

Education Guide India

2014-2015

A Comprehensive Guide
to Schooling in India



Go knowing

Table of contents

Introduction	3
School options in India	3
International schooling situation in India	4
Selecting a school	5
Schooling options in Bangalore	6
Schooling options in Chennai	8
Schooling options in Delhi	10
Schooling options in Hyderabad	12
Schooling options in Mumbai	14
Schooling options in Pune	15



**Note: This document has been prepared by Crown Relocations for general information only. Crown Relocations makes no guarantees, representations or warranties of any kind, express or implied, regarding the information including, but not limited to, warranties of content, representations or warranties of accuracy and reliability.*

Introduction

Education is of paramount concern for parents when considering a move and plays a big part in making relocation a success. For expat children moving into India, their new way of life will be very different from what they were used to in their home country, yet one can find and create many similarities to their existing lifestyle. An added advantage to living in India is that the experience provides a wealth of new cultural opportunities to enjoy and celebrate both from the host culture and other international communities.

Parents can help their children adjust to the new culture by timing the move so that children commence school at the beginning of the year when all the children are new. Timing is very important for the entire family.

It is important to visit the schools and see them for yourself, preferably during school hours. In particular ask to see the classroom that your child will be in and look at some of the pupils' work to see if your child is doing similar work.

School options in India

State schools (also known as Public or Government schools) are either partially- or fully- funded by the State. In India, the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act imposes obligations on the appropriate government and local authorities to provide means of education to all children in the six to fourteen age groups. The quality of state schools in India ranges drastically from a few top-notch institutions to the abysmally poor. In addition to this, most schools have a strong focus on academic subjects, with little scope for creativity and extra-curricular activities tend to be lacking. There is a strong focus on examinations which makes the schooling environment very competitive. Local parents tend to have mixed feelings about the public school system and may opt for lower-end private schools. Likewise, many expats in India prefer private or international schools which they believe will meet the educational standards that they have established for their children.

Private schools in India are reputed for their quality holistic education, and a common perception is that children make better educational progress in private schools. Most private schools will prepare students for public examinations based on one of the following curricula with instructions delivered in English:

- **Council for Indian School Certificate Examination** – this is a private non-governmental board. It conducts two main public examinations, generally for children in private schools.

- **Central Board of Secondary Education** – this is one of the main governing bodies for education in India and serves both public and private schools. They conduct two main examinations, alongside several others for specialized college entry.

Though private schools are held in high esteem, their environments are incredibly competitive as children are generally pushed to perform well. Emphasis is placed upon academics, especially mathematics and sciences, with rote learning and many examinations standardized. Some international students are not used to these pressures and can find these schools challenging, resulting in feelings of insecurity or frustration. Expat parents should be mindful of their child's emotional development as they transition him/her to Indian schooling. However, many children succeed in private schools in India and benefit from the diverse, multicultural environment.

International schools may be the ideal choice for expats who want their children to continue their home-country curriculum. These schools tend to employ experienced teachers from the respective home country who impart similar teaching methods and instructions in their mother tongue. Most of the top international schools have state-of-the-art facilities and infrastructure, feature many extra-curricular activities and are keen on personal development. Generally, the standard of teaching at these schools is in-line with that of the home (sponsoring) countries, which allows for easy transition between schools.

International schooling situation in India

Many expat children attend English-speaking schools, but there are other, albeit limited, options for non-English speaking children.

The majority of the top international schools are located within the major cities of India with high expatriate populations such as New Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Dehra Dun and Pune. Of these schools, most follow international curricula provided by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO, Geneva), Cambridge IGCSE (UK), and the Council of International Schools (CIS, USA). There are also schools which are operated by foreign governments and embassies which teach in other languages including French, German and Japanese. The Central Board of Secondary Education, India and the Indian Council of Secondary Education also recognize some international schools.

You could also check to see if your desired choice of school for your children is accredited by any of the major accreditation bodies for schools in India such as the International Accreditation Organisation and the CfBT Education Trust. These bodies work with schools to

ensure that they are operating at international standards, and propose reforms where necessary. In addition, some accreditation bodies continually inspect member schools to ensure that they are providing top-quality teaching standards.

