



*BBS Middle School
Students and Parents Handbook
2020 - 2021*





The purpose of this handbook is to provide greater understanding of Al-Bayan Bilingual Middle School. It serves as a reference for students and parents throughout the school year.

Founder's Vision

Al Bayan was founded by the late Mrs. Fawzia Al-Sultan Al-Essa (God bless her soul) supported by fourteen women. The purpose was to establish a school that bridges the progress of the West and the traditional values of the Arab culture. Thus, the bilingual program of the school came into existence, a program that prepares the students for the world of today and the challenges of tomorrow, a program that constitutes a happy marriage between the "Modern" and the "Traditional". With this clear vision, Al Bayan Bilingual School (BBS) was established in 1977 as the first bilingual school in Kuwait.

School Mission

Al-Bayan Bilingual School is an Arabic and English learning community nurturing compassionate and innovative students, leading sustainable change and progress in Kuwait and the global environment.

Al- Bayan Objectives

BBS prepares and inspires its students to be:

- *fluent in Arabic and English*
- *critical thinkers and lifelong learners*
- *independent and collaborative*
- *innovative and creative*
- *ethical and compassionate*
- *civically engaged locally and globally*
- *environmentally conscious*

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Principal's Message

Welcome to Al-Bayan Bilingual Middle School.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone: students and parents. I believe teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results. We value the support and partnership of parents as a central focus to the success of our school community for all students.

"No one can whistle a symphony. It takes an orchestra to play it." (H.E. Luccock).

At Al-Bayan Bilingual School, we place the students at the center of everything we do. In this regard, we believe in learning being at the heart of all we offer, in our ability to create fully contributing members of tomorrow's society. We believe in the principles of enthusiasm, engagement and perseverance as the hallmark toward personal achievement within our school community. Another key component of BBS is character education. Tribes is a process utilized to develop a positive school environment that promotes human growth and learning. The following community agreements will be evident in all classrooms: Attentive listening, Appreciation/no put downs, the Right to pass/the Right to participate, and Mutual respect.

I encourage you to go through this book to help guide you through a successful year. In addition, check out the Skoolee website/App to keep you informed about the work of the school.

Regards,



Nehme Kourani
Middle School Principal

INTRODUCTION

• **Bilingual Program:**

Learning through the medium of two languages, Arabic and English, our students come to appreciate the traditions of the past and meet the challenges of the future of their own culture and that of others, while engaging in the process of promoting true international understanding. Arabic and English are developed to the highest academic standard through a demanding curriculum.

• **Middle School:**

Al-Bayan Middle School consists of grades 6-8. The Middle School provides a superior educational program designed to meet the individual needs of a select student body. All pupils follow a core program of studies in each subject and are expected to achieve mastery of basic skills. The program emphasizes: academic excellence; personal, social and intellectual growth; and encourages each student to be a well-motivated and constructive member of society. The curriculum is departmentalized with different teachers for each discipline. Students have one team of teachers per grade level, which fosters rapport between teachers and students. Students are taught effective study habits and independent learning.

Arabic Subjects: أبت

Arabic Language, Social Studies, and Islamic Studies

English Subjects: abc

English Language, Science, Math, Technology, Art, Physical Education, Humanities, and Music

• **Student Placement and Class Lists:**

BBS professionals carry out the time consuming and difficult task of preparing class lists with great care because it is among the most important challenges we face each year. The school's staff considers every possible variable while composing class lists: the opportunities children need to make new friends, the importance of balancing student genders across sections within a grade, the learning styles and instructional needs of students, the teaching styles and abilities of our instructors, the distribution of students with special behavioral characteristics and/or learning abilities evenly among the sections, the balancing of class numbers, the separation of siblings and of students who do not get along, and a great many other factors.

Because Al-Bayan Bilingual School objective is to create the BEST possible learning environment for EVERY child in EVERY class, school management does NOT accept any requests to place students in specific classes. Instead, the school will continue to do everything in its power to create the best, appropriately balanced classes possible in each grade, keeping all students' academic interests, and generally, the best interests of all students in mind.



CHARACTER EDUCATION

• **Al-Bayan Character Ethos:**

Al-Bayan Bilingual School community members take responsibility for themselves, act with honesty, treat themselves and others with respect, and model the behavior they expect from others.

• **Al-Bayan Character Beliefs:**

- *I am responsible for myself.*
- *I choose to act with honesty.*
- *I treat myself and others with respect.*
- *I model the behavior I expect from others.*
- *We are all part of one community.*

As our school philosophy states, we expect all of our stakeholders (students, teachers, administrators, support staff, Board of Trustees, and parents) to embody and express a well-defined code of ethics, values, and standards on a daily basis, in and out of school. At BBS we strive to develop a spirit of independence, responsibility, empathy, respect, and acceptance.

These values have always been close to BBS's heart. As our school grows and evolves, we must continually renew and recommit ourselves to maintaining and developing these qualities that are the center of the BBS ethos.

As parents have entrusted us to develop their children in all ways, we ask parents to trust our efforts in accomplishing this goal.

*Al-Bayan is proud to be a **TRIBES** school where all teachers, from Pre-N to Grade 12 are trained to use the TRIBES process, which strongly supports the character education goals at BBS. **TRIBES** engages all teachers, administrators, support staff, students, and families in working together to create a supportive learning community through the daily use of the four **TRIBES** Agreements:*

- *Right to Participate/Right to Pass*
- *Attentive Listening*
- *Appreciation/No Put Downs*
- *Mutual Respect*

***TRIBES** encourages student collaboration, independent learning, and self-reflection through targeted **TRIBES** strategies and techniques.*

*More information on the **TRIBES** process can be found on the BBS website under [Parent Resources](#).*



OUR COMMUNITY POLICY

- Members of the BBS community include students, parents, faculty, staff members, and school employees.
- The right to an education means that teachers are free to teach and students are free to learn without being interrupted by inconsiderate and unruly behavior.
- Members of the BBS community have the right to develop their own individuality without criticism or pressure from others, so long as it does not interfere with the rights of others.
- Members of the BBS community have the right to privacy.
- Members of the BBS community have freedom from being set apart or mocked because of race, sex, religion, culture, disability, classroom performance, etc.
- Members of the BBS community have the right to have personal and school property respected and safeguarded.
- All members of the BBS community are expected to treat each other with dignity and respect; this includes all faculty, support staff, maids, guards, students, and parents. All members of the BBS community are afforded this right.
- The school owners, the Board of Trustees, and the divisional school administration will work to ensure that the school's rules, policies, and procedures, for all BBS stakeholders, must be consistently and fairly enforced.
- Faculty and staff must enforce and follow all school rules, policies, and procedures with consistency, fairness and respect and are expected to model these values in their interactions with peers, students, and parents.
- Students and parents are expected to follow all school rules, policies, and procedures; by reinforcing these, parents and students join the school in modeling these values. Rules, policies, and procedures are available for parents through divisional school guides, the school website, through information detailed at "Back to School" nights and through other available communication.
- Consequences for breaking rules or policies must be accepted in a mature and respectful manner by teachers, students, and parents.
- Students and parents must communicate their concerns respectfully and promptly following school protocol, as outlined in the divisional guides.

The parent, hereby, declares and agrees that under no circumstances, whatever the reasons or motives, will he/she intimidate/threaten, or physically, verbally or mentally abuse any BBS community member for any matter relating to his/her son or daughter whether inside or outside the school campus. If a parent breaches the above agreement the school administration reserves the right to immediately expel the student from the school without notification or warning, and to take appropriate legal action against the parent. Also, please make sure you have read the following school policies:

- **Student Code of Conduct Policy.**
- **Parent Code of Conduct Policy.**
- **MakerSpace policy**
- **Facilities and Safety Policy**
- **Child Protection Policy**



COMMUNICATION

• Student/Parent Concern:

At Al-Bayan, we wish to cultivate close relationships between the school and our families. Often, areas of concern can be resolved efficiently and effectively through a direct discussion between a teacher and the parents including their child in the discussion. Therefore, the following guidelines are in place to clarify the process of communicating concerns or suggestions:



- Parents should schedule a meeting with the child's teacher to discuss and resolve the issue of concern. Most issues are resolved with such direct interaction. Appointments with teachers can be made by a phone call to Ms. Wafa, MS Receptionist.
- If the issue requires further discussion after speaking directly with the teacher, the parent should then schedule a meeting with the respective Head of Department (HOD). Involving the HOD is particularly important with issues of student academic performance. Appointments with HODs can be made by a phone call to Ms. Wafa, MS Receptionist .
- If the issue requires even further discussion after speaking directly with the HOD, the parent may then schedule a meeting with the Assistant Principal, especially if the issue involves student behavior, or with the Principal for all other issues. Appointments with the Assistant Principal or with the Principal be made by a phone call to Ms. Wafa, MS Receptionist .
- If the issue has not been resolved after speaking with MS Administration, the parent may then schedule a meeting with the Deputy Director. Appointments with the Deputy Director can be made by a phone call to Ms. Hania, Executive Assistant.
- If the issue has not been resolved after speaking with the Deputy Director, the parent may then schedule a meeting with the Director. Appointments with the Director can be made by a phone call to Ms. Hania, Executive Assistant.
- If the issue has not been resolved after speaking with the Director, the parent may then schedule a meeting with the Deputy CEO at FAWSEC. Appointments with the Deputy CEO can be made by contacting Ms. Sana, Deputy CEO secretary.

