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THE EXPAT'S GUIDE TO EDUCATION & SCHOOLS IN

DELHI

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INTRODUCTION

Modern New Delhi, existing just south of the old and original city, has the same multifarious characteristics that the Indian capital has held for several thousand years. The city is a tangle of crowded streets, diverse languages and beautiful architecture. The metropolis is teeming with different industries and cultures, and now a wave of enticed expats moving to Delhi adds to the eclectic nature and community of the centre.

Delhi's economy is developing at a rapid rate and the modern tall buildings and robust industries look like they are trying to leave a less developed India behind. New Delhi expats largely add to the propulsion of the economy's development, setting a pace faster than the country as a whole.

The accelerated growth of Delhi's key industries, including IT and telecommunications, means there is a high demand for experienced employees, many of whom are recruited from abroad. Corporate headquarters and expats alike move to Delhi to take advantage of a cheap, educated, English-speaking workforce, in addition to the opportunities created by the mushrooming economy.

No matter where you're moving, few tasks can feel more daunting than choosing the right school for your children to continue their education, and the questions can feel endless: What curriculum is best? Will my child get the attention he needs? Will she be able to integrate back into our home system? Will he be best prepared for college entrance exams? Will she be safe? Can I afford it? Will he make friends easily? Will she have to overcome a language barrier?

Expats moving to Delhi with a family can rest assured that their children's education will be adequately catered for. Most expats prefer to send their children to an international school in New Delhi or in the surrounding National Capital Region (NCR), as the curricula and environments are familiar to foreign students. There are also a good selection of private schools that use English as the language of instruction, which serves to widen the schooling options even further.

Because schools in New Delhi are known to be some of the best in the country one of the major drawbacks is that expats may find that the more popular institutions are flooded with applications, and securing a place is therefore difficult. Another consideration worth bearing in mind when choosing a school in Delhi is travelling time. Delhi is notorious for its traffic congestion and getting from one area to another can take over an hour.

Fees at international schools in Delhi are high and expats should budget between 800,000 and 1.3 million INR per year to cover schools fees. In addition, some schools charge application fees and families are also expected to cover the cost of textbooks and extra-curricular pursuits. Expats should not be afraid to approach their employer for support with their child's school fees, especially if they are in a senior position.

The application process and requirements vary from one school to the next. In some cases students will be required to pass exams, attend an interview or present references from previous schools. The academic year in Delhi can begin anywhere from April to August. The enrolment period usually begins in September or November; however, there may be a waiting list and no guarantee of acceptance.

Naturally the process of choosing, applying and eventually securing a place at the right school may seem like a daunting task for expat parents moving to the Indian capital. The Expat Arrivals Schools Guide for Delhi will shed some life on the local school system and provides insights to make the transition abroad as smooth and seamless as possible for those relocating to Delhi with children.

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

There are a good number of international school options in New Delhi specialising in a range of foreign curricula. The majority of international schools in Delhi follow the American, British or International Baccalaureate (IB) curricula, but there are also a handful of other options including French and German schools.

The main advantage of attending an international school is that they maintain an expat child's respective home country teaching language and curriculum. This provides students who are geographically mobile with continuity in their studies and aids in making the general transition to life in Delhi smoother. These schools tend to have the experience and knowledge to understand and cater for the needs of expat students. They also allow students to associate with other children that are new to India and can therefore relate to the same cultural issues.

The range in tuition fees at international schools in Delhi varies widely, so it is always best to consult the individual school's websites for this information. Fees can be high, so expat parents lured abroad by an attractive employment should try to negotiate an allowance into their employment contract that covers at least part of their children's schools fees. In addition to tuition, other costs that will also need to be considered when choosing an international school in New Delhi and NCR include transportation, textbooks and stationary, uniforms and extra-curricular pursuits.

The most popular international schools, especially in South Delhi, are oversubscribed and have long waiting lists. Expats struggling to secure a place at the school of their choice should consider asking their employer for help. In some cases, employers in Delhi have strong links with particular schools and can therefore assist their employees in this area. It is also advisable to start the application process as soon as possible.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

The standard of English spoken by locals in Delhi is very good and many of the more wealthy Indian families choose to send their children to private schools that utilise English as the language of instruction. Some of these schools teach the local curriculum while others offer their students the British or International Baccalaureate systems.

The standard of teaching at these schools is excellent and many of the students pursue university education overseas in the UK, the USA, Australia and New Zealand. These schools also offer a good range of extra-curricular activities.

