



The
**WellSpring
School**
[RAS AL KHAIMAH]

A LifePlus® International School



Developing globally
minded individuals who
learn, love and lead



Hello, welcome to The WellSpring School. We are a vibrant international community in Ras Al Khaimah, UAE, that provides transformative, holistic Pre K–12 education to develop globally minded individuals who learn, love and lead.

As a LifePlus international school, we inspire our students to go and make a life-changing difference for the common good.



Worldwide learning for all

Head of School's welcome

At WellSpring we strive to see students who learn, love and lead; providing them with the highest-quality education, delivered by world-class teachers, in a school with a deep understanding of local culture.

At all LifePlus schools, we believe somebody's character formation—and how they go on to apply what they learn—are as essential as academics. Because of this, we help teach and engage students in our nine values for life, helping them to become confident, courageous and globally minded individuals.

Emphasizing character and a robust, best-in-class educational program makes The WellSpring School a great center of growth and learning. We nurture a warm, caring and encouraging community for our students and staff alike. I look forward to welcoming you for a visit!

Warmly,
Jeff Kingma
Head of School



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Growing up in Ras Al Khaimah

A brief history

2015

Small beginnings

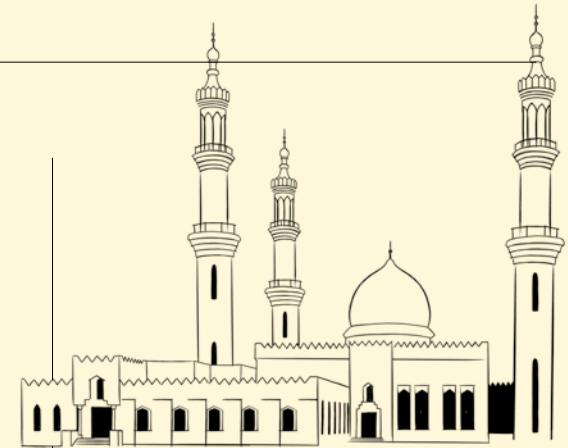
WellSpring opened its doors in 2015, renting a small space inside RAK Academy for 175 students. At that time, we only offered a kindergarten and elementary program.

2017

Growing with our students

The growth of the school meant additional classes were built in 2017 to accommodate our students moving up in grades, as well as having room for new students joining the community.

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2018

Branching out

This quickly became too small, and new classrooms were built on the same site in 2018. We soon needed a second campus for our secondary students.

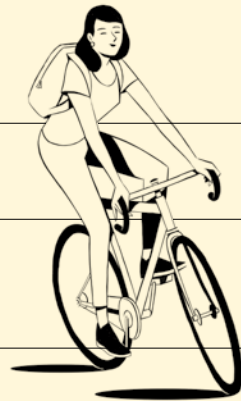
2020+

One extended family

At the end of the 2020–21 school year, we moved to a single campus with enough space for all our Pre K–12 students and staff to learn and grow together in ways we never could before.

A world-class education

Our community in numbers



Average class size

18 **By programme**
 Early Childhood ×15
 Elementary ×18
 Middle School ×20
 High School ×17

Teacher:Student ratio

1:8 **Student population**
 Early Childhood ×72
 Elementary ×228
 Middle School ×97
 High School ×79

University destinations

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Student nationalities

48 **Countries include**
 United Arab Emirates, United States, Canada, Belgium, Egypt, South Africa, Philippines, South Korea, Syria, Pakistan, Germany, United Kingdom, India, France

Average SAT® score

1,167

Staff nationalities

19 **Home countries include**
 Philippines, Romania, USA, Azerbaijan, South Korea, Ireland, South Africa, Syria, United Kingdom, Canada, Yemen, Egypt

Recognized for excellence



Aiming higher, taking students further

Ever since we opened our doors back in 2015, The WellSpring School has always been part of the iSC family of international schools.

In 2022, iSC and its parent, LDi, became LifePlus. A new name for the same community of world-class educators, with the same core belief that lives are transformed through the power and gift of learning.

LifePlus benefits The WellSpring School in three important areas. First, **LifePlus helps us to innovate**; sharing research, knowledge and ideas.



Second, **LifePlus is a truly international and robust setup that lets us focus on what we do best**: growing servant leaders of outstanding character, competence and calling.

Third, **LifePlus makes WellSpring more than a local school**, connecting us to a worldwide network of talent, knowledge and support. To learn more, visit lifeplusworldwide.com



LifePlus (formerly iSC/LDi) is a Cognia-accredited organization, meaning the incredibly high standards of WellSpring's work are recognized globally, and our performance continually evaluated—raising us higher, taking our students further.

Cognia is the largest education improvement organization in the world, demonstrating our commitment to learners, teachers, leaders and communities. For more, visit cognia.org

KG1-KG2

WellSpring Early Childhood Center

WellSpring's Early Childhood Center is a vibrant and joyful community where every child is cherished. Guided by loving and committed teachers, students learn to make wise choices, work and play well with others and demonstrate high standards of character and courtesy.

Purposeful play

Purposeful play is a hallmark of our program. Research shows it is one of the most important factors in young students' social-emotional, physical and cognitive development. With the teacher modeling, students use real-world materials and tools to explore learning themes in mathematics, literacy, and science while practicing verbal language and persevering in problem-solving in both indoor and outdoor environments.