• Reports to Students and Parents:

Students receive two (2) report cards per year:

- Semester One Report Card
- Final Report Card (combining Semesters One & Two)

These reports give the results of continuous evaluation and help diagnose a student's progress. Mid term progress reports are posted on Skoolee. This communication is done in a timely manner in order to allow a student to improve his/her performance. Parents are invited to meet with teachers to discuss ways to help students progress.

• Parent-Teacher Conferences:

A teacher or parent may request a Parent-Teacher Conference. Parent contact is essential to the well-being of our students. The school receptionist will assist families in scheduling Parent-Teacher Conferences throughout the school year. Student participation is encouraged during these meetings in order to ensure transparency for all involved.

• Circulars/Letters/Website

Communication between school and family is of utmost importance. In addition to emails and monthly newsletter, the primary mode of communication from school to home is the Skoolee data management system. Students and parents are given passwords for confidential access.



• Helpful, confidential information on each student in Skoolee includes:

- Weekly schedules
- Student Log
- Student Attendance
- Student Lates
- Student Progress Reports
- Medical Visits



• Skoolee Application (App):

The Skoolee App consists of Academic and Social Media Features to help you,

Engage in your Children's Education!

Login Instructions - the Skoolee App works on all mobile devices IOS, Android...etc.

How do you make the connection?

1. Search for the Skoolee App in the Apple Store or Play Store, and download the App.
2. Log into the App by entering your family credentials followed by @bbs: for example: f00004@bbs.
3. It is strongly recommended parents do not share their login credentials with their children - this is to ensure accurate communication between the school and the parents.

Note: if you change your password on the Skoolee website, it will take 24 hours for it to sync with the Skoolee App. Click on Skoolee's icon to go to the Parent Portal. Parents will be accessing the Skoolee Mobile App with their family credentials; for example, f12345 which would be the father's ID code, associated with the father's name.

If the mother prefers to use her own account, please email IT- support@bbs.edu.kw to place a request, and the mother's credentials will be sent to you.



• **Al Bayan Bilingual School App:**

The phone application has several features to enhance your communication with the school, including those listed below. For full details after receiving a phone alert, it is advisable parents log in to Skoolee with the desktop app.

- Receiving notifications for newly uploaded news (school preferences can be set by the user)
- Accessing school-wide events calendar
- Receiving announcements and messages from the school
- Viewing your child(ren)'s tuition statement
- Paying fees online
- Online maps to:
 - Al-Bayan Bilingual School
 - Al-Bayan Nursery
 - FAWSEC Educational Company

• **Open Door Policy:**

The MS Administration operates an "Open Door Policy." Parents are always welcome to call or come in to ask questions, discuss concerns or offer suggestions at any time. As the Middle School is a vibrant and active community, please call ahead for an appointment to ensure the administrator can set aside sufficient time to meet.



INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Al-Bayan Middle School's curriculum and instructional model have been designed to give support and information that enables each student to succeed, achieve, and master skills. As a bilingual school, mastery of Arabic and English is required for all students. The Middle School program fosters the development of confident, capable, and responsible students. We achieve our goals collaboratively, establishing rigorous, yet appropriate standards, while engaging learners in the application of knowledge. Al-Bayan Middle School strives to instill the love of lifelong learning in all of our students.

• Instructional Coaches:

In August 2014, BBS launched a Teaching Learning Center (TLC) to support teachers in transforming how students are taught and, by extension, how students learn.

We create classroom environments where students become partners in learning. We need to be sure that we are educating our students in such a manner as to not only prepare them for what we know they will encounter but also the skills to handle the unknown. Career experts are constantly "warning us" that many of the jobs that today's elementary children will have, have yet to be identified. It therefore becomes essential that our students are able to think critically, to appreciate how to solve "real world problems", and to be responsible, with their teachers, for the learning which takes place (of course, at age appropriate levels).

We want to create a school of master teachers, where they are working as partners with our students. Instructional Coaches are the bridge in this process. The Instructional Coaches work with all our teachers, as "mentors" and "coaches" to help them reflect on their practice and to "model" best practice as we move our teachers along the continuum. As a school we invest professional development funds to prepare our ICs to take on this challenge and will ensure that there are ongoing opportunities for them to continue to improve and hone their skills while supporting our faculty to enhance theirs!

BBS is blessed with a team of educators who are committed to being their best, and working collaboratively with the ICs, they will be able to expand their repertoire of teaching strategies while having a colleague there to support them and give them the invaluable feedback necessary to be successful.

• Counseling Office:

The Counseling Office is dedicated to helping students with both academic and social/emotional concerns. Our Counseling Office supports and promotes the academic, social, and emotional growth of all students at Al-Bayan Middle School. Academic counseling includes guidance on study skills, motivation, goal setting, and academic planning for Registration and preparation for high school. Social/emotional counseling includes issues such as peer relations, bullying or cyberbullying, family issues, loss of loved ones, interpersonal conflicts, or other issues of a personal nature. In addition, students will find a number of faculty members available to them to help with questions, to address problems and frustrations, and to guide them in positive decision making. A student's Advisor, Counselor, Assistant Principal, and Principal, and all staff members are willing and eager to work with individual students on all matters.



•Child Study Team:

The Middle School Child Study Team (CST) is a multidisciplinary team that aims to support the academic, social, emotional, and physical well-being of every child at school. The CST is made up of the student, parents, teachers, Head of Academic Learning Support (ALS) and specialists, the Principal, the Counselor, and School Nurse as appropriate. Holistic guidance services including individual and group counseling and student monitoring are provided. Teachers also offer after school help sessions. Students who are thought to have Diverse Educational Needs (DEN) are identified and assessed by the Inclusion Specialist, as early and thoroughly as is necessary and possible. Referrals can be made by subject teachers, counselors, administrators, the student or parent, following information from the previous school, and/or following baseline testing year on year. Early identification, assessment, and intervention can minimize the difficulties that may be encountered when intervention and provision occur. Early identification ensures the likely positive response of the child, allow for a temporary learning difficulty to be overcome, and future learning unaffected.

The goal of CST is to maximize individual student achievement. A teacher, administrator or parent may bring forward concerns to the counseling department about a student at any point. These concerns include academic, social, emotional, and behavior as well as issues with attendance and health.

Concerns will be defined and prioritized by the counselor and goals and interventions will be planned by the CST and put in place. Additional CST meetings with the student, teacher and/or parent's will be held to monitor the results of interventions. If strategies are successful, the teacher will continue with strategies. If interventions are not successful, a CST parent meeting and possible counselor referral to school psychologist may be offered.

• Co-Curricular Programs:

After school co-curricular programs offer an opportunity for students to participate in a wide variety of activities. Some of the clubs offered include computer, drama, soccer, basketball, volleyball etc. In addition, our school belongs to interscholastic sports and activities leagues. Students may participate in Under 14 Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton and Track & Field.



• After-School Help:

Students desiring help in any subject should not hesitate to see their teachers. This is a two-way arrangement. Students may also be requested by their teachers to attend After-School Help. For those who want to take advantage of this extra help, staff members are available in their rooms from 2:40-2:50 pm on Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays.

• Math:

The Middle School Math Program aims to prepare students to become numerically literate and self-reliant critical thinkers able to relate math to the real-world and proficient to succeed in all areas. Each grade level builds on and extends conceptual understanding so students approach each new challenge from a firmly established foundation. We strive to use diverse teaching strategies to empower students with a love of learning and tools that can be applied for success in our ever changing technological world. Math uses E-books by **Pearson Publishers**.

The MS Math Program is designed to meet the learning needs of our students. In an effort to do this the Program is set up to place students in the best learning environment for success; therefore, students do not remain in homerooms for Math. Students are evaluated throughout the year and placed in Math classes to best meet their learning needs. These include:

Grade 6: Math 6

Instructional time focuses on four critical areas: (1) connecting ratio and rate to whole number multiplication and division and using concepts of ratio and rate to solve problems; (2) completing understanding of division of fractions and extending the notion of number to the system of rational numbers, which includes negative numbers; (3) writing, interpreting, and using expressions and equations; and (4) developing understanding of statistical thinking.

Grade 7: Math 7

Instructional time focuses on four critical areas: (1) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; (2) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; (3) solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions, and working with two and three dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; and (4) drawing inferences about populations based on samples.

Grade 8: Pre-Algebra 8 and Algebra I

Instructional time focuses on three critical areas: (1) formulating and reasoning about expressions and equations, including modeling an association in bivariate data with a linear equation, and solving linear equations and systems of linear equations; (2) grasping the concept of a function and using functions to describe quantitative relationships; (3) analyzing two and three dimensional space figures using distance, angle, similarity, and congruence, and understanding and applying the Pythagorean Theorem.

