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# SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Wellspring Learning Community aims to establish an inquiry-based learning environment in which students from diverse backgrounds are given every opportunity to optimize their social, emotional and academic capacities and talents. Our students will become confident, resourceful, creative, caring, responsible global and local citizens prepared to use their education to contribute in meaningful ways towards improving society, both locally and internationally.

## COMMUNITY

Founded in 2007, the school's original Beirut campus is located near Lebanon's National Museum and the secondary campus at Ain El Roumaneh. Both locations are historically significant where diverse political, social-economic and religious backgrounds coexist to form bonds of tolerance, peace and cooperation. Wellspring Learning Community is a co-educational, non-selective, non-religious day school where English is the language of instruction. The school serves local Lebanese and international students who come from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds with 49 different nationalities and several different religions represented.

#### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

The school places great emphasis upon diverse extra-curricular programs that offer students artistic, sporting, musical and academic opportunities during and beyond the school day. Activities include options such as Model United Nations (local and International), student council, drama productions, participation in international theater festivals, sports (basketball, soccer, badminton, tennis, swimming, table tennis), technology classes (App Development, etc.), music, Wellspring's Week Without Walls and more.

## **IB FULL DIPLOMA PROGRAMME**

The school's Diploma Programme is open to all Grade 11 students who are eligible to join. Wellspring believes each student should be given the opportunity to earn the full diploma. The school is not selective; students are given the option by midyear to move into Courses if they choose to do so. Students who move to Courses will earn a High School diploma and may earn possible IB credit for an individual subject if successful in passing the IB subject exam.

| By descriptor | By IB<br>Subject | Local<br>Equivalence | US Equivalent<br>Grade |
|---------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Excellent     | 7                | 19.6                 | 98%                    |
| Very Good     | 6                | 19                   | 92%                    |
| Good          | 5                | 16.6                 | 83%                    |
| Average       | 4                | 14                   | 70%                    |
| Passing       | 3                | 11                   | 60%                    |
| Failing       | 0-2              | 10                   | 55%                    |

#### SECONDARY SCHOOL AND IB GRADING SYSTEM



# Wellspring Learning Community

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# SCHOOL INFORMATION

Wellspring Learning Community is privately owned and operates under the guidance of a governing board of international and local members, advisory members and a head of school. The school currently has a student body of 766 students and around 200 faculty and staff members. Wellspring graduated its first senior class in June of 2016 and has earned a 100% Brevet pass rate (local government exam at the end of Grade 9) since students first began sitting for the exams in 2014. Wellspring was the first International Baccalaureate Continuum World School in Lebanon authorized to offer three International Baccalaureate (IB) Programmes in English: Primary Years (PYP), Middle Years (MYP) and the Diploma Programme (DP) along with the local Lebanese National Curriculum for Brevet students and Life Sciences, Sociology, Economics, General Science (Lebanese tracks) for seniors. All students follow the PYP and MYP through Grade 10 using international and Lebanese content. All students from Nursery through Grade 10 take Arabic as either language and literature or as host country language acquisition. PYP students take French as a third language until MYP Grade 6 when students continue with either French or Spanish as the required third language until the completion of Grade 10. The school was awarded CIS / NEASC / IB re-accreditation in April 2024.

#### SECONDARY ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

In Grades 11 and 12 all students who are eligible to enroll into the school's IBDP are welcome to join. Lebanese students are eligible to go to the IB DP once they have passed Grade 9 Brevet official exams. All students who satisfy Wellspring's Grade 12 graduation requirements are awarded a Wellspring High School Diploma that is distinct from the IB Diploma and the Lebanese Baccalaureate diploma.

#### **IB DIPLOMA SUBJECTS**

Wellspring offers the following subjects at HL and SL: English Literature or English Language and Literature, Language A and B Arabic, French B, Spanish B, French ab initio and Spanish ab initio; Psychology, Economics, Digital Society, Business and Management; Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer science and Environmental Systems and Societies; Math Analysis and Approaches HL and SL and Math Applications and Interpretation SL, Visual Arts.

As part of the school graduation requirements, all students, regardless of which track they are following, must take part in Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) and write an Extended Essay (EE). CAS involves students participating in and reflecting on extra-curricular and community-based activities. The EE is an original research paper of 4000 words. An additional requirement for full diploma students is Theory of Knowledge (TOK).

## UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT

Wellspring student university enrollment: 37.8% AUB; 13.5% other local universities; 5.4% USA/Canada, 40.6% European universities, 2.7% gap year.

### UNIVERSITY OFFERS

UK: University of Bath, Kings College, University of Manchester, University of Loughborough, Kent University at Canterbury, University of Plymouth, Northumbria University, Goldsmiths, University of Portsmouth, Richmond University, Coventry University, University of Bournemouth, University of East Anglia, University of Nottingham and Brunel University.

US: University of Buffalo, University of Florida, Hofstra University - Long Island, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Syracuse University, Portland State University, Lawrence Technological University, Savanna College of Art and Design (SCAD), Virginia Tech, University of Rhode Island, Rochester Institute of Technology, Seminole State College, Babson College, North Eastern, NYU.