Tuition fees for international schools are very high. Fee structures vary from school to school, but expect to pay between US \$5,000 and \$22,000 annually, depending upon class level and other factors. Additional expenses may include boarding fees, books and extra-curricular activities.

Despite these fees, international schools are in high demand and available spaces usually fill up quickly. For the best chance of enrolment, apply well in advance of the new school year, although some schools have a rolling admission policy which allows students to start at any time.

Enrolment procedures differ, but be prepared to submit your child's passport and visa information, health records, previous school records, recommendation letters and a copy of their birth certificate. In some cases, your child may have to take an interview and an entrance examination.



Selecting a school

It is helpful to select the school before choosing a home. Living close to the school(s) will ease the stress of transporting the children there and make it easier for them to spend time with friends after school.

Most schools have a website, email address and telephone number. You may be able to schedule an appointment before you arrive and to check what requirements the schools may have with regards to the paperwork detailed above.

Some points to consider

- What are the curriculum differences between this school and the school currently attended by your child?
- What is the school's approach to learning? Does it foster independent learning? Does the school encourage learning through play in the early years?
- How does the school help children who have difficulty mastering basic literacy and numeric skills? Is help provided regardless of the year level?
- What is the emphasis on assessment? How are children assessed and how are these assessments communicated to parents?
- What were the exam results in previous years?
- What subjects are offered at an advanced level?
- What programmes are available for personal development?
- What remedial programmes are available?
- How is the pastoral care/student welfare programme organised?
- What extra-curricular activities are available, for example sport, music, art, theatre, language and computers? How wide is the range? Does the school cater for non-sporty students?
- What are your child's interests? How well will the school cater for his/her special interests?
- What excursions/school camps are planned for each year level? Are parents encouraged to attend field trips and excursions?
- Do the students look happy, interested and active?
- Will your child need English language lessons?

Staffing

- What are the teacher/student ratios?
- What are the qualifications and experience of the teachers?
- Is there a policy on maximum class size?
- Is there a specialist English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher on staff?
- Would your child feel more comfortable in a bigger or smaller school?

Facility

- Is the size of play area adequate for the number of children at the school?
- Is play equipment in good condition and safe for the age of the children?
- Are there sufficient shady areas? Does the school have a "sun-smart" policy?
- What is the standard of the food preparation areas?

Fees

- What are the average tuition fees?
- What are the enrolment/registration fees?
- Is any portion of the fee paid refunded when you leave the school? What are the transport fees?
- What are the charges for school lunches (if available)?
- What is the anticipated cost of camps, excursions and extra curricular activities?
- How much of the fees, if any, will your company subsidize?

Other pertinent questions

- What are the school's hours of operation? When is it closed for holidays?
- How close to your home is the school? How long will it take to get there during peak traffic periods? Is transport provided? Are there other access issues?
- Is there any after-hours program or summer school program?
- What is the school's security policy?
- What is the policy with parental access to the school i.e. do you need written permission?
- Is the school accredited by an overseas accrediting body e.g. ECIS, NEASC, WASC?
- Availability of school transport?

Schooling options in Bangalore

School name	School Information
The International School, Bangalore	<p>Curriculum: The Primary years (3 to 11 year olds) follow the National Curriculum for England. Secondary years (11 to 15 year olds) students prepare for Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) Examination. The last two years of school follow the IB Diploma Programme.</p> <p>Location: Whitefield - Sarjapur Road</p> <p>Website: www.tisb.com</p>
Indus International School	<p>Curriculum: From Kindergarten to Grade 5 the school follows the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program. The Middle School Program is designed for students between the ages of 11 and 16. Grades 9 and 10 follow the International General Certificate of Secondary Education Curriculum. The last two years of school follow the IB Diploma Programme.</p> <p>Location: Sarjapur, Bangalore</p> <p>Website: www.indusschool.com</p>
Canadian International School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montessori - Pre-KG through Senior Kindergarten • Ontario syllabus - Grades 1 to 5 • Cambridge Secondary curriculum - Grades 6 to 8 • International General Certificate of Secondary Education - Grades 9 and 10 • International Baccalaureate diploma - Grade 11 and 12 • Students can take the Canadian International School Diploma as an alternative to the IB program. <p>Location: Yelahanka, Bangalore</p> <p>Website: www.canadianinternationalschool.com</p>
Ryan International School	<p>Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application forms are handed over in person; and • Interview and written test are conducted for the child before admission. • The curriculum is the ICSE <p>Location: Kundalahalli</p> <p>Website: www.ryaninternational.org</p>