Private schools in Delhi are an attractive option for families who are looking to settle down in India in the long-term. Sending expat children to a private school allows them to mix with local students, in addition to other foreigners. Allowing them to interact with Indian children gives them insight into the local culture and encourages integration.

It is worth noting, however, that there is a lot of pressure for local children at these private schools to achieve high grades, which is not something that foreign students may be accustomed to or that expat parents prioritise as the outcome of a good education.

ADMISSIONS AND ENROLMENT

Even once expats have a shortlist of preferred schools for their children, they will have to be ready to face the battles associated with application processes and securing a place. Seat shortages are common with many of the top international schools so expats should be patient and flexible when looking for suitable schools in Delhi.

While some schools only accommodate applications during a designated time period, most international schools in Delhi operate a rolling admissions policy to accommodate the constant flow of expats in and out of the city. If there is availability, a student can start at any time. Even if there is no space initially, expats never know when a spot will open up as the nature of expat life in India is very transient. Regardless, it is best to keep one's options open and apply for places at more than just one school

Admissions requirements and processes vary from one school to the next. Some schools require students to attend an interview and/or take an entrance exam. Children whose first language is not English may be required to take a language test to assess their English language capabilities.

It is always best to check the exact requirements with each particular international school, but generally expats should ensure that they have the following documents easily available:

- Required application forms
- Copy of the student's birth certificate
- Copy of the student's passport or visa
- Copy of the parents' passport or visa
- Passport-sized photos
- Recent reports/references from previous schools
- Medical information/immunisation records

TUITION AND FEES

The cost of schooling for expats in India is by no means cheap. Expat parents will have to set aside a considerable amount of money if they want their children to have access to the best schools in Delhi.

Tuition varies from one school to the next and also depends on the student's age. Expats can look to be paying up to 1.6 million INR per year at the top international schools.

In addition, many international schools in Delhi charge a non-refundable application fee.

Expats should also budget for various extra-curricular activities, uniforms, textbooks and stationary. As a result of traffic congestion, some parents may opt to use the bus service provided by some schools. This comes at an additional cost and may only cover certain areas, so it is still worth making an informed decision when choosing a place to live in Delhi. Transportation fees range between 160,000 and 200,000 per year.

Some private and international schools in Delhi offer boarding options for students at an extra cost.

SCHOOL TERMS AND SCHOOL DAY

There are slight variations in school terms in Delhi so it is best to check with each individual school when planning holidays. Generally, the school year in Delhi begins in April. There is a mid-year break during the summer, which is usually from mid-May to early July. There is also a winter vacation from late December to early/mid-January.

The school day in Delhi usually begins at 8am and finishes at 2pm with one or two short breaks, depending on the school itself. Schools in Delhi usually start and finish early as the days get very hot and it becomes more difficult to study in the afternoon. Local Indian children often go home for lunch. However, at private and international schools in Delhi it is becoming commonplace for children to attend extra classes or take part in extra-curricular pursuits after school.

LOGISTICS: UNIFORMS, BUS SERVICES AND TEXTBOOKS

No matter which school a child attends, they are likely to have to wear a uniform. In fact, some schools in Delhi are known for having strict rules on dress. Students are expected to take pride in their appearance and understand that when in uniform they are representing their school. Each school will have its own uniform supplier where parents can purchase school wear for the students.

Expat parents sending their children to private and international schools in Delhi will need to set aside some funds to cover additional expenses such as text books and stationary which are usually not included in the price of school fees. If a student chooses to take part in the various extra-curricular activities available at these, parents will need to budget for additional expenses such as the cost of sports clothes and equipment and the cost of music lessons.

When choosing a school, it is always worth bearing in mind its proximity to the family home and the parent's place of work. Traffic in Delhi is notoriously difficult to contend with. Some schools do offer a bus service which covers certain parts of the city. Prices for the use of such services do vary, but it is an appealing option for many parents who opt to avoid the frustrations of dealing with traffic congestion and erratic local driving practices.

HOMESCHOOLING

The legality of home schooling in India has come into question since the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, known as the RTE, was passed into law in 2009. Although the RTE established formal education as a fundamental right for every children between the ages of six and fourteen, it doesn't make any substantial reference to the legality of homeschooling or other alternative modes of education.

Despite, the lack of recognition of homeschooling amongst the official authorities in India, there have been no incidents of parents who've opted to homeschool their children being reprimanded.

Those who do choose to homeschool their children while on an expat assignment in Delhi will find the support network to be very limited. While support groups for homeschoolers do exist in India, most of them only have a presence online. Swashikshan – The Association of Indian Homeschoolers (www.homeschoolers.in) is the most comprehensive resource for parents considering this option for their children.

