



POLICY on ENHANCING UAE NATIONAL IDENTITY & CULTURE

“He who has no Identity, does not exist in the present and has no place in the future”

His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan President of the UAE

(Excerpts from His Speech on the occasion of the thirty-sixth anniversary of the founding of the UAE.)

Introduction

The UAE National Identity refers to the sense of belonging and allegiance that concerns the citizens of the United Arab Emirates, and the residents living on its territory alike.

It is a system of social and moral values associated with the lifestyle of the people in the past, present and future. Enhancing the National Identity is a matter of National , religious, past, future , collective and individual commitment to the Promoting and enshrining these elements is a collective and individual commitment to the cultural, values customs , traditions, language, dialect , doctrine and faith of the UAE as a nation. Promoting and enshrining these elements is a collective National duty incumbent upon the community, individuals, government and institutions.

The National Identity is based on six pillars through which it is possible to realize the main objective of protecting and preserving that Identity and strengthening and consolidating its presence in the community.

Related Policies

- Cultural Consideration Policy
- Vetting Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Dress Code
- National Identity Framework and its Pillars
 - Culture
 - Values
 - Citizenship

The scope of the policy

- The staff
- The Purpose and Task to be done
- The person responsible for monitoring & Reporting
- Student Participation
- Evaluating Success

I. The Staff

It is the **SOP** (standards Operating Procedures) of this school that once a staff has been hired, he/she has to abide by the existing rules and regulations including adherence to the policies and laws of the UAE government. This includes the National Identity & culture consideration policy.

E. The fifth pillar – encouraging and promoting women’s participation in the economic social and cultural activities in the UAE’s community. Our school shall epitomize to:

- Promote greater equality between the female & the male sexes in the school.
- Increase female students’ participation in performing arts activities.
- Ensure the participation of students in all activities including sports & other events.

F. The sixth pillar-Transforming the UAE’s community into a knowledge society. Our school shall demonstrate to:

- Instill willingness to pursue knowledge in every citizen regardless of age, by encouraging self and continuous learning.
- Ensure diversity in the available information and books by promoting translation when necessary.
- Promote students’ passion to read by encouraging reading and providing them with books.
- Develop in them creativity and innovativeness through the Innovation Hour.

III. The person Responsible for Implementing & The person responsible for monitoring & Reporting.

The SLT shall be the person responsible for implementing this policy. They shall see to it that the contents are aligned to the existing curriculum of the school. The co-curricular activities shall always be associated to the lesson or occasion. The school designates the led staff that will be responsible for the monitoring & reporting. All staff and management of this school are required to involve in this undertaking.

IV. Student Participation

- The school shall ensure that students are fully aware of this policy on enhancing the National Identity & Culture and apply to their real life.

V. Evaluating Success

This school policy will be kept under regular review. In addition, evidences will be gathered regarding:

- Staff awareness
- Students’ Awareness
- Academic progress of students where this is appropriate
- Improved behavior of the children, where this is appropriate
- Increase in the level of awareness achieved
- Parents’ involvement

A new policy (Cultural Consideration policy) copy enclosed has recently been circulated to all schools to enhance the values, vision and culture of UAE.

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