School name	School Information
Inventure Academy	<p>Curriculum: Kindergarten to Senior Secondary (Pre-Kindergarten -12) education are affiliated to the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) - IGCSE, A/AS levels and the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE) - ICSE and ISC.</p> <p>Location: Whitefield - Sarjapur Road</p> <p>Website: www.inventureacademy.com</p>
Green Wood High International School	<p>Curriculum: Kindergarten to Senior Secondary (Pre Kindergarten -12) education, affiliated to the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) - IGCSE, A/AS levels and the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE) - ICSE and ISC.</p> <p>Location: Sarjapur Road</p> <p>Website: www.greenwoodhigh.edu.in</p>
Deen`s Academy	<p>Details: There will be a written test scheduled for the child and admission will be based on the same.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syllabus: Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) curriculum • The online form needs to be submitted. Then a visit to the school and written test is conducted. Application forms are issued later. <p>Location: Whitefield</p> <p>Website: www.deensacademy.com</p>
Vibgyor High	<p>Curriculum: There will be a written test for the child before the admission request is accepted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application forms must be procured in person; and • The curriculum is the ICSE. <p>Location: Marathahalli</p> <p>Website: www.vibgyorhigh.com</p>

Schooling options in Chennai

School name	School Information
Gateway The Complete School	<p>Curriculum: ICSE. The school is in the process of obtaining affiliation with International Board IGCSE. - (The International General Certificate of Secondary Education), University of Cambridge, UK.</p> <p>Description: Private co-educational day school</p> <p>Program: Courses divided into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten • Primary School (Grades 1 to 5) – Cambridge International Primary Program (CIPP) followed. • Lower Secondary or Middle School (Grades 6 to 12) – Cambridge International Lower Secondary Program under the International General Certificate Syllabus of Secondary Education (IGCSE) <p>Location: Sholinganallur, Chennai, India</p> <p>Website: www.gatewayschools.in</p>
The British International School	<p>Curriculum: British curriculum</p> <p>Description: Private co-educational day school</p> <p>Program: The courses are divided into Kindergarten, Elementary School (Grades 1 to 5), Middle School (Grades 6 to 8), and High School (Grades 9 to 12). Alongside the regular High School Program, Advanced Placement Program (AP) and International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) are offered for qualified students in Grades 11 to 12.</p> <p>Location: Neelankarai, Chennai, India</p> <p>Website: www.aisch.org</p>

School name	School Information
Vael's Billabong High	<p>Curriculum: ICSE. The school is affiliated with the International Board IGCSE, University of Cambridge, U.K.</p> <p>Description: Private co-educational day school</p> <p>Program: The courses are divided into Playschool, Nursery, Junior Kindergarten, Senior Kindergarten, Grades 1 to Grade 7.</p> <p>Location: Neelangarai, Chennai, India</p> <p>Website: www.vaelsbillabonghigh.in</p>
MCTM Chidambaram Chettyar International School	<p>Curriculum: IGCSE, CLSP and IBDP.</p> <p>Description: Private co-educational day school</p> <p>Program: Cambridge Lower Secondary Program (11 to 14 years), International General Certificate for Secondary Education (14 to 16 years) and International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (16 to 19 years).</p> <p>Location: Luz Church Rd, Chennai, India</p> <p>Website: www.mctmib.org</p>
American International School Chennai (AISC)	<p>Curriculum: IGCSE</p> <p>Description: Private co-educational day school</p> <p>Program: The courses are divided into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary, which is divided into Nursery, Reception, Year 1 to Year 6 • Secondary (Years 7 to 10) • Higher Secondary (Years 11 and 12) <p>Location: Taramani, Chennai, India</p> <p>Website: www.britishschool.in</p>

