

AFLEC Lycée Français International

Dubai, United Arab Emirates



Steps from Dubai Creek's old quarter, this Baccalaureate campus weaves an American section into its French core.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	62/100
Academic outcomes	68/100
University placement	64/100
Prestige & heritage	60/100
Alumni network	55/100
Facilities	66/100
Transparency	65/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

A campus near Dubai Creek's old quarter is not rare; a French school in Dubai with an American section threaded through its French core is. AFLEC Lycée Français International serves ages 3 to 18, teaches in French and English, and runs on a regulator-attested French curriculum rather than a watered-down international hybrid. That matters. Parents who want the structure, sequencing and external discipline of the French system, but do not want their child sealed inside a monolingual bubble, will find AFLEC more interesting than many of its direct competitors. The AEFÉ accreditation reinforces that French identity, and the KHDA's ****Outstanding**** rating for 2023/24 gives it regulatory weight in a market where not every bilingual promise survives inspection.

The school's market position is clear. At an average annual day fee of **AED 40,542** across the full age range, AFLEC sits in a *shrewd middle ground*: cheaper than Dubai's premium all-through internationals, but with more institutional substance than many lower-cost bilingual schools. It is not selling glossy excess. It is selling a defined academic route from early years to the French Baccalaureate, with English playing a serious role rather than a decorative one. Founded in **2003**, AFLEC has been in the market long enough to avoid the start-up fragility that still affects newer schools, and its day-school format will suit families who want academic continuity without the distractions of a boarding proposition.

What is special here is not novelty for its own sake. It is the combination of *cultural clarity* and practical flexibility: a French educational spine, a bilingual environment, and an American section that widens the offer inside a school that still knows what it is. That mix will appeal to French-speaking families, bilingual households, and internationally mobile parents who want a child to remain anchored in the French system while building credible English fluency. It will also suit students who thrive in a *structured, exacting* academic setting and do not need a school to dilute expectations in order to feel welcoming. Children who need a very loose, highly elective, Anglo-style school culture may find the fit *too formal*. For families who want discipline, continuity and a curriculum with a clear centre of gravity, AFLEC merits a shortlist.

STRENGTHS

- KHDA Outstanding rating
- French Baccalaureate pathway within the AEF network
- Covers ages 3 to 18 on a single all-through pathway
- Instruction in French and English
- Elite co-curricular provision in sport, drama and visual arts

TRADE-OFFS

- French curriculum may limit non-Francophone families
- Dubai location may mean longer commutes
- The school does not publish detailed fee information in the material available

ADMISSIONS

AFLEC Lycée Français International is a day school in Dubai for pupils aged 3 to 18, so admissions are likely to run from early years through secondary entry, with the main intake points aligned to nursery/kindergarten, primary and the start of secondary phases. The school follows the French curriculum, with French and English as languages of instruction. The public context available here does not set out a published admissions calendar, fixed closing dates or whether applications are rolling, so parents should expect to check directly with the school for current timelines and year-by-year availability.

WTS RATING 

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