HS Algebra I is a high school course which focuses on more applied and varied knowledge, preparing students for Geometry. This is a rigorous course which includes the study of quadratic and polynomial functions, and factoring equations. It encourages students to think critically and apply knowledge to real world situations.



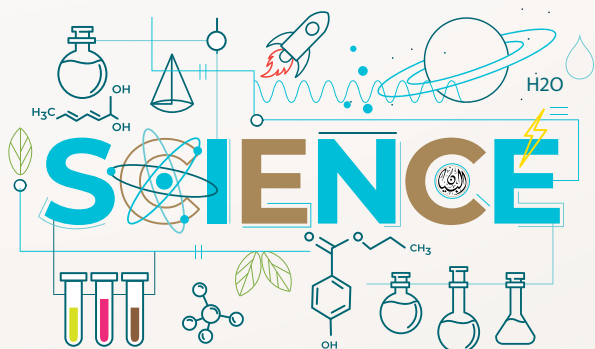
• Science:

Science class will equally focus on foundational scientific knowledge in the three main fields of Life Science, Earth Science and Physical Science as well as the development of learning through hands-on activities, stem tasks, project-based activities and 21st century skills including collaboration and critical thinking. Students will have access to Pearson Interactive Science resources online along with the associated text; additional supplemental materials prepared by the teachers will be provided where necessary.

Science Skills:

Each year of science focuses on developing students' skills in the following areas:

- **Scientific Process:** This includes the tradition experimental method involving hypothesis confirmation but extends further into more general processes such as systematic observation, evidence collection, logical reasoning, and imagination.
- **Research Skills:** This includes the ability to gather relevant information from print, electronic and other sources.
- **Presentation Skills:** This involves the ability to communicate scientific results to other scientists as well as to general audiences.
- **Problem Solving Skills:** Students will be challenged to inquire into puzzling phenomenon and attempt to analyze and explain the object of inquiry, but they will also be required to work through difficulties that arise when being a part of a team working together toward a common goal.



• Arabic:

In Middle School our Arabic language curriculum focuses on "Competences", "Kefayat", Curriculum, and Student-Centered Learning through the curriculum of Ministry of Education in Kuwait. It is a new approach in terms of its structure, perspective, and content. It implements diverse teaching strategies that highlight students' effort in the best manner. This curriculum aims to develop students' competences in listening, speaking, reading, observing, and writing. It uses numerous learning resources to build competences to understand through good listening, to start a rich dialogue to read texts with their various sources and writing skills (copying, spelling and composition).

Since 2008, the Arabic Department has been offering a program in Arabic Writing Workshop, and BBS was the first school in Kuwait to do so. The writing program is based on (6+1) Traits of Writing where students are provided with structured time built into their class schedule to concentrate only on the process of writing. Writing Traits (6+1) has standards that develop writing skills in ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, writing conventions, and presentation.

This program will be applied to students in Grade 6.

• **Social Studies:**

Social Studies is the study of social concepts. The student will acquire knowledge and information that will help him to acquire proper values and a correct way of thinking. This enables the learner to control their behavior and develop their personality as a Kuwaiti and Arab citizen. They will develop social sensitivity, as well as, self-esteem, with pride in their homeland. They will keep world peace in mind and become a responsible citizen.

Grade 6

The curriculum covers the Kuwait and Gulf in all aspects that distinguish the region, such as the important geographical location, human, and economic powers. In addition, it covers the problems facing The State of Kuwait. Finally, it covers the economic integration and solidarity among Gulf countries.

Grade 7

All aspects of Kuwait and the Arab world, such as the importance of geographical location, humans and economic powers is studied. Ancient civilizations, which were in Arab countries is studied. The economic and political integration and solidarity among Arab countries is addressed.

Grade 8

In this curriculum, students learn the natural conditions of the Arab Peninsula and spreading Islam, Islamic conquests, as well as, the role of Arab and Islamic civilization in international civilization. In addition, contributions of Arab scientists, the role of Islamic cooperation organization and its institution and the role of Kuwait in solving problems in countries of Islamic World is a major focus of study.

• **Physical Education:**

This Program provides students the opportunity to learn through a developmentally appropriate, comprehensive, sequentially planned physical education program aligned with the Al-Bayan Physical Education curriculum.

Middle School Physical Education Program focuses on:

- The development of movement skill combinations and movement skill knowledge.*
- The assessment and maintenance of physical fitness to improve health and performance.*
- The knowledge of physical fitness concepts, principles and strategies.*
- The application of psychological and sociological concepts, including self-responsibility, positive social interaction, and group dynamics, in the learning and performance of physical activity.*
- Basic understanding of offensive and defensive strategies as they pertain to sport.*

Units of activity include physical fitness/assessments, net/wall games, invasion games, striking/fielding games, ball handling, aerobics (girls), and gymnastics

Use of technology and devices (e.g: laptops) are an integral part of learning in the MS PE Program. Students are asked to have these devices readily available for use in PE classes, when needed, and to adhere to the "Technology" section of this handbook.



• Islamic Studies:

The major goals of the Islamic Studies curriculum include:

- Reinforcing the Islamic principles and values,
- Building a balanced personality of a Muslim,
- Educating students about different dimensions such as physical, spiritual, ethical and psychological.

Grade 6

Islamic Studies curriculum contains wide range of religious knowledge and skills that deepen the understanding of Islam and its origins for students in various fields: such as dogma, Holy Quran sciences, Hadith sciences, jurisprudence, Prophet Mohammad's (PBUH) biography, culture and politeness.

Holy Quran Subject: Book includes, chosen Suras, they are: (AlMuzzammil, AlMuddaththir and AlJinn). These Suras are divided into parts, as well as, explanations of those parts and their meanings in order to enable students to memorize them.

Grade 7

Islamic Studies curriculum contains wide range of religious knowledge and skills that deepen understanding of Islam and its origins for students in various fields: such as dogma, Holy Quran sciences, Hadith Sciences, jurisprudence, Prophet Mohammad's (PBUH) biography, culture and politeness.

Holy Quran Subject: Book includes, throughout both semesters, chosen Suras, they are: (Nuh and AlMa'arij). These Suras are divided into parts, as well as, the explanation of those parts and their meanings in order to enable students to memorize them.

Grade 8

Islamic Studies curriculum contains a wide range of religious knowledge and skills that deepen understanding of Islam and origins for students in various fields: such as dogma, Holy Quran sciences, Hadith sciences, jurisprudence, Prophet Mohammad's (PBUH) biography, culture and politeness.



Holy Quran Subject: Book includes, throughout both semesters, chosen Suras, they are: (AlQalam and AlMulk) these Suras are divided into parts, as well as Explanation of those parts and their meanings in order to enable students to memorize them.

• Grade 6 Computer:

Skills taught are broad-based with major areas of focus: proficiency, critical thinking, research, multimedia/communication and creativity. Middle School students learn to stretch and broaden their technology skills; they learn to use the computer to connect, to study and to investigate during their school experience. Students begin to develop their skills through integrated lessons, focusing on using technology as a tool for learning.

• Grade 6 Music:

This course continues the instruction for the basic elements of reading, singing, listening to, and writing music begun in elementary school. Students develop their understanding of the fundamental elements of music. This course also covers selection and care of instruments, correct playing position, reading music and awareness of rhythm and pitch.



• English:

The English Language Curriculum (Ontario) focuses on developing reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Fundamentally, it promotes the use of higher-level thinking and communication skills contributing to the nurturing of compassionate and innovative students, leading sustainable change and progress in Kuwait and the global community. In reading, the overarching goal in the Middle School is to graduate all of our students at a level of Z or above in fiction and at a comparable Lexile level in nonfiction. We strive to help students develop cognitive strategies assisting them with comprehension and analysis. The reading program targets individual learning styles in order to give access to curriculum, exposing students to a variety of literary genres of fiction and nonfiction, showing students how to monitor and strengthen understanding, and aspiring to generate enthusiasm for reading. We want our students to take an active role in becoming analytical thinkers.

In writing, the Middle School uses the Writers' Workshop (WW) model where students are provided structured time in their class schedule to focus solely on the craft of writing. The program makes use of the 6+1 Traits of Writing, providing students, parents and teachers with practical, easy to understand language for discussing and assessing students' writing. The WW curriculum is vertically aligned from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12, ensuring students are exposed to and experience writing of different styles and genres, including but not limited to narrative, persuasive, expository, descriptive, and formal academic research.

• World Humanities:

In World Humanities, students critically examine their place in their local community, their country, and the world. They will seek information and explore new perspectives as they discuss a range of people, places, cultures and events that impact on them and others around the world.

• S.T.E.A.M.:

All students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 participate in the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics (STEAM) subject for one semester per year. STEAM is a project-based course where students will be tackling real-life design problems. With the close support of their teachers, students work in teams to design and build solutions to these problems, presenting their final works to their peers.



• Grade 6 Art:

Students learn a variety of artistic techniques. They will learn about art history and art culture from around the world. Many of their projects will be integrated with other subjects.



Grade 7 and Grade 8 electives are listed on the next page.

• **Grade 7 and Grade 8 Electives:**

All electives outlined below are for one semester, except for Instrumental Music - Concert Band and Model United Nations (MUN) which are a full year. Students choose four electives for the year (two for Semester I and two for Semester II). Each year, students must select at least one IT course and at least one Arts course.