Schooling options in Delhi

School name	School Information
American Embassy School	<p>Curriculum: The curriculum at AES essentially follows a college preparatory program similar to quality American private schools. At the high school level, the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma and Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered in addition to the regular high school diploma program.</p> <p>Location: Chandragupta Marg, Chanakyapuri</p> <p>Website: www.aes.ac.in/splash.php</p>
British School	<p>Curriculum: Years 1 to 9 follow the English National Curriculum in the core areas of English, Mathematics and Science. Years 10 and 11 are prepared for the International General Certificate of Secondary Education Diploma Programme (IGCSE) and Years 12 and 13 for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.</p> <p>Location: Dr P Jose Rizal Marg Chanakyapuri</p> <p>Website: www.british-school.org</p>
Pathways World School	<p>Curriculum: The curriculum at Pathways follows a college preparatory program similar to quality American private schools. At the high school level, the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma and Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered in addition to the regular high school diploma program.</p> <p>Location: Aravali Retreat, Off Gurgaon-Sohna Road</p> <p>Website: www.pathways.in</p>

School name	School Information
Lancers International School	<p>Curriculum: The School has introduced the Primary Year Programme of the International Baccalaureate (IBPYP). The school has drawn up a content syllabus for each grade based on elements from local programs CBSE and ICSE, NCERT and the Cambridge International Curriculum.</p> <p>Location: DLF Phase 5, Sector 53, Gurgaon</p> <p>Website: www.lis.ac.in</p>
American Excelsior	<p>Curriculum: The school has obtained accreditation from the University of Cambridge International Examination to offer the Cambridge International Primary Program (CIPP) and the International General Certificate of Secondary Education [IGCSE]. It proposes offering the Diploma Program to Years 11 and 12 from the International Baccalaureate Organization of Geneva and Cardiff (U.K.).</p> <p>Location: Shushant Lok, Phase I, Gurgaon</p> <p>Website: www.pathways.in</p>
French School	<p>Curriculum: The school offers a Bilingual international curriculum set by the AEFÉ. Typically, students spend a day with a French teacher in a French environnement and the next day in an English classromm with an English speaking teacher</p> <p>Location: 2 Aurangzeb Road</p> <p>Website: www.lfdelhi.org</p>



Schooling options in Hyderabad

School name	School Information
International School of Hyderabad	<p>Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The elementary curriculum follows the English National Curriculum. Grade 8: ISH follows its own curriculum based on best practices from the U.S., Canada, Australia and Europe. In Grades 9 to 10, ISH follows the IGCSE, an international curriculum developed and administered by Cambridge University International Examinations. In Grades 11 to 12 ISH follows the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. <p>Location: Patancheru, Hyderabad</p> <p>Website: www.ishyd.org</p>
Oakridge International School	<p>Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Primary Years (3 to 11 year olds) follow the National Curriculum for England. Secondary Years (11 to 15 year olds) students prepare for Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) Examination. The last two years of school follow the IB Diploma Program. <p>Location: Gachibowli, Hyderabad</p> <p>Website: www.oakridge.in</p>
DRS International School	<p>Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Primary Years (3 to 12 year olds) follow the International Baccalaureate. Secondary Year (13 to 15 year olds) students prepare for the Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) Examination. The last two years of school follow the IB Diploma Program. <p>Location: Medchal, Hyderabad</p> <p>Website: www.drsinternational.com</p>

School name	School Information
Global Indian International School	<p>Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-school (Nursery, LKG, UKG) Montessori and kindergarten methods • Primary and middle school (up to Class Eleven) – a compendium of best practices in CBSE/IGCSE/IB • Curricula offered by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBSE (India) • CBSE (International) <p>Location: Bachupally, Hyderabad</p> <p>Website: www.giishyderabad.org</p>
Chirec Public School	<p>Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Primary Years to 12+ Stages follow Cambridge University • Secondary Years 6 to 12 follow the CBSE • The last two years of school follow the IB Diploma Program <p>Location: Kondapur, Gachibowli, Jubilee Hills</p> <p>Website: www.chirec.com</p>



