.76 out of 7
June 2017	100% Pass Rate	4.61 out of 7	3.69 out of 7
June 2016	100% Pass Rate	5.55 out of 7	4.22 out of 7