<i>Dept.</i>	<i>Grade 7</i>	<i>Grade 8</i>
<i>IT</i>	<i>Robot Design 7</i>	<i>Autonomous Robots 8</i>
	<i>Digital Design 7</i>	<i>Graphic Communications 8</i>
<i>Languages</i>	<i>French 7</i>	<i>French 8</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>First Aid</i>	<i>First Aid</i>
<i>Math</i>	<i>Math Plus 7</i>	<i>Math Plus 8</i>
<i>English</i>	<i>English Plus 7</i>	<i>English Plus 8</i>
<i>Other</i>	<i>Leadership 7</i>	<i>Leadership 8</i>
		<i>Entrepreneurship</i>
<i>The Arts</i>	<i>Elements of Art</i>	<i>Mixed Media</i>
	<i>Styles & Techniques</i>	<i>Intro to Ceramics</i>
	<i>Principles of Design</i>	<i>Form + Media</i>
	<i>Instrumental Music Concert Band (Full Year)</i>	<i>Instrumental Music Concert Band (Full Year)</i>
	<i>Arabic Drama</i>	<i>Model United Nations (MUN)</i>

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

• **National Junior Honor Society:**

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) recognizes those students who exemplify the best in scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Honor Society members are not just excellent students, they serve as role models for their peers.

During the first term of each academic year, Grade 7 and Grade 8 students with a GPA of 3.3 or higher are invited to apply for NJHS membership. The applications are reviewed confidentially by a Faculty Committee that considers each student's academic and co-curricular record in the Middle School, as well as teacher recommendations. After careful review, a select number of the most qualified students is recognized during a formal induction ceremony.

Once inducted, each member of NJHS is required to design and lead a service project that contributes to the betterment of their community. Service projects can support the Al-Bayan Community, the Kuwait Community or the Global Community at large.



• **Student Council:**

Middle School Student Council promotes our students' voice and provides students with a place to share their concerns and ideas for activities. Student Council supports the educational philosophy of BBS and members are leaders who serve as role models inside and outside of the classroom. They promote positive activities and projects involving service and school spirit.

→ **Composition of a Student Council:** 22 students in total based on the number of classes in the Middle School.

→ **Elections:** Members are selected through a voting process and all students are welcome to apply for a position. Students who wish to become a member of the Student Council must write a letter of interest to the Student Council advisor and create a video of his/her vision to be shared with students on the grade level Google Classroom one week before the election day.



TECHNOLOGY

Technology provides new learning and teaching opportunities; a wireless laptop community leads to greater technology independence and responsibility. From an education and teaching viewpoint, this learning initiative further supports differentiated learning, communication, collaboration and student engagement. In terms of the day-to-day operations of the school, the Wi-Fi network increases access to information, allowing increased support and training, and reducing our use of paper resources.



• **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program:**

BBS BYOD Program requires Grades 5-12 to bring a laptop to school daily. Please note that iPads (and similar devices) are allowed only with permission from the Assistant Principal and a letter from parents indicating the reasons for not being able to bring a laptop.

• **Purchasing a Laptop:**

Parents are free to purchase a laptop of their choice as long as it meets the specifications.

• **Laptop Specifications:**

Minimum Hardware Specifications:

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| - Intel Core i5 processor | - Operating system able to run Windows 7 or higher / MacOS 10.14 (Mojave) or higher |
| - 4 GB RAM (Recommended: 8GB RAM) | - Camera feature for e-learning activities |
| - 256 GB Hard drive | |
| - Long lasting battery | |

• **Applications:**

Good antivirus that is always updated with the latest definition / database
Updated Internet browsers (Google Chrome & Firefox)

• **Care and Maintenance:**

The laptop is the property and responsibility of the student. In the event of loss, theft, or damage, whether on or off school grounds, students are solely responsible for repairs and/or replacement. The IT Department does not provide any technical support for any hardware/software issues for students.

• **File Storage and Updates:**

Students are responsible for managing the back-up and maintenance of computer files, folders and documents on laptops. The school is not responsible for any loss of data. Students must regularly update their computer software.

• **Sound:**

Audio must be muted at all times unless teacher permission is granted.

• **Laptop "Dress Code":**

Inappropriate media may not be used as screensaver/desktop background or attached to laptop accessories.

• **Transport and Storage of Laptops:**

BBS recommends that all students purchase protective cases/foam sleeves for their laptops and that they be carried in a closed/zipped backpack or shoulder bag. When not in use in class, laptop should be in locked student lockers and taken home on a daily basis. Do not leave laptops unattended on the playground at any time before or after school.

- **Loaning or Borrowing Laptops:**

Students should **NOT** loan or borrow laptops from one another or share passwords or usernames.

If a laptop is being repaired, the student may bring an iPad for the week, only with written permission from the AP.

- **Personal Software:**

All applications required/installed on laptops are the student's responsibility. Music and games may not be downloaded or streamed over the BBS network.

- **Passwords:**

Gmail, Wifi, or Skoolee passwords should be carefully stored and protected. The IT Coach will assist any students or faculty, with any problems with this.

- **Internet Safety:**

The school filters internet traffic and on request or suspicion, may monitor network activity (a web filtering device – very powerful and with high performance ability - will be deployed to block / filter/ categorize inappropriate sites. Off-campus, it is the responsibility of students and parents/guardians to decide what software or sites may be accessed. The school is not liable for what students do on the Internet at home and does not provide monitoring software.

- VPNs are **NOT** allowed - Smart Watches are **NOT** allowed.

- **Batteries and Charging:**

Batteries should be fully charged on laptops overnight. A spare, charged battery is also recommended. Sufficient access to wired power is provided in most instructional areas. All rooms have ample electrical outlets. Please bring on a daily basis your charging cable with your laptop

A vital part of the BYOD Program is adherence to the BBS Acceptable Use Policy, which must be read, understood, and signed by students and parents. Students will bring the policy home to parents for reading and signature. Students will NOT be allowed to use their laptop in school until the policy has been signed by both student and parent.

- **BBS e-Learning Program:**

The BBS e-learning Program utilizes electronic technologies allowing students and teachers to access educational curricula outside of the traditional physical classroom. e-learning courses are instructor-led and follow the same semester schedule as on campus learning. Students interact with teachers, access course materials, collaborate with peers, and turn in assignments and assessments -- all within each course's online website. As with the traditional classroom, students are expected to maintain the necessary self-discipline to keep up with the course work.

Advantages to e-learning are many. Individual students can access course material at their own pace, review as often as needed, as well as communicate online directly with teachers, counselors, and learning specialists when seeking academic support. Content delivery is consistent and can easily be repeated if needed to gain a better understanding and mastery of skills.

- **E-learning Transition Plan in Event of Emergency:**

While e-learning is a supplementary program to the traditional physical classroom, the school would transition to full use of e-learning in the event of an unexpected crisis preventing us from being on campus. For full details regarding the e-learning program, please refer to the e-learning Handbook.

One of the more important steps students can take to prepare for e-learning is to develop a can-do attitude and translate that attitude into a plan for how they will organize their time, contact teachers for questions and feedback, and share responsibilities for group projects so that everyone participates equally. With a positive attitude, each student can be a successful e-learner.

ASSESSMENTS

Academic standards at Al-Bayan Middle School are high, yet appropriate for preparing students for success in High School. Evaluation of student achievement is based on a combination of summative and formative assessments, as well as the monitoring of classwork and homework to ensure understanding. Assessments may include tests, quizzes, oral recitations or presentations, individual or group projects, etc.

• Coursework:

Coursework grades are based on student participation, quizzes, projects, reports, tests, classwork and other assessments. Each department determines the system used to compute course averages. The department grading system is shared with parents at the beginning of the year.

• Incomplete classwork/assignment:

Students will be asked to go during recess to the teacher assigned for that day or should see the subject teacher after school to complete their work. Students who fail to do that will be graded on the completed part.

• Tests and Quizzes:

Students are required to sit for scheduled tests. Tests are announced in advance in the weekly schedule. In case of an excused absence, the student is required to take a make-up test.

Quizzes are announced. Generally, students do not make-up quizzes. The student may not receive a grade for the missed quiz, and this means that the student may have one less quiz than other students when assessments are averaged into the final grade. Students who are absent for an announced test, without justification, are not eligible for make-up tests and will receive a zero grade. All make-up tests must be approved. The Principal, Assistant Principal, or Counselor will verify all excuses.

In the case of an excused absence due to illness:

- The family must call the Middle School Nurse or Receptionist and inform him/her that the child is ill.
- Upon return to school the student must bring a doctor's note.
- The student/family will arrange with the Administration to schedule the make-up test.

• Types of Assessment:

Diagnostic Assessment (Assessment for learning) precedes instruction to check students' prior knowledge. It provides information to assist teacher planning and guide instruction.