Schooling options in Mumbai

School name	School Information
American School of Bombay	<p>Curriculum: Offers an innovative American Curriculum, as well as the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) for students in the final two years of secondary school and the Primary Years Program for students aged 3 to 12 years.</p> <p>ASB Kurla campus is till 5th grade and Bandra campus is for 5th Grade and above</p> <p>Location: Bandra (East)</p> <p>Website: www.asbindia.org</p>
Ecole Mondiale World School	<p>Curriculum: The School offers the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program, Middle Years Program and Diploma Program. The School also offers the International General Certificate for Secondary Education (IGCSE) from the University of Cambridge International Examinations Syndicate.</p> <p>Location: Juhu</p> <p>Website: www.ecolemondiale.org</p>
The French School – Ecole Francaise Internationale, Bombay	<p>Curriculum: The school offers an international curriculum that is set by the AEFÉ for the French component and the British curriculum for the English component.</p> <p>Location: Worli</p> <p>Website: www.efib.in</p>

School name	School Information
DSB International School	<p>Curriculum: Programs are based on the best practices of the National Curriculum of England and German Curriculum of Thuringen, adapted to suit the student body.</p> <p>Location: Breach Candy</p> <p>Website: www.dsbindia.com</p>
Oberoi International School	<p>Curriculum: IB - PYP curriculum offered from Play School stage to fifth grade. For 6th till 8th grade, the curriculum offered would be a tailor-made program based on the Cambridge board. Grades 9 & 10 have IGCSC curriculum offered by Cambridge Board. IB-DP offered by IBO would be curriculum for grades 11 and 12.</p> <p>Location: Goregaon</p> <p>Website: www.oberoi-is.org</p>

Schooling options in Pune

School name	School Information
Mercedes Benz International School	<p>Curriculum: Complete range of IB Programs - Primary Years Program (PYP), the Middle Years Program (MYP) and the Diploma Program (DP). Boarding facilities are also available.</p> <p>Location: Rajiv Gandhi Tech Park Phase I, Hinjewadi</p> <p>Website: www.mbis.org</p>
Symbiosis International School	<p>Curriculum: Complete range of IB Programs - Primary Years Program (PYP), the Middle Years Program (MYP) and the Diploma Program (DP). It also pursues the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) offered by the University of Cambridge International.</p> <p>Location: Airport Road, Viman Nagar</p> <p>Website: www.symbiosisinternationalschool.net</p>
Indus International School	<p>Curriculum: IB for Primary Years' Program between Kindergarten and Grade 5. The Middle School Program is designed for students between the ages of 11 and 16.</p> <p>The IGCSE examination is conducted by Cambridge International Examinations (CIE). This program is offered for Grades 9 and 10.</p> <p>Location: Bhukum, Tal. Mulshi, District: Pune</p> <p>Website: www.indusschool.com</p>



School name	School Information
Vivero International School	<p>Curriculum: Based on the U.K. Early Learning Goals and Reggio Emilia Approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 ½ to 2 ½ years - Pre-Nursery • 2 ½ to 3 ½ years – Nursery • 3 ½ to 4 ½ years - Kindergarten I • 4 ½ to 5 ½ years - Kindergarten II <p>Location: Kalyani Nagar, Pune</p> <p>Website: www.viverointernational.com</p>
Vibgyor High	<p>Curriculum: VIBGYOR High, NIBM offers its students the choice of 2 boards: The Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE) Board or the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) Examination.</p> <p>VIBGYOR High at Balewadi follows the ICSE curriculum.</p> <p>Location: NIBM road And Balewadi, Pune.</p> <p>Website: www.vibgyorhigh.com</p>
Global Indian International School	<p>Curriculum: GIIS offers classes from Kindergarten to Year 10 education. Child should be 2.5 years or above for entry into Nursery</p> <p>Global Montessori Plus for Nursery, Kindergarten I and Kindergarten 2</p> <p>Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for Classes I – 10</p> <p>Location: Chinchwad,Pune</p> <p>Website: www.giischinchwad.org</p>





www.crownrelo.com/india

© 2014 Crown Relocations. All rights reserved.
SR-INDG-CR/GMO/FEB-2014/EN/V1.0