NURSERY SCHOOLS

Expat parents with little ones too young to start primary school or kindergarten will find plenty of options for nursery schools in Delhi, including alternative models such as the Montessori approach. Parents should, however, be prepared to pay high fees. Nurseries accept children from as young as one year to as old as four years, but each institution has its own age requirements.

Alternatively, expats can opt to hire a full-time nanny to take care of their childcare needs. This option is the preferred option for many local families. It is best to network with locals and other expats to find a nanny that comes highly recommended.

TERTIARY EDUCATION

While India has traditionally been seen as a country that sends rather than receives international students, in recent years the country as a whole, and New Delhi in particular, has seen a rise in the number of foreign students choosing to study at local universities.

Having a good tertiary education is something that is highly valued in Indian society. There are 165 universities and higher education colleges in Delhi which are attended by around 500,000 students. Some of the most prestigious institutions include the University of Delhi, Indira Gandhi National Open University and Jawaharlal Nehru University. Furthermore, Delhi boasts some of the top universities in the country for engineering and is also home to some of India's best medical research and treatment institutions.

Expats who wish to study in Delhi or those who wish to send their children to a university in Delhi will need to ensure that they are in possession of a valid student visa for the duration of the course.

The fees that Indian universities charge their international students is considerably higher than those paid by local students. While costs vary according to the institution and the course of study, expats should expect to pay on average 600,000 INR per year.

TIPS FOR CHOOSING A SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD

Whether a seasoned expat who has had to sift through countless school choices or a first-time assignee who's never had to do much more than pack lunches, it's always a good idea to consider a few key principles when deciding about a child's education.

Public schools in Delhi aren't a viable option for expat children, due to the language barrier. While there are a handful of public schools that teach in English, the standards and facilities are sub-par and the environment is not what most expats would be accustomed to. While this helps to narrow down the choices somewhat, there are still many decisions to be made when it comes to the curriculum, teaching philosophy, extra-curricular facilities and the general experience offered by individual schools.

THE EXPERIENTIAL ELEMENT

This is not typically the first thing on an expat parent's mind, but it is an important element that's worth serious consideration. Relocation can be challenging for young students and it isn't strange for parents to ask how moving might affect their children's lives. It is a normal anxiety that many expats deal with, and the best way for parents to address it is to think carefully about their child's preparedness for a new school context and their ability to enjoy, succeed and grow.

Anything radically different from a child's previous experience must be considered with great care. It is important for parents who plan on moving overseas to evaluate their children's needs and abilities and try to find a school that best aligns with their priorities. If a child has special needs, parents need to be certain that a prospective school can cater for them. Similarly, it is important for a school to offer courses or activities that develop and foster a child's interests and talents.

CURRICULUM

Most expats tend to choose a curriculum that aligns with that of their home country, but it is also important to make sure that the curriculum is challenging enough for their children. This point is central to the decision-making process, especially for parents with children in secondary school approaching the time when college applications begin.

Those with older children should find out about the standardised test the curriculum is geared toward as well as which diploma is granted upon graduation. It is worth noting, for instance, that the International Baccalaureate curriculum is accepted in many countries.

Besides these fundamentals, it is also important to have a close look at the extra-curricular options a school offers. The best institutions will have a balanced blend of sports programmes, encourage their students to take part in community activities, and offer a range of cultural activities such as art, debating and music.

TEACHERS AND CLASS SIZES

A school is only as good as its teachers, who are arguably the determining factor that influences a child's education and development. Though it can be difficult to find out how "good" a teacher is, there are some basic questions that parents can ask to draw some general conclusions.

Find out about the qualifications the school requires its teachers to have and whether it encourages them to take part in professional development courses. Find out about the average teacher turnover and, above all else, find out about the average class size. Even the best teachers can become swallowed by a giant sea of eager students.

Lastly, visit the school and meet the teacher to find out how friendly, enthusiastic and knowledgeable they are about the school and its curriculum.

PROXIMITY

Parents must also consider geographic proximity and the travel time to and from school. Traffic congestion in Delhi is difficult to contend, especially during the morning and evening rush hour periods, and a long commute with little ones in the back seat can be challenging.

Some schools offer bus services which transport students between home and school each day, which many parents find useful as they save them having to brave the traffic themselves. However, these are often limited to areas which are close to the school, so it is still worth factoring in proximity to good schools when deciding on which area or suburb of Delhi to live in.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

Given that public schools in Delhi are not a viable option for expat students because of the language barrier, foreign parents will need to enrol their children in a private or international school. Seat scarcity is often an issue at international schools in Delhi, with the most popular schools having long waiting lists.