Pre-assessment:

- Helps teachers plan for instruction
- Yields information about options for learning
- Allows teachers to anticipate differences
- Respects what students already know and are able to do
- Acknowledge the role of students' interests
- Maximizes actual learning time

Examples of Pre-Assessment:

- KWL Charts
- Student Survey
- Questions
- Pre-test
- Running Records

Formative Assessment (Assessment for learning): is ongoing assessment that provides information to guide teaching and learning for improving learning and performance. Teachers should review students' progress closely as part of daily classroom practice, involving students in the assessment of their strengths and weaknesses, and provide quality feedback on how to improve. Formative assessment is a key factor in motivating learning and raising students' standards of achievement. Formative assessment includes both formal and informal methods.

Formative assessment:

- Is an essential and integrated part of teaching and learning
- Reflects a belief that all students can improve
- Involves the setting of learning targets with students
- Engages students in self-assessment and peer assessment
- Provides timely and quality feedback that helps students understand the next steps for learning and plan how to achieve them
- Involves teachers, students and parents reflecting on assessment data

Examples of Formative Assessment:

- Quizzes
- Oral Questioning
- Observation/ teacher anecdotal notes taken during observation
- Portfolio Review
- Journals
- Cooperative group work samples

Summative Assessment (Assessment of learning): is a culminating assessment conducted at the end of a unit, course, or grade level to determine the degree of mastery or proficiency a BBS student has made towards meeting the standards. Summative assessment is evaluative in nature, generally resulting in a score or a grade. It is typically used to assign students their letter grade, number grades or percentages. It is designed to provide evidence of achievement to parents, other educators, and the students themselves.

Examples of Summative Assessment:

- Tests/Quizzes
- Performance Tasks
- Semester Exam
- Unit Project
- Work Portfolio
- Student interviews, etc.

Standardized Assessment:

Standardized assessments will be used to help determine appropriate instructional strategies for students. Standardized testing will be used in grades 3 through 10 to help teachers develop the goals and objectives for student growth. We use MAP, Achieve3000, and IXL.

• Semester and Annual Grades:

Semester and Annual grades for each course are calculated with the following values:

- Semester 1 = Coursework 100%
- Semester 2 = Coursework 100%

Annual Grade =

Semester 1 (50%) + Semester 2 (50%)

Students will sit for Semester Summative Tests (worth 25% of each semester's overall average) for only these subjects: Arabic Language, Islamic Studies, and Social Studies as per ministry requirements.

• Academic Integrity:

Students are expected to complete and submit their own work. Occasionally some students will need assistance from parents or classmates, but it is important that all students learn to work independently. Copying work during a formal assessment such as an exam, test, or quiz from other students is not acceptable. Using materials from books, websites or other sources without proper acknowledgment is not permitted. Plagiarism (submitting an assignment as one's own when it is not) is not permitted. Such actions may lead to a "0" for the exam, test, quiz, or assignment, as well as additional consequences.



PROMOTION AND RETENTION POLICY

• Promotion Policy:

In order to be eligible for regular promotion, a student must have:

- met attendance requirements
- an acceptable disciplinary record
- passing grades in all subjects [students may be eligible for resit exams in a maximum of two (2) subjects]
- an acceptable late to class record

The school retains the right not to invite a student to return to BBS for any of the above reasons.

• Retention Policy:

Students who fail three (3) or more core subjects are not eligible for resit exams and will be automatically retained.

No student may be retained more than once during his or her career at BBS.

• Resit Exams:

Students who fail one (1) or two (2) core subjects at the end of the school year may take one or two resit exams prior to the opening of the next academic year in order to be eligible for promotion. Permission to take resits is not automatic and must be approved by both the Faculty and the Administration. Students who fail a non-core subject will be assigned a summer project to submit on the day of the resit exams for core subjects

• Resit Exam Guidelines:

Students eligible for resit exams are given a study packet in June. They must take a revised Semester 2 Exam before school begins in September. The grade they earn on the resit exam will be averaged with the Annual grade which is then recalculated. Students must earn an annual passing grade in the subject. If they do not earn a passing grade, they will not be promoted to the next grade level.

Resit exams are only for the following subjects:

- English
- Arabic
- Islamic Studies/Holy Qur'an
- Science
- Math
- Arabic Social Studies



STUDENT AWARDS

• Middle School Awards:

It is our goal to recognize every Middle School student sometime during the school year for achievement or effort in academics and co-curricular activities. We believe that all students are deserving and unique. What follows is a description of Middle School Awards.

→ **Honor Roll** is presented to students who have achieved a **GPA of 3.30 - 3.69.**

→ **High Honor Roll** is presented to students who have achieved a **GPA of 3.70 - 3.99.**

→ **High Honor Roll with Distinction** is presented to students who have achieved a **GPA of 4.0.**

• MS GPA calculation:

A student's grade point average (GPA) is one measure of academic success. Below is described how GPA is calculated at BBS Middle School.

Semester Courses:

- Full credit is calculated during the validation of Semester grades & GPA and Final GPA (Credit = Course Credit)

Yearly Courses:

- Half credit is calculated during the validation of Semester 1 Grades and Semester GPA
(Credit = Course Credit/2)
- Full Credit is calculated during the validation of Semester 1 and Semester 2 Grades and Final GPA
(Credit = Course Credit)
- $GPA = \frac{\text{Sum (Course Point * Credit)}}{\text{Sum(Credit)}}$

Please refer to the Course Credit and Calculations in the following tables.

• Grade 6:

Subject	Credit	Sem 1	Sem 2	End of Year
English	1.75	1.75/2		1.75
Arabic	1.25	1.25/2		1.25
Math	1	1/2		1
Science	1	1/2		1
Islamic	0.5	0.5/2		0.5
Quran	0.25	0.25/2		0.25
Social	0.5	0.5/2		0.5
Music	0.5	0.5/2		0.5
PE	0.5	0.5/2		0.5
Art	0.25	0.25		0.25
IT	0.25		0.25	0.25
Humanities	0.125	0.125		0.125
STEAM	0.125		0.125	0.125
		Total Credit = 4		Total Credit = 8

• Grade 7 & 8:

Subject	Credit	Sem 1	Sem 2	End of Year
English	1.75	1.75/2		1.75
Arabic	1.25	1.25/2		1.25
Math	1	1/2		1
Science	1	1/2		1
Islamic	0.5	0.5/2		0.5
Quran	0.25	0.25/2		0.25
Social	0.5	0.5/2		0.5
PE	0.5	0.5/2		0.5
Elective 1	0.25	0.25		0.25
Elective 2	0.25	0.25		0.25
Elective 3	0.25		0.25	0.25
Elective 4	0.25		0.25	0.25
Humanities	0.125	0.125		0.125
STEAM	0.125		0.125	0.125
		Total Credit = 4		Total Credit = 8

Music Elective is a year course so = 0.5 credits for G 7 & 8

• **Middle School Grading System:**

Grading is reported using a letter grade, percentage grade and a GPA.

• **Grade 6 Grading System:**

% Grade	Grade Level	GPA
100-97	+A	4.00
96-93	A	4.00
92-90	-A	3.70
89-87	+B	3.30
86-83	B	3.00
82-80	-B	2.70
79-77	+C	2.30
76-73	C	2.00
72-70	-C	1.70
69-67	+D	1.30
66-63	D	1.00
62-60	-D	1.00
59-55	+E	0.50
Below 55	F	0.00

• **Grade 7 & 8 Grading System:**

% Grade	Grade Level	GPA
100-97	+A	4.00
96-93	A	4.00
92-90	-A	3.70
89-87	+B	3.30
86-83	B	3.00
82-80	-B	2.70
79-77	+C	2.30
76-73	C	2.00
72-70	-C	1.70
69-67	+D	1.30
66-63	D	1.00
62-60	-D	1.00
Below 60	F	0.00

• **Cultural and Community Service Awards:**

Sports Awards are given to all students who have participated in After-School Under 14 Sports Program. These students are recognized at Morning Routines throughout the year.

Additional Awards are given to students at Morning Routines throughout the year.

STUDY SKILLS

- Give yourself plenty of time. Don't wait until the last minute!
- Find a quiet place to study and organize your materials - it is best to use a table and a chair.
- Give yourself breaks too!
- Check your homework diary and weekly schedules.
- Plan your work and activities for each week. Try to spread your work evenly throughout the week.
- If you are studying from class notes for a test, copy them over. This helps reinforce the information.
- After each assignment is completed, make sure that it is organized and ready for the next day.
- Put your subject file into your bookbag.
- When homework is completed, it is time to study. Read ahead for any upcoming lessons.
- Attend study skills/test anxiety workshops offered by the Counseling Department.
- Attend after school help sessions offered by teachers every Sunday, Monday and Wednesday 2:40-3:00 PM.



TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

- Take a deep breath and tell yourself to relax.
- Remind yourself that you know the information.
- Read the instructions carefully.
- Look for the number of points on the question and prioritize your time accordingly.
- If you come to a question you don't know, skip it; you may remember the answer later!
- Answer the questions you are sure about first.
- If the question has 2 parts, underline both parts.
- Always answer "True/False" questions.
- In "multiple choice" questions, if you are not sure, cross out the answers you know are wrong.
- Don't change answers. The first answer that comes to you is usually right.
- If the teacher leaves you a big space to answer a question or it is worth a lot of points, then you probably need to write more than one sentence.
- Look for keywords in the question, like "discuss, describe, compare, contrast," before you decide how to answer the question.
- Attempt to answer all questions.
- Remember, a test is not a race. There are no bonus marks for finishing first. Read it over carefully, check your spelling, try to find mistakes. Careless errors cost lots of points.