Furthermore, students gain a critical foundation in early reading as they learn all English letter sounds, practice their writing skills, and listen to rich stories read aloud daily.

Fundamentals

Early childhood is a critical age to begin laying a foundation in fundamental life skills such as developing values and learning integrity, showing good moral character, thinking carefully,



communicating clearly, working well with others and taking care of the world around us. The educational experience provided at WellSpring is balanced and varied as the child's world of awareness is extended from the home to the classroom.

Development

The Early Childhood program provides initial learning experiences in language development, number concepts, creative skills, and social and physical development. Students receive the building blocks for perceiving, thinking and problem-solving through the use of concrete experiences. It also provides a warm, safe and family-like environment for our youngest students.



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Play and physical development are important parts of our program. Art, music and movement are all incorporated into daily activities.

Character

Every day matters as we instill the growth mindset and habits of character that develop innovative thinkers, skilled communicators and courageous leaders. This is done through the nine values for life that students start learning at an Early Childhood level.



The WellSpring School, UAE

Grades 1 to 5

WellSpring Elementary



WellSpring's Elementary program is a place where the joy and rigor of learning intersect. Our teachers are committed to seeing students thrive as they become innovative thinkers, skilled communicators and courageous leaders.

Leadership

Our students learn to solve problems and think critically as they actively participate in the learning process. Listen in as both teachers and students ask questions, explore and investigate together. Watch as students learn to communicate skillfully in written, verbal and aesthetic forms of expression. Stand amazed as students learn to make wise choices in leading themselves and practice leading peers.

Exploration

Elementary children explore the world with wonder. As teachers keep in mind students' developmental progress, students read, sing, move, explore, create and talk together about what they are doing. Literacy is a key foundation. Beginning with a structured synthetic phonics program, students grow in their capacity to read complex text, write at length and depth, and explore pressing issues in the world around them.

Well-rounded education

Through collaborative projects, use of technology, and increased independent learning, students become critical thinkers and skilled communicators in English language, arts, mathematics, science, social studies and Arabic. With a desire to develop well-rounded students of character, all students also receive specific instruction in art, music and physical education twice a week.

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Student learning support

At WellSpring we provide support to students of all abilities. We feel that a child's education should not be hindered because there are barriers to their learning. We believe those barriers can be overcome and that a child has every right to a bright future.

Push-in and out services

The level of support provided through push-in/pull-out services is based on the student's needs. Special education teachers and English Language Support (ELS) teachers run individual and group sessions. During the sessions, the Special Education teacher targets the goals set on the Individualized Learning Plan and the ELS teachers set goals that relate to language learning.

Shadow teachers

Shadow teachers provide support inside and outside the classroom. Based on the student's support needs, the shadow teacher provides assistance for academic skills, task completion skills, attending skills and social skills.

Students of Determination

Students of Determination may require curriculum modifications if they are performing at a different level from their same-age peers. We are able to provide different academic material to meet specific needs of students.

Grades 6 to 12

WellSpring Secondary

The Secondary program at WellSpring has an emphasis on language arts, mathematics, Arabic, social studies and science. Other optional courses may include Islamic studies, technology, art, music and physical education. This works together to offer students the opportunity to enter universities and colleges around the world.

Technology

Our Secondary school has each student bring a laptop to school to use every day. Teachers utilize Canvas—a learning management system—where students can track courses, access and submit assignments and quizzes. Technology is integrated into the Secondary curriculum enhancing students' research, communication and collaboration skills. Students learn appropriate 21st century technology skills and essential digital citizenship that prepares them for the world around them.

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Advanced Placement

WellSpring secondary students (grades 10–12) have unique access to Advanced Placement (AP) courses, delivered by the LifePlus Online Academy. Providing students with further credits for university, these courses range from mathematics to English and social studies. AP tests demonstrate a student's competency and measures their ability to study and pass university-level courses. LifePlus Online Academy is a caring, connected community of world-class educators and learners—across cultures, and beyond borders. As a LifePlus international school, it shares the same values and enjoys the same Cognia accreditation as WellSpring.

College preparation

The WellSpring School provides PSAT® (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) and SAT® (Scholastic Aptitude Test) entrance exams for students seeking college or university admission around the world.

Guidance counselling

In addition, counselling and guidance services are offered in a variety of other areas including academics, parent-to-peer relationships and study skills.

University matriculation

Next steps on the learning journey

Our students have gone on to study a wide variety of subjects, such as *dentistry, teaching, engineering* and various fields of *medicine*, at many universities around the world including...

North America

University of California Davis
University of California Santa Barbra

Penn State
University of Manitoba
Simon Fraser University

University of Calgary

Auburn University
Purdue University

University of Alabama

University of Kansas

Missouri Southern State University

New Mexico State University

Cairn University

University of Texas Arlington

University of Mississippi

New York University
University of Toronto

UAE and Oman

Emirates Aviation University

University of Wollongong

Ajman University

Mohammed Rashed

University of Medicine and Health

Khalifa University

RAK Dental University

University of RAK Medical

American University RAK

Higher College of Technology

South Korea

Hanyang University



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UCLA



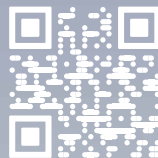
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