Some expat parents end up homeschooling their children while waiting for space to become available. In some cases an expat employer may have links with international schools and may be in a position to bypass waiting lists and secure a spot for the children of an employee. Regardless, parents should make an effort to begin the admissions process as soon as possible and have a shortlist of potential schools in case they struggle to secure a spot at their child's first choice.

Metro Delhi International School

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Gender: Co-educational

Teaching language: English

Ages: 3 to 18

Curriculum: American – NY Engage Common Core



Background

Metro Delhi International School is an international school that runs an American curriculum. The school is founded on Christian values and all subjects are taught from a biblical worldview. The school was established in 2002 by a small group of parents who did not want to send their kids away to boarding school but still wanted a quality Christian education for their children. Since then the school has grown and now serves students from kindergarten through to Grade 12.

The school is proud to serve the Christian community in Delhi. As part of this heritage, the main concern is not just with the academic side of development but there is also a focus on building the character and social conscience of the students. MDIS has a holistic approach to education where values, ethics, servant leadership, etc. are prioritised and embedded in to the teaching practice.

Fees

Tuition fees for 2016/2017 school year:

- First child - INR 1,000,000
- Second child - INR 491,590
- Third child - INR 457,178
- Application fee - INR 8,000
- Development fee - INR 100,000
- Special Education/ESL levy - INR 15,000
- Stationary fee (quarterly) - INR 1,275

The school offers financial aid to a fixed percentage of applicants based on their needs.

Fees are generally charged per semester but arrangements can be made for those who require an alternative payment procedure. The accounts department must be contacted before invoices are issued on 10 May or 10 December. Otherwise a one percent handling fee will be charged for any changes to invoices.

From the Headmaster

At Metro Delhi International School (MDIS) we operate an American educational programme that is based on the NY Engage common core programme. This is a rigorous programme that challenges students to employ higher level thinking skills such as evaluating, creating and analysing. High academic performance is not the only priority for MDIS, we are built on a foundation of Christian values and as a result a biblical worldview permeates through all our courses. Character development, ethical reasoning, and servant leadership, are examples of aspects of healthy development that are too often ignored in education.

MDIS is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), which is an American accrediting body. We are also accredited with the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). A high school diploma from MDIS is your child's pathway to international universities and colleges. Additionally, we are also recognised by Association of Indian Universities (AIU), so continuing in India is also an option.

At MDIS we believe education is the continuing process through which children begin to develop a sense of their own worth. Since every experience is a part of that process, our responsibility is to provide the opportunity for intellectual, physical, emotional, spiritual and social growth.

We are proud of our heritage and strong foundations. We look forward to serving you through the provision of a quality and well-rounded education for your greatest asset, your children.

Mr James Bellingham – Principal

Quotes from parents and students

“Without the close and caring concern of teachers and the principal I would've found life tough in Delhi”

– *High school student*

“We love the community and loving nature of the teachers – they take a genuine interest in my children”

– *Parent*

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Gender: Co-educational

Teaching language: English

Ages: 2.5 to 18 years

Curriculum: IB PYP, IB MYP, IBDP



Background

Implementing the ideas laid out by national and international experts, Pathways Aravali began its journey more than a decade ago adopting the IB curriculum both in content and spirit. The school's philosophy is to identify different active intelligences in its students and support the learning process by experiential, backwardly integrated approaches, making each subject a living and relevant presence in the students' life. The school applies the Multiple Intelligences approach, developed by Dr Howard Gardner from Harvard University.

What the school says

The campus is situated in 32 acres of land on an elevated, wooded site along the majestic foothills of the Aravali Hills. Pathways has created a benchmark in the purposeful use of technology in school education with universal radio networking and the use of interactive whiteboards and projection screens to integrate information communication technology (ICT) with classroom learning. Classrooms are rich with resources for enquiry based work. Learning caters to individual student levels, discussions, research and exploration. In the latest Education World Rankings for International Day cum Boarding Schools, Pathways Aravali was ranked first in the whole of North India.

Curriculum

The curriculum includes the Primary Years, Middle Years and Diploma Programme of the International Baccalaureate Organisation of Geneva. Pathways was the first 'IB Continuum School' in North India. The school offers both day and boarding options for students while providing flexibility in the boarding options with choices among week, fortnight and term boarding. The current student strength of the school is approximately 1,400 with representation from over 40 different countries.