Canada: York University, University of Toronto, McGill University, Concordia University, Simon Fraser University, University of British Columbia.

Lebanon: American University of Beirut, Lebanese American University, Notre Dame University.

Others: Jacobs University, Berlin University of the Arts, Sabanci University Turkey, Webster University .

#### UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT

Grades for all students in Grades 6-12 follow the 7 to 1 scale used by the IB (see below). Wellspring does not rank in school but will provide ranks if necessary for university admissions; however, the information below summarizes our academic programs and will allow for the calculation of an approximate standing for each student.

## WELLSPRING STUDENTS SEEKING POST-GRADUATE DEGREES Harvard, Yale, Columbia, NYU, Rutgers

## POST HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT

- **2024** 100% matriculated to university
- **2023** 100% matriculated to university
- **2022** 100% matriculated to university
- 2021 100% matriculated to university

# ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS AND MILESTONES

 Class of 2024 - 96% IB Diploma Pass, 28 Full Diploma candidates with 27 Full Diplomas awarded, 11 Bilingual Diplomas, Highest score 38, 100% Pass Lebanese Bacc - 1 Très Bien.

• **2020** 100% matriculated to university

• **2019** 100% matriculated to university

• 2018 100% matriculated to university

• 2017 100% matriculated to university

- Class of 2023 85% Full Diploma with a high mark of 40; 8 Bilingual Diplomas; 3 Lebanese Baccalaureates.
- Class of 2022 100% DP Full Diploma with high mark of 41 and Grade 9 100% Brevet Results 10 Très Bien and 6 Bien.
- Class of 2021 IB Full Diploma 100% pass; one IB Bilingual Diploma awarded; 100% Pass Lebanese Baccalaureate; 2 Bien.
- Class of 2021 Wellspring student earns the mark of 41/45 IB Diploma Programme (only 2.5% earned this mark worldwide).
- Class of 2021 Wellspring student earns IB Bilingual IB Diploma.
- Class of 2020 Wellspring student earns the mark of 40/45 IB Diploma Programme-100% pass in the IB Diploma.
- Class of 2017 1st Wellspring student earns 2 Programmes- Lebanese Baccalaureate Program and Full Diploma Programme during the same year.
- Class of 2017 Wellspring student earns the mark of 41/45 IB Diploma Programme (only 2.5% earned this mark worldwide).
- Class of 2017 100% pass in the IB Diploma.

#### **IB FULL DIPLOMA RESULTS**

| Year | Full DP<br>Candidates | Courses<br>Candidates | Candidates who<br>Earned the IB Diploma | Retakes      | DP Success |
|------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------|------------|
| 2024 | 28                    | 0                     | 27                                      | 1            | 96%        |
| 2023 | 33                    | 1                     | 28                                      | 2            | 85%        |
| 2022 | 18                    |                       | 18                                      | 0            | 100 %      |
| 2021 | 19                    | 5                     | 19                                      | 0            | 100 %      |
| 2020 | 25                    | 5                     | 25                                      | 0            | 100 %      |
| 2019 | 15                    | 4                     | 13                                      | 2 (1 passed) | 92 %       |
| 2018 | 7                     | 2                     | 5                                       | 1            | 71 %       |
| 2017 | 9                     | 1                     | 9                                       | 2 (2 passed) | 100 %      |

# DISTINCTIONS INTERNATIONAL IB GRADE 10 PERSONAL PROJECT RESULTS

| Session / Year | Pass Rate      | Average School Grade | Average Grade (World-Wide) |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| June 2024      | 100% Pass Rate | 4.93 out of 7        | 4.01 out of 7              |
| June 2023      | 100% Pass Rate | 4.57 out of 7        | 4.05 out of 7              |
| June 2022      | 100% Pass Rate | 4.88 out of 7        | 4.20 out of 7              |
| June 2021      | 100% Pass Rate | 4.88 out of 7        | 3.90 out of 7              |
| June 2020      | 100% Pass Rate | 4.90 out of 7        | 3.85 out of 7              |
| June 2019      | 100% Pass Rate | 4.66 out of 7        | 3.78 out of 7              |
| June 2018      | 100% Pass Rate | 4.77 out of 7        | 3.76 out of 7              |
| June 2017      | 100% Pass Rate | 4.61 out of 7        | 3.69 out of 7              |

| AWARDS         |                  |  |  |
|----------------|------------------|--|--|
| Cumulative GPA | Award            |  |  |
| 3.75*          | High Distinction |  |  |
| 3.50*          | Distinction      |  |  |
| 3.20*          | Honors           |  |  |
| 2.20*          | Graduation       |  |  |

# **DISTINCTIONS LOCAL GRADE 9 BREVET**

- **2024** 100% Brevet Pass • 2020 100% Brevet Pass
- 2023 100% Brevet Pass
- 2022 100% Brevet Pass
- 2021 100% Brevet Pass
- 2019 100% Brevet Pass • 2018 100% Brevet Pass
  - 2017 100% Brevet Pass