ATTENDANCE

• **School Hours:**

School begins at 7:10 AM and ends at 2:40 PM. On certain days, after school activities/detention may be scheduled. Students are expected to arrive at school before classes begin. The school is not responsible for students remaining after 2:45 PM unless they are in a school sponsored event.

• **Daily Attendance:**

For on-campus classes, students are expected to be in school and to follow their assigned schedule every day. For e-learning classes, students are expected to log in and participate actively. Regular attendance will enhance scholastic success of students. Attendance is recorded on Skoolee and the report card.

• **Absent from Class:**

In case of a student absence, parents should call the MS Receptionist at 22275000 Ext. 3700 or the School Nurse at 22275010 by 8:00 AM.

In order for an absence to be considered excused, the student must produce a signed and stamped doctor's note within 2 days of returning to school after being sick. In addition, the excuse must be approved by the Middle School Administration.

An excused absence is one caused by:

- personal illness.
- serious family illness or family death.
- family emergency.

other extraordinary circumstances approved by the Principal.

The terms "**excused**" and "**unexcused**" absences are used to determine whether or not a student can make up missed work or assessments (tests or quizzes). Excused absences are not removed from the attendance register of a student.

Students are responsible for making up any missed work or assessments scheduled at the time of the absence. In the event of student absence of four (4) days or more, the MS Counselors will help students schedule any missed work or assessments. If the absence is three (3) days or fewer, then students, themselves, shall arrange with their teachers to make-up work or assessments upon their return.

In order to participate in a co-curricular activity, students must be present during the school day. This includes activities such as drama, athletic practices and competitions, rehearsals, school social events, class activities, etc.

Occasionally, it might be necessary for a student to leave school before the end of the school day. A note from a parent/guardian stating the reason is required and must be given to the MS Secretary. Al-Bayan does not have an open campus. Students may not leave school during the day (e.g. for lunch) and then return to school.

- **Students Leaving School:**

At times it may be necessary for a student to leave school due to a doctor's appointment or embassy appointment. Students will not be released to nannies or drivers without parent permission. The school must speak directly to the parent who will confirm that he/she is giving permission for the child to leave school.

Students already at school will not be permitted to leave early for any other reasons than those stated above.

MS Students may not be pulled from class to attend an event held in one of the other divisions – N/KG/E/HS.

- **Absences (Leave) Before a Holiday:**

The instructional program is in place each and every day. It is disruptive to the educational program if families request that their children leave school early, before 2:40, or miss the day before or after a holiday. Students are expected to attend school before holidays and stay the entire day.

- **Tardies to School/Class:**

Students need to arrive at school and class on time. Important learning takes place at school. If a student arrives late, it may be difficult for him or her to make up the work. **Students arriving late to school must check in at the MS Reception or MS AP Office for a pass to class.** All lates to school are considered to be "unexcused," unless the student brings a medical note from a doctor.

There is plenty of time for all students to go from one class to the next. Students are expected to be in class and ready by the time the bell rings. A student will not be given extra time for an assessment if he/she arrives late to class. If the student misses a quiz given before he/she arrives in class, due to an unexcused late, then a "0" may be given.

Parents will be alerted on Skoolee after the third late. Late to class also appears on the report card. Excessive unexcused tardies will result in a warning from the Principal or Assistant Principal. If the problem is not corrected, disciplinary action will be taken. Any exceptions to the above procedures will be reviewed by the Principal or Assistant Principal.



SCHOOL RULES AND PROCEDURES

• General Principles:

Al-Bayan Middle School is a community where the following fundamental rights apply to all students and staff throughout the entire school day, including travel to and from home and during school field trips.

- The right to an education, which means that teachers are free to teach and students are free to learn without being interrupted by inconsiderate and unruly behavior.
- The right to develop one's own personality, so long as it does not interfere with the rights of others, without criticism or pressure from others.
- The right to be treated respectfully.
- The right to have freedom from physical and mental abuses such as intimidation, harassment, name calling or mocking because of race, sex, religion, culture, handicap, classroom performance, etc.
- The right to have personal and school property respected and safeguarded.

Self-discipline is essential to assure these rights for members of any community. Self-discipline develops and promotes responsible citizenship. Continued positive self-control requires the cooperation of students, faculty, and parents.

• 4 Basic School Rules:

Students shall comply with the 4 Basic School Rules at all times. These rules are posted throughout the school. Students are aware of and frequently reminded of these rules. Failure to comply with these rules may result in disciplinary action.

Be Respectful.

Be on Time.

Be Prepared.

Be your Best.

We believe that students learn from their choices and consequences are a way for students to reflect on their behavior.

• School Standards:

Students must:

- Arrive to school on time.
 - Wear proper school uniform.
 - Be prepared for all classes.
 - Speak respectfully to adults and fellow students.
 - Take proper care of school property.
 - Utilize a hall pass when necessary.
 - Not bring gum, banac or seeds to school.
 - Not bring mobile phones to school / keep their mobile phones at home
 - Move safely between classes. Do not run in the building.
 - Not leave school without written authorization from the nurse or office.
 - Not engage in "playfighting" or fighting.
 - Not bring pets to school.
 - Keep the school environment clean and free of litter.
 - Line up when buying food from the canteen.
 - Follow all the rules of any special area, such as: the media center, the gym, the science labs, the theater, the clinic.
- Follow the english/arabic rule.
- Follow classroom routines set by the teachers.
 - Use proper indoor voices in the hallways/ classroom/theater.
 - Come prepared to class, and are not allowed to leave class to get the materials that are needed such as laptop, book, charger, etc.

• Improving Student Behavior:

No student has the right to disrupt the teaching and learning process. Al Bayan Middle School operates upon the assumption that students are honest and that they will conduct themselves with a high level of personal integrity.

Misbehavior that causes a disruption in the operation of the school, as defined by the school administration, will be treated in a similar way as listed below:

- In order to support students to make positive choices, teachers provide redirection to help students learn and reflect.
- Repeated misbehavior, then the teacher may involve the counselor to help the child make good choices.
- Parental support and ongoing communication between the school and home essentially reinforce student's positive behavior choices
- (See Behavior Management Chart on the next page.)

Rewards and acknowledgement of positive behavior and conduct will occur for students throughout the year, including things such as; Breakfast of Champions, Lunch parties, recognition at morning routine, etc.

• Suspension:

- **Out of school suspension** means that the child may not attend school for a determined amount of time. Students are allowed to make-up tests, work, with the 1st and 2nd suspension. However, students with out of school suspension are allowed to make-up classwork and tests on their own initiative. In doing so, the student must demonstrate responsible behavior by communicating directly and respectfully with teachers to agree upon a reasonable timeline for make-up.

- Parents will be informed if their child is suspended by one of the following: letter home, Skoolee or phone call.

- If after numerous suspensions the child still does not improve his or her behavior, then the school will make a recommendation to the Director that the child not be allowed to register for the coming school year.

• Immediate Referral to Administration:

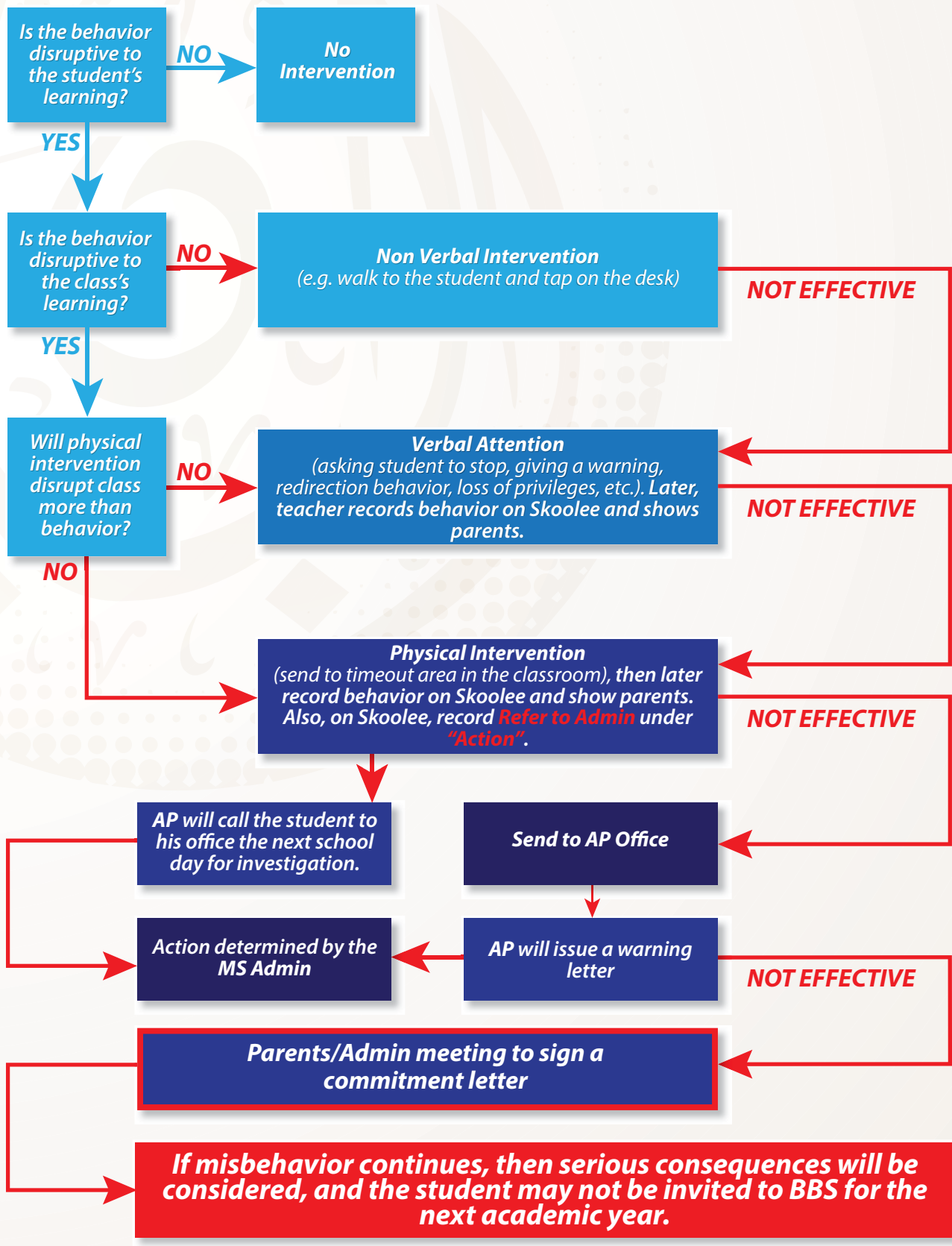
Behaviors which will result in immediate referral to the administration, and may result in immediate suspension, are as follows:

- Skipping class.
- Acts of insubordination; disobedience or disrespect to a staff member; inappropriate language usage.
- Intentionally disrupting the teaching and learning process.
- Destruction of school property; littering the school; graffiti.
- Leaving school without written authorization.
- Substance abuse; use of tobacco, drugs etc.
- Fighting, play fighting, spitting.
- Throwing objects, including bookbags, pencil case, water bottles etc. At others or from the stairs.
- Cheating.
- Possession of any weapons, explosives, or other dangerous objects .
- Inappropriate behavior while arriving or leaving campus.
- Harassment; bullying; racial slurs or any cruel treatment of others.
- Fire safety violation – pulling fire alarm, smoking, use of open flame etc.
- Cyberbullying.

Other inappropriate behaviors.



BBS Middle School Behavior Management



Consequence Chart

<i>Behavior</i>	<i>1st Offense</i>	<i>2nd Offense</i>	<i>3rd Offense</i>
Tardies (per semester)	3x lates to same class-notification on Skoolee	6 lates to a class=***Thursday Detention	7+ lates= ***Thursday Detention and Commitment Letter 10+ lates= 1 day suspension
Uniform Violation	Parent Notification through Skoolee; uniform delivered to school	***Thursday Detention; uniform delivered to school	***Thursday Detention and Commitment Letter; uniform delivered to school
Skiping Class	**Thursday Detention and Commitment Letter.	May result in suspension from school	May result in suspension from school. Student may not be invited back to BBS
Academic Dishonesty (Cumulative)	Commitment Letter; retakes cannot exceed 80%	2 days suspension; retakes cannot exceed 80%	3x lates to same class-notification on Skoolee
**Vandalism	2 days suspension; pay for damages	2 days suspension; pay for damages	2 days suspension; pay for damages; Student may not be invited back to BBS
Mobiles/Smartwatches/ Wireless or Bluetooth headphones, Air-pods, etc.	Logged in Skoolee; parents must come to pick up	Mobile/SIM Card held for one week	Mobile/SIM Card held until end of semester
*Smoking or Vaping	2 days suspension; Commitment Letter; student may not be asked back to BBS	3 days suspension; student may not be asked back to BBS	3 days suspension; Warning Letter; student may not be asked back to BBS
*Weapon at school	2 days suspension; Warning Letter; possibly immediate expulsion	Consequences will be determined by the situation	Consequences will be determined by the situation
*Bullying	2 days suspension; student may not be invited back to BBS	3 days suspension; student may not be invited back to BBS	3 days suspension; student may not be invited back to BBS
Inappropriate Behavior	Possible *Thursday Detention	Possible ***Thursday Detention	Consequence determined by administration; could include suspension and/or student may not be invited back to BBS

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**Direct disrespect / insubordination (such as refusing to take an assessment, refusing to hand over mobile, etc)	Up to 3 days suspension; Commitment Letter	Up to 3 days suspension; Commitment Letter; student may not be invited back to BBS	Up to 3 days suspension; Commitment Letter; student may not be invited back to BBS
Fighting/Hitting	Up to 3 days suspension; Commitment Letter	Up to 3 days suspension; Commitment Letter; student may not be invited back to BBS	Up to 3 days suspension; Commitment Letter; student may not be invited back to BBS
Other specific behavior incidents	Possible *Thursday Detention	Possible ***Thursday Detention	Consequence to be determined by the school administration

Note:

It is understood that some very serious discipline situations may demand the immediate removal of the student from the class environment and that he or she could be sent to the Assistant Principal's Office without going through the steps listed above. The appropriate consequences will be discussed and assigned by the school administration.

*Smoking, Bullying, and Possession of Weapons infractions may result in a student directly being uninvited to return to BBS, regardless of the number of warning letters.

**Indicates that the consequences applied may depend on the specifics and seriousness of a situation; to be determined by the school administration.

***Detentions will be served on Thursdays depending on the infraction. The Thursday Detention time will be from 2:50 to 3:50 PM. Students who do not attend an assigned Thursday Detention will be suspended for one day.

•Emergency Drill Behavior:

To ensure a safe learning environment, the school does practice emergency evacuation drills. In case of fire or emergency evacuation, every student is to leave the building as quickly and quietly as possible. Evacuation procedures are posted in each classroom and are reviewed on a regular basis. Drills to reinforce these procedures are practiced throughout the school year. Whether during a drill or an actual emergency, students **MUST** behave at all times to ensure their own safety and the safety of others. **It is essential students listen carefully to directions given by faculty and staff.** Failure to comply with proper behavior expectations may result in serious disciplinary action.

- In the unlikely event that we evacuate the school due to a bomb threat, parents will be called to pick up their children.
- Students will not be allowed back into the building to collect their belongings until the next day.
- Any test/quiz scheduled for the day of the evacuation or the next day will be given the day students return to school.

• Fire Alarms:

Fire Alarms are provided for our safety. We are now a campus of approximately 2500 individuals. It is serious offense to falsely pull a fire alarm. Unnecessarily pulling the fire alarm will result in the following:

- Immediate 5 day out of school suspension.
- Due to the severity of such dangerous and disruptive behavior Student will not be allowed to make-up test, quizzes, projects, work missed during the time away from school.

This may result in a recommendation to the Head of School that the child not be invited to continue at BBS.

• School is a Safe Zone:

If you are being bullied, it's very important to tell an adult. Find someone you trust and go and tell them what is happening to you. DO NOT WAIT TO TELL SOMEONE, TELL THEM RIGHT AWAY!!!

THE SOONER YOU SPEAK UP, THE SOONER THE PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED.

• What is Bullying?:

Bullying is exposing another person to either verbal or physical harm, or threatening to harm another person with the purpose of controlling the other person's thoughts and/or actions.

• Types of School Bullying:

Physical Bullying: hitting, shoving or slapping, fighting, teasing, abusing, stealing, rough playing, etc...

Emotional Bullying: spreading rumors, purposely ignoring people, harassment, provocation, humiliation.

Verbal Bullying: foul language, name calling, verbal teasing, making fun of people, joking, taunting.

Cyber-Bullying: occurs when someone bullies through the Internet, mobile phones or other electronic means.

Some examples of people you can tell are:

- Friends
- Parents
- Teachers
- Counselors
- Principal/Assistant Principal

• Dress Code:

The school uniform must be worn to school or when students are engaged in school activities outside of school. School uniforms must be purchased through the FAWSEC Store.

- Middle School shirt is light blue.
- Uniforms need to be clean, neat, and ironed.
- Tight clothing is unacceptable.
- Only closed shoes or sneakers of any color are acceptable. No crocs or birkenstocks type footwear.
- Appropriate hair length for boys is required to be a length that may not be tied.
- Hats are not part of the school uniform and therefore should not be worn in the classrooms.
- Large or dangling earrings are unacceptable.
- Only school jackets and jumpers are permitted.

• PE Uniform:

- Students may wear their PE uniform throughout the day on the days they have Physical Education.
- Students are not allowed to wear soccer/football shoes (turf or field) inside the gym. These shoes may be worn for "outdoor" activities ONLY! Non-marking and/or "fashion" type shoes are also not allowed to be worn at any time. Athletic shoes such as Nike or Adidas type cross-trainers are acceptable examples of shoes to be worn inside the gym.