Fees

Fees (per quarter) for the 2016-17 school year:

- Grade 1 to 8: 119,000 INR
- Grade 9 to 10: 164,000 INR
- Grade 11 to 12: 204,000 INR
- Brochure and Application form: 2,400 INR

Parents have flexible payment options. Fees can be paid quarterly or annually.

From the Head Teacher

The Pathways Motto: Learn, Work, Play, Think, LIVE, encourages every learner to have a very balanced perspective about life. The evolution that we encourage to take place in the mind of a student in Pathways takes him or her deeper into aspects of life than normal knowledge-based learning usually inculcates.

There is a brave new world emerging very rapidly in this country and education must evolve itself at an even faster pace to stay in contention for its relevance, perhaps for its very survival!

This makes the challenge and responsibility for us, at Pathways, even greater. We have to be very imaginative and futuristic in our outlook without wiping out the depth and richness of civilization's evolution itself. The past and the future have to exist in harmony.

The need of the future is Excellent Leadership.

Come, let us all work together at creating Thoughtful Leaders, Quality Leaders, International Achievers and, most importantly, Leaders capable of shaping future lives and destinies.

- Dr Sarvesh Naidu, School Director, Pathways School

From the parents

As parents, we know perfect schools and perfect teachers and staff are hard to find, but for us, you all have been the best for our children. We acknowledge the contribution that you all have made in the journey through their early education. Thank you for your love and care you have given to our children each day and we truly appreciate that.

- Reena and Raman

I wanted once again to thank you for the quality of the school, you cannot imagine how happy the children are in the morning, and how proud they are to have adapted themselves to this new environment. You can count on me to promote your school.

- Caile Labarre

Thank you to Pathways for the part it has played in moulding and growing our children to adapt to the global stage and be equal, if not more, in every aspect of their student lives. My wish is that PWS continues to grow from strength to strength in creating truly responsible, global citizens.

- Vinita Bhatia

Pathways School Gurgaon

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Teaching language: English

Ages: 2.5 to 18 years

Curriculum: IB PYP, MYP, IBDP



Background

Pathways School Gurgaon was launched in 2010. The day school is centrally located with ease of access from Delhi, Faridabad and Gurgaon. The school utilises the Multiple Intelligences approach, developed by Dr Howard Gardner from Harvard University. Pathways understands the changing needs of education in the 21st century and takes on the challenge of giving students varied learning experiences and opportunities to help them to become competent, thinking, moral individuals.

What the school says

The school is located on a 10-acre site and is equipped with environmentally friendly and modern architecture with a world-class academic and sporting infrastructure. Pathways has created a benchmark in the purposeful use of technology in school education with universal radio networking and the use of interactive whiteboards and projection screens to integrate information communication technology (ICT) with classroom learning.

In the latest Education World Rankings for International Day Schools, Pathways Gurgaon was ranked 1 in the whole of North India. The school also has the honour of being the first and the highest rated K12 school on the planet to earn a 'LEED-EB Platinum' rating from United States Green Building Council.

Curriculum

The curriculum includes the Primary Years, Middle Years and Diploma Programme of the International Baccalaureate Organisation of Geneva. The current student strength of the school is approximately 1,300 with representation from multiple nationalities.

Fees

Fees (per quarter) for the 2016-17 school year:

- Grade 1 to 8: 119,000 INR
- Grade 9 to 10: 164,000 INR
- Grade 11 to 12: 204,000 INR
- Brochure and Application form: 2,400 INR

Parents have flexible payment options. Fees can be paid quarterly or annually.

From the Head Teacher

We believe there can be no higher calling than to deliver an outstanding education for your child and we have an excellent faculty and staff who are committed to that very purpose.

The exposure that we provide, the knowledge that we impart and the curriculum that we focus on prepares young minds to develop an in-depth understanding of fundamental skills in the arts and sciences, current world events, intercultural dialogue and fluency in the new technologies, thereby preparing students for the global challenges of the present and the future.

We value and treasure the uniqueness each child brings to the classroom. The very diverse cultural backgrounds and learning styles of our student community makes Pathways an ideal setting for positive and healthy learning. The richness of our academic programmes encourages students to connect separate elements of knowledge to form a coherent perspective of the whole, thus producing insightful, creative and analytical thinkers.

As we embark on this amazing and enriching journey, I am confident we will succeed in challenging our students to become engaged citizens of the 21st century who possess not only the knowledge for critical thinking but also the motivation for keeping their minds actively engaged in learning for the rest of their lives.

