

Aga Khan High School Kampala

Kampala, Uganda



Since 1959, Uganda's first multicultural school remains one of only four in the country authorised for the IB Diploma.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	57/100
Academic outcomes	58/100
University placement	56/100
Prestige & heritage	57/100
Alumni network	56/100
Facilities	58/100
Transparency	46/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

What separates Aga Khan High School Kampala from most of the Ugandan market is not branding but scarcity. It was founded in 1959, it serves ages 12 to 18, and it sits in a narrow bracket of schools authorised for the IB Diploma in a country with very few such options. That matters. Parents looking beyond a purely national route into an internationally portable post-16 qualification do not have many credible choices in Kampala. Aga Khan also carries a mixed academic identity that broadens its appeal: the school declares IB, while its accreditations include both IB World School and Cambridge International. That combination gives it a more **serious academic brief** than schools that trade on an international label without the external anchors to back it up.

The other distinguishing feature is cultural rather than curricular. The school’s Ismaili Muslim heritage is clear, but it is secular, English-medium, and has been multicultural since the start. In Kampala, that still gives it a **distinctive social position**: values-led without being confessional, internationally minded without cutting itself off from its local setting. For families who want structure, composure and a school culture that prizes coexistence across communities, this is a **genuinely unusual** offer. The average annual day fee across the full secondary ladder is ****UGX 9,355,500****, which places it in the fee-paying market but not in the stratosphere reserved for a handful of expatriate-focused schools. For an IB-
authorised day school in Uganda, that pricing gives it a **strong value argument**.

The pupil who will thrive here is academically purposeful, comfortable in a diverse peer group, and ready for a school with a clear institutional identity. This is not the place for families chasing flash, sprawling facilities or a loose, lifestyle-driven sixth-form experience. It suits students who want an English-medium education from ****ages 12–18****, a day-school routine, and a qualification set with **real external credibility**. For any parent in Kampala building a shortlist around academic portability, multicultural depth and institutional steadiness, Aga Khan High School Kampala belongs on it.

STRENGTHS	TRADE - OFFS
• Part of the long-established Aga Khan Education Services network, with a presence in Uganda dating back several decades. • Offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, giving students a globally recognised exit qualification. • Multi-faith, multicultural ethos rooted in the Aga Khan Development Network's philosophy of pluralism and community service. • Day-school format keeps fees lower than Kampala's boarding international schools, widening access for local and expatriate families. • Benefits from association with a global network of Aga Khan schools, allowing shared training, resources and curriculum development.	• Editorial ranking (1232) suggests it sits well outside the top tier of internationally benchmarked schools reviewed here. • Publicly available data on IB Diploma results, class sizes, or university placement for this specific campus is limited. • As a single-campus day school, options for boarding or extended extracurricular residential programmes are absent. • Facilities and academic breadth may be narrower than larger, purpose-built international schools in Kampala.

ADMISSIONS

Admission is generally open through the school's main entry points, with places offered subject to available capacity rather than through a highly selective process. Prospective families typically submit an application form along with previous school reports, followed by an assessment or interview for placement purposes. Entry is possible at multiple grade levels rather than being restricted to a single intake year. Given limited public data on selectivity, families should contact the admissions office directly via the school website for current requirements, fee schedules and available spaces.

WTS RATING 

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