Non-Uniform Dress Days: Students must be mindful that they still must be dressed accordingly in order to effectively and safely participate in PE activities on these days.

• Gym Policies:

- No food, drink, gum, etc. is allowed in the gym.
- Students should NOT leave valuable items in the change room or gym.

Students should wait for their teacher outside the gym entrance doors before entering. If extremely hot/cold weather days, students may enter the gym and sit quietly on the bleachers or be in their attendance area.

• Submitting Assignments:

One of our educational goals is to help students learn to be responsible about their work and meet deadlines, while at the same time allowing for support and flexibility. We want students to turn in assignments, even if they are late. Thus the following policies are important to understand:

- Assignments are expected to be submitted on time.
- In the case of an excused absence, a new deadline will be established. Students will be eligible for full credit.
- Special consideration will be given to students who have extended periods of excused absences.
- The student and his/her teachers will create a schedule that allows the student to make up missed work/tests. The Counselor may assist in this process.
- Most teachers do not have students make-up quizzes; they simply do not count them.

Students who hand in late assignments, without an approved excuse, will be eligible for reduced credit.

For the most part, departments generally follow the guidelines listed below:

• Late Projects and Major Assignments:

- Projects and major assignments are due at the beginning of class on the due date.
- Projects and major assignments will receive a deduction of 10% from the overall grade for each date late, up to a maximum of 5 days late.
- Projects and major assignments submitted more than five days late may receive a maximum grade of 50%. This means that teachers will begin grading the assignment out of 50%.
- Students who have not submitted their assignments by the due date, will be kept at recess and after school until the work is submitted.

• Homework:

Homework is a necessary part of each student's educational program and is also a means of strengthening skills and reinforcing comprehension gained in the classroom. Weekly homework schedules are posted on the Skoolee each Week. This schedule includes all of the homework for the coming week, as well as, announced quizzes and tests. Project due dates and general reminders are also included. Parents should regularly check with their children to make sure that homework assignments are being completed and that students have a quiet and suitable spot at home in which to study.

Homework will be assigned in all classes during the course of a week, typically requiring the following time commitments. Homework is not given during a major long holiday. No tests or quizzes will be scheduled the day after a major long holiday.

Please note that weekend or long weekend is not considered as a long holiday.

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| - Grade 6 | 60 minutes |
| - Grade 7 | 90 minutes |
| - Grade 8 | 120 minutes |

Weekend assignments may be given.



GENERAL MATTERS

• **School Supply List:**

A school supply list is given to all students in the spring. This list is available from the Middle School Office.

• **Lockers –Keep your laptops safe:**

Lockers are the property of the school. Each student is assigned a locker so that he/she may have a place to store their laptops, books and personal items. Students **MUST** bring a combination lock. They should write this combination down and keep it in a safe place at home. They may not give their combination to any other student. Lockers are the property of the school, and the student will be held financially responsible for any damage. The school reserves the right to open lockers and inspect for suspicious contents. Unlocked lockers may be emptied of contents.

Students should not bring any valuable items to school. Doing so is at their own risk, and the school takes no responsibility for lost or damaged items.

• **Bookbags:**

Students may purchase a bookbag on wheels, but it must fit inside the locker. The bookbag will go into the locker on its side. It must be less than 22 cm, side measurement because each locker measures 22 cm wide x 40 cm depth x 60 height. Or, students may purchase a regular bookbag which, the student carries on his/her back.

Bookbags should not be taken into classrooms or left in the hallways. Bookbags must be kept inside the locker until the end of the day. The school reserves the right to ask students to open their bookbags to inspect for suspicious contents.

• **Private Tutoring:**

For obvious reasons, it is considered unethical and poor professional practice for a teacher to tutor one of his or her own regular students for pay; **it is the policy of the BBS Board of Trustees not to permit a teacher to serve as tutors for his or her own students or for any other student at BBS.**

Under normal conditions, students are expected to receive assistance and explanations in the classroom.

Al-Bayan Bilingual School discourages the practice of private tutoring because of its potential negative impact on the development of the student's self-reliance and independence.

The BBS bilingual curriculum is very demanding. As a result, some parents may choose to have a tutor for their children; this is a personal choice. The school will not insist on or require parents to provide tutoring. In addition, BBS administration and teachers will not suggest or participate in finding tutors for students.



• **Identification of Belongings:**

Student belongings (computer, books, copybooks, jackets, PE suits, bags, etc.) must be clearly marked with the student's name. Student bookbags are property of an individual and are to be respected by all.

• **Lost and Found:**

A Lost and Found container is located on the Ground and 2nd floor. Students should check these areas, as well as the Middle School Office, for any lost items.

- **Gifts:**

The school maintains a gift giving policy. In relation to students and parents, staff members may not give to or accept gifts from students or parents with exception of perishable items such as flowers and food items. Furthermore, recipients of unauthorized gifts have an obligation to hand such gifts over to division principals to be returned to the parents or students.

- **Birthday Parties:**

Though birthdays are important times to celebrate, such private celebrations must be planned for off campus. No birthday party (planned or surprise) is permitted in school. Any attempt to deliver food or gifts associated with a birthday celebration will be denied at the school gates (nannies and drivers will be sent home).

- **After School Clubs:**

After School Clubs take place, from 3:00-4:00 PM. An additional fee is required for these clubs. Joining a club is optional.

- **Subject Notebooks/Binders:**

Successful middle school students are those who take responsibility for their learning and who are organized. Notebooks or ring binders help students organize their papers. These binders should be no more than 1 inch or 2 cm. wide. Students need to purchase notebook paper, dividers and clear plastic pocket sheets for these binders.

- **English Only/Arabic Only:**

To ensure BBS students are prepared and inspired to be fluent in Arabic and English, all are expected to speak only English in the following classes: English, Science, P.E, Art, Math and Music. They are expected to speak Arabic only in Arabic, Islamic Studies, and Social Studies. Failure to comply may result in the loss of grade points and disciplinary action.

- **Health Office:**

A qualified nurse who is available to provide first aid care coordinates the MS Health Office. Parents must notify the nurse of any health problems their children may have, and they must notify the nurse if a student is taking medication. Students who become ill during class time should get a note from the teacher and go directly to the Health Office. If the nurse feels that the student is too ill to continue in school, she will call the parent or guardian to inform them that the child should be picked up.

- **Educational Trips:**

Educational trips provide students and teachers with opportunities for learning and teaching beyond the classroom. One letter is sent at the beginning of the school year to all parents to secure their written approval for their children to participate in all trips that will take place during the school year. In addition, a written notification indicating the purpose of each trip will be sent before every trip. A student must be in school on the day of the trip in order to attend any field trip or special event. Bus and entrance fees will be collected for each trip. The School reserves the right to withdraw any student from a planned field trip, with no refund, if the child has poor behavior.

- **Forgotten Items:**

Students need to learn to be responsible for their school work. Students are not permitted to call home to ask that homework, projects, clothing, food, etc. be delivered to school. The school will NOT deliver items to students as this would disrupt the instructional process.

- **Use of Telephone:**

Students may use the school telephone for EMERGENCY calls, before school, during snack and lunch, and after school, only with school authorization. Calling to ask for permission to go to a friend's house is not an emergency. Students who need to call home must do so from the Middle School Office.

- **Canteen:**

The school canteen is open every day during morning snack and lunch break. Students may lose their privilege of buying from the canteen in case of any inappropriate conduct.

- **Student Personal Information Update:**

Family home and emergency telephone numbers and email addresses are essential for the school to have on file. Please notify the school of any information changes.

- **Loss of Books and Other Materials:**

Students are provided with the necessary textbooks for the Middle School's educational program. However, each student is responsible for his or her own books. Students must pay for or replace any lost textbooks issued to them. If a Media Center book or other material is lost or damaged, the person to whom it is checked out must pay for its replacement. Report cards will be withheld from any student who has lost or damaged books.



- **Prohibited Wireless Devices:**

The use of wireless devices such as AirPods, cell phones, smart watches, and earphones is prohibited on campus. Use of such devices may lead to confiscation by the school according to the following:

For 1st, 2nd, and 3rd violation, please see table on page 34.

The school will not be held responsible for lost or damaged prohibited devices. Therefore, students must keep phones and smart watches at home.

- **Money and other Valuables:**

Students should not bring any valuable items to school. Doing so is at their own risk, and the school takes no responsibility for lost or damaged items.

- **End of Year Procedures:**

Students must comply with end of year procedures. These include returning all media center books, textbooks, emptying lockers, desks, etc. Failure to comply with end of year procedures may lead to financial charges to replace missing or damaged school materials. The school may also hold report cards until all end of year issues are resolved.

- **Clean Campus:**

We are proud of the way our campus continues to improve its appearance. Our campus must be free of litter. Students must dispose of trash in trash bins. Students cannot throw trash on the ground and expect the cleaning staff to pick it up. Canteen service may be suspended if this rule is not followed.

- **Eligibility to Participate in School Activities:**

Al-Bayan Bilingual School considers