We encourage you to partner with us and support our endeavours so as to have a fruitful and lasting impact on the lives of our younger generation. Together we can ensure they have a more informed understanding not only of themselves but also of the world in which they live.

Let us collaboratively ignite the dreams, hopes and aspirations of the chosen generation at Pathways School Gurgaon.

- Captain Rohit Bajaj, School Director, Pathways School Gurgaon

From the parents

Our children have so much fun learning with joy as if they were playing, instead of being hard burdened. They are learning how to be curious and interested in all their activities at the school which we feel is the pillar for their knowledge. Thank you all for the wonderful work you do with our children, please continue giving smiles.

- Ignacio and Maria

We believe strongly, besides the outstanding curriculum our son has studied, all the numerous experiences he has obtained and absorbed at Pathways School Gurgaon will no doubt become his strength in the future to come. Our son will always remember the wonderful time he experienced at Pathways School Gurgaon for the years to come.

- Emi Tokai

I have lived in five countries (including India). I can confidently state that the education my child received at Pathways compares favourably with leading schools in all these countries. Pathways makes an effort to be global and national at the same time - an international school with an Indian touch - and does so successfully.

- Anupam Ray

Pathways School Noida

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Gender: Co-educational
Teaching language: English
Ages: 2.5 to 18 years
Curriculum: IB PYP, IB MYP, IBDP



Background

Pathways School Noida was launched in 2010. The day school is centrally located with ease of access from Delhi, Noida and Ghaziabad. The school applies the Multiple Intelligences approach, developed by Dr Howard Gardner from Harvard University. The school provides a safe, tranquil, stimulating and intellectually challenging environment suited to the learning needs of each individual. Students learn to be confident communicators who think independently, use technology easily and move on to top universities in India and around the world.

What the school says

The school is located on a 10-acre site and is equipped with an environmentally friendly modern architecture with a world-class academic and sporting infrastructure. Pathways has created a benchmark in the purposeful use of technology in school education with universal radio networking and the use of interactive whiteboards and projection screens to integrate information communication technology (ICT) with classroom learning.

In the latest Education World Rankings for International Day Schools, Pathways Noida was ranked 2 in the whole of North India. The school has the honour of being a 'Microsoft Showcase School' for its global leadership in successful integrations of technology with teaching and learning. The school has also earned the prestigious 'LEED-EB Platinum' rating from United States Green Building Council.

Curriculum

The curriculum includes the Primary Years, Middle Years and Diploma Programme of the International Baccalaureate Organisation of Geneva. The current student strength of the school is approximately 1,000 with representation from multiple nationalities.

Fees

Fees (per quarter) for the 2016/17 school year:

- Grade 1 to 8: 119,000 INR
- Grade 9 to 10: 164,000 INR
- Grade 11 to 12: 204,000 INR

- Brochure and Application form: 2,400 INR

Parents have flexible payment options. Fees can be paid quarterly or annually.

From the Head Teacher

What makes a great school? It certainly is not beautiful buildings, comfortable, temperature-controlled classrooms or great sports facilities – although we have those. It is not easy access to advanced technology, to student laptops and interactive boards – even if Pathways has been a leader in that area. It is not an international curriculum, well suited to prepare children for a globalised world – even though we offer the International Baccalaureate programme at Pathways.

What matters in a school is its heart. Its conviction that a school must prepare each child to be the best that she or he can be. The recognition that different children excel in different ways and that for one person, being an outstanding soccer player is as important as being a brilliant Mathematician is for another. That academic success is a vital ingredient for success in life, but so is communicating well, problem-solving and taking responsibility for improving our world. That new problems require new solutions and the contributions of young people have enormous value. At Pathways, we want our students to make a habit of multiple excellences.

In teaching our students this, we emphasise discipline even as we show them that the best form of discipline is self-discipline. Our students are challenged to develop new skills and assisted if they need additional support. Small class sizes, passionate and dedicated teachers provide a stimulating learning environment. Nurturing each individual, focusing on the creation of a vibrant, happy atmosphere creates confident, lively young people who love coming to school.

Welcome to Pathways School at Noida. I look forward to welcoming you to the school.

- Dr Shalini Advani, School Director, Pathways School Noida

From the parents

The more I get to know about Pathways, the more I like it. It is the best decision which my husband and I have taken for our daughter. The pathways family is doing a brilliant job in keeping that BIG smile on her face. A BIG hug and a BIG thank you!!!

