



ENGLISH SCHOOLS
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ESF Kindergartens and Primary Schools

Our vision is for every student to be the best that they can be

An all-through education from kindergarten to secondary school



The English Schools Foundation (ESF) is the largest English-medium international school organisation in Hong Kong. Our 22 schools and comprehensive programme of extra-curricular activities bring out the best in every student through a personalised approach to learning.

Our mission is to inspire creativity and nurture global citizens and leaders of the future. We do this by creating joyful learning environments, led by a community of exceptional teachers who bring out the best in every child through a personalised approach to learning and by inspiring curious minds.

There are over 18,000 students from 75 different nationalities in ESF kindergartens, primary, secondary and all-through schools. All of our Kindergartens, primary schools, secondary schools and all-through schools are authorised International Baccalaureate (IB) World Schools.

ESF is proud of the high academic and wider achievements of our students. In 2021, 64 ESF students achieved the perfect score of 45 points in the International Baccalaureate Diploma examinations.



Exceptional teachers

ESF attracts exceptional teachers from all over the world. We pride ourselves on the standards we set for teaching and learning, and our people make all the difference. Our teachers and school leaders are highly qualified and experienced.

Each of our schools is led by skilled and experienced leadership teams, who work with teachers to plan and customise the learning experience.

Classes are supported by educational assistants, many of whom have recognised certificates in education.

Teachers are provided with a range of world-leading professional learning and development opportunities to engage with leading experts in the field of education and child development.

We have well-established systems, resources and personnel to ensure students are highly engaged, independent and are achieving success.



Learning in our schools

ESF kindergartens and primary schools offer an English-medium education for students aged 3 to 11 years.

Our curriculum encourages students to be actively engaged with their learning through inquiry. This approach respects students' developing ideas about how the world works. It encourages students to question, consider and refine their understanding of the social and natural world around us.

Students learn how to learn, helping them to interact effectively with the learning environments they encounter and encouraging them to value learning as an essential and integral part of their everyday lives.

All kindergartens and primary schools follow the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme. Learning is taught through broad themes, as dedicated units of inquiry. This approach connects a number of traditional subjects, such as literacy, maths and science, into an interrelated and rich learning environment for students. This allows students to see connections that make our world work and explore future possibilities.

Our schools aim to develop internationally minded students by encouraging the development of the traits described in the IB learner profile, including supporting students to be inquirers, thinkers, communicators, risk-takers, knowledgeable, principled, caring, open-minded, balanced and reflective.

We know a strong academic grounding is one key to success as students transition to secondary school and beyond. Our curriculum covers a range of subject experiences as well as the explicit teaching of fundamental literacy and numeracy.

At ESF, we provide an educationally caring, supportive and enriching environment to nurture student abilities and talents. Our student-centred programme is designed to meet the needs of young learners, developing each child's cognitive, social and emotional skills. In meeting these needs we provide each student with the agency to be active participants in their own learning.

Our schools design learning experiences that will bring out the very best in each individual student. Our teachers understand that every learner is unique and that each student brings their own strengths and talents. We know it is our job to personalise the learning so we continue to nurture those talents and support each and every student.

ESF is committed to ensuring a smooth transition as students move seamlessly through the kindergarten years of their education and on to primary school.



Chinese in kindergartens and primary schools

Chinese is a valued part of the curriculum in kindergartens and primary schools, with students engaging in specialist lessons with specialist Chinese teachers. Students are supported to learn while being appropriately challenged and have many opportunities to engage in meaningful, enjoyable learning experiences. Our programme is taught in Putonghua using simplified Chinese characters.

Chinese culture is a prominent element in our curriculum and part of the units of inquiry. Students learn about people, history and society through a range of designed activities that supplement classroom learning with authentic experiences.



Engaging learning environments

The learning environments in our schools are designed to offer the very best educational and technological experiences for students. Classrooms and learning spaces promote collaboration and creativity. Learning is supported by access to a variety of specially designed spaces including well-resourced libraries, multi-media rooms, inspiring playgrounds, well-equipped music and theatre facilities, all of which are furnished and equipped to the highest standard. Indoor and outdoor spaces support the physical development of students and promote opportunities for recreation and play. School gardens and green spaces promote environmental and sustainable learning opportunities.

Support for individual needs

We understand that young learners are unique and make progress at different rates and in different ways. Students are offered a variety of learning opportunities. Our teachers are very experienced in planning the curriculum to cater to children's diverse learning needs. Our learning diversity and student support specialists work alongside class teachers to enable the inclusion of all students in our schools.



Joining our schools

Who can apply?

Diversity and inclusivity are at the heart of an ESF education. The main criterion for entry is the readiness of a child to benefit from an English-medium education.

Year groups are formed on the basis of students' ages. Students usually start K1 in the calendar year when they turn 3 years old, and Year 1 in the year they turn 5. Students entering schools at later years will, where places are available, be placed in the year group appropriate to their age.

All-through at ESF from K1 to Year 13

ESF is now moving to an all-through system. Students joining K1 will be guaranteed a place at an ESF primary and then secondary school without the need for further interviews, if they can benefit from a mainstream education. For more details, please visit: www.esf.edu.hk/esf-admissions/

Applying for a place at an ESF kindergarten

Applications to K1 are invited from 1 to 30 September of the year prior to admission. Applications for K2 or for K1 outside the September admissions period can be made at any time. These applications will be added to our waiting list in accordance with their priority and date of application.

All applications should be submitted online and please follow the procedures detailed on our website: www.esf.edu.hk/kindergartens-policy/

Gain K1 Interview Priority

Parents can apply for the Kindergarten Debenture which guarantees priority interview for K1 admission.





Applying for a place at an ESF primary school

Each ESF primary school has a designated catchment area. Students will be offered a place in their catchment ESF school, determined by their Hong Kong residential address. Visit: www.esf.edu.hk/esf-zones for details.

Families from all school zones can apply for ESF International Kindergartens and two ESF all-through schools (Discovery College and Renaissance College).

Central application to **Year 1** is open in **September** of the year before the child starts school. Late applications for Year 1 received after the end of September will be allocated a place on the waiting list in accordance with their priority and date of application.

Application to enter other year groups can be made at any time during the year. If there are no vacancies, applicants will be added to the waiting list of the school of zone.

Transition to ESF secondary schools

ESF's all-through education, from K1 to Y13, enables a seamless transition from kindergarten to primary and from Year 6 to secondary. All Year 6 students enrolled in an ESF primary school by 29 November are guaranteed a place in Year 7 in an associated secondary school.

How to apply?

All applications are submitted via ESF's online admissions system. Please refer to the instructions on the ESF website before you start: <http://www.esf.edu.hk/esf-admissions>

Where parents are interested in places in Jockey Club Sarah Roe School or in learning support classes, parents should refer to: www.esf.edu.hk/SEN/Admissions

Gain priority for interview

Corporate and Individual Nomination Rights provide a fast-track route for children into ESF schools, providing they meet the entry requirements. For details, please refer to: www.esf.edu.hk/esf-nomination-rights

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ESF Kindergartens

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All-through Schools

Discovery College

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