- Ashwita

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the endless support and encouragement we have received from Pathways School Noida towards our daughter. Pathways as a community has been extremely helpful and accommodating towards our needs. The school staff and teachers have all stood by us, motivated and supported us through difficult times. Be it emotional support or administrative adjustments, you always helped us find a solution.

- Richa Gupta

I am amazed how at Pathways you celebrate each child on their simplest achievement and focus on celebrating the child first and then the achievement! It is in these small details that geniuses are created.

- Shuchita

Pathways Early Years

Address: Multiple locations as listed below

Website: www.pathways.in/earlyyears

Gender: Co-Education

Teaching language: English

Ages: 1 to 4.5 Years

Orchid Petals, Sector 49, Gurgaon

Email: reena.singh1@pathways.in

Telephone: +91 965 056 6556

Gold Course Road, Sector 55, Gurgaon

Email: monika.mehrotra@pathways.in

Telephone: +91 971 775 5998

Pathways School Gurgaon, Off Gurgaon Faridabad road, Gurgaon

Email: ruchi.pant@pathways.in

Telephone: +91 956 012 1222

Pathways School Noida, Sector 100, Noida

Email: mona.munjhal@pathways.in

Telephone: +91 956 013 0099

Pathways School Aravali, Off Gurgaon Sonha Road, Gurgaon

Email: priya.rao@pathways.in

Telephone: + 91 981 866 6677



Background

All children are naturally curious. Our learning programme stimulates their interest, making them learners for life. Through play, our children develop into confident communicators, problem solvers and thinkers. We bring our experience with the International Baccalaureate programme of enquiry to shape our Pathways Early Years. It's the best pre-school preparation your child could have.

Our comprehensive Early Years Curriculum features activities and equipment designed for the development of gross and fine motor coordination. Hands on activities that are appropriate for children at this age are planned and incorporated into our daily routines. This curriculum is focused on individualised care and attention to build strong foundations of love and security.

What the school says

'Pathways Early Years' provides an enriched environment and opportunities to maximise learning - spacious, bright and pleasant classrooms, fenced-in outdoor play area with a variety of safe equipment, different areas for rest, quiet and active play, a library of books, and learning materials, clean, safe toys within reach of the children.

Curriculum

Inspired by the best practices of IB PYP, Reggio Emilia, Playway and Maria Montessori, we have developed a comprehensive, dynamic and contemporary curriculum that prepares our young ones to go through the journey of life with complete confidence.

The school runs the following programmes:

- Infants
- Toddlers
- Pre Nursery
- Nursery

Fees

- Fees (per quarter) for the 2016-17 school year: INR 48,000
- Brochure and Application form: INR 2,400

Parents have flexible payment options. Fees can be paid quarterly or annually.

From the parents

My daughter is doing extremely well. She is growing very well as a person too. My heartiest congratulations to the school as well as the teachers for doing their job so well. I am happy that my child's foundation years were spent at Pathways Early years.

- Rohit

Initially, I was afraid of sending my daughter to pre-school in India as she can't speak English and I also had doubts about safety and security system. But, all my worries came to rest when I saw the security systems at Pathways. Earlier she used to cry before going to the school but now she runs into school with a smile. I am satisfied and thankful.

- K.K. Lee

It's been a year since our son joined Pathways and words can't express enough how glad we are that we took that decision. Every now and then he surprises us with his knowledge, intelligence, maturity and independence - and it only reinforces to us the key role you have played in his growth.

- Urmi and Akshay

The French Embassy School

Address: A APJ Kalam Road (former Aurangzeb Road), New Delhi 110011

Website: www.lfdelhi.org

Email: communication@lfdelhi.org

Tel: +91 11 3041 0098

Gender: Co-educational

Teaching language: French

Ages: 3 to 18 years

Curriculum: French/IB

Background

The Lycée Français de Delhi is a French school registered with the French Agency for French Teaching Abroad (AEFE). It was created in 1962 and currently educates 500 students of over 39 nationalities from nursery school (maternelle petite) through to 12th grade (terminale). Teaching is in line with the French curriculum. In this framework, the Lycée Français de Delhi promotes the values of the French educational system in addition to observing the School Project. All degrees at the primary level are bilingual (French and English). The school has a resolute objective focused on learning languages, excellent exam results and an openness to the Indian culture. Extra-curricular activities are numerous, and coaches come from different cultures and nationalities.

The German School

Address: 2 Nyaya Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 11 021

Website: www.dsnd.de

Email: schulleitung@dsnd.de

Tel: +91 11 4168 0240

Gender: Co-educational

Teaching language: German

Ages: 1.5 to 18 years

Curriculum: German/IB

Background

The DSND is one of more than 140 overseas German schools recognised by the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the states in the Federal Republic of Germany (KMK) and hence authorised to award German school-leaving certificates. DSND students can take the final secondary and middle school examinations as well as the German International Abitur Examination. DSND is situated in the quiet diplomatic area of New Delhi. The school provides education for kindergarten, elementary and high school students. DSND is also well equipped to deal with changing societal requirements and the unique challenges facing expat children who have relocated to Delhi.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

The Shri Ram School

Address: Multiple locations (see below)

Website: www.tsrs.org

Vasant Vihar

D3 Street, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi 110057

Email: junior.school@tsrs.org

Tel: +91 11 2614 0884

Gender: Co-educational

Teaching language: English

Ages: 3 to 11

Curriculum: ICSE

Moulsari

V-37 Moulsari Avenue, Phase III, DLF City, Gurgaon 12202

Email: senior.school@tsrs.org

Tel: +91 11 4478 4400

Gender: Co-educational

Teaching language: English

Ages: 11 to 18

Curriculum: ICSE/NIOS

Aravali

Hamilton Court Complex, Phase IV, DLF City, Gurgaon 122002

Email: senior.school@tsrs.org

Tel: +91 12 4278 4300

Gender: Co-educational

Teaching language: English

Ages: 3 to 18

Curriculum: ICSE

Background

The Shri Ram Schools were born out of the ideology that children must be given an environment that makes them want to come to school every day. The schools, which were founded in 1988 by Mrs. Manju Bharat Ram, follow her personal principle of promoting individuality through value-based education which encourages a global outlook yet retains intrinsic Indian cultural traditions. Her guidance has also led The Shri Ram Schools to lay a great emphasis on inclusiveness.

Springdales School

Address: Pusa Road, Upper Ridge Road Junction, New Delhi 110005

Website: www.springdalespusa.com

Email: ameetam@gmail.com

Tel: +91 11 2574 3248 :

Gender: Co-educational

Teaching language: English

Ages: 3 to 18

Curriculum: ICSE

Background

Springdales is a progressive educational institution. The school was established in 1955 with its commitment to national revival and internationalism. Its motto '*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*' translates to 'the world is a family' and encapsulates the vision that has guided the school over the years.

At Springdales, education is looked upon as holistic learning experience to help children to develop qualities of head, hand and heart which will make them self-reliant individuals and fine human beings that are socially aware, compassionate and kind, and that have pride in their country – people who are ready to work as agencies of change for building a more socially just and equitable society.

Modern School

Address: Barakhamba Road, New Delhi 110001

Website: www.modernschool.net

Email: principal@modernschool.net

Tel: +91 11233311618

Gender: Co-educational

Teaching language: English

Ages: 3 to 18

Curriculum: CBSE

Background

Modern School, located in Daryaganj in New Delhi, was established in 1920 and has now become synonymous with quality education and is a pioneer in all-round development. It is a co-educational public school which is affiliated with the Central Board of Secondary Education. Students at Modern School are prepared for the All India Secondary School Exams. The school also encourages students to pursue extra-curricular pursuits with a variety of opportunities for children to get involved in sports, music and the arts.

GD Goenka Public School

Address: Sector B, Pocket 8 and 9, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi 110070

Website: www.gdgps.gdgoenka.com

Email: school@gdgoenka.com

Tel: +91 11261822723

Gender: Co-educational

Teaching language: English

Ages: 3 to 18

Curriculum: CBSE

Background

GD Goenka Public School in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, was the brainchild of Mr. Anjani Kumar Goenka, a noted business man and visionary. The school is a leader in providing quality education through the use of modern educational aids and equipment in addition to unique amenities and facilities to create an ambience conducive to study. In addition to good academic performance, students at the school are encouraged to get involved in sports and other co-curricular activities.

Vasant Valley School

Address: Sector C, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, 110070

Website: www.vasantvalley.org

Email: vasantvalley@vasantalley.org

Tel: +91 11 26892787

Gender: Co-educational

Teaching language: English

Ages: 4-18

Curriculum: CBSE

Background

Vasant Valley School, established in 1990, has an enrolment of over 1200 students. It is spread over 8 acres and is fully equipped. While academic performance is a priority, Vasant Valley aims to create a community of well-rounded individuals, where a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect exists among students and teachers. Qualities such as leadership and self-discipline are emphasised through various activities that take place at the school.

MORE INFORMATION

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<http://www.expattarrivals.com/india/delhi/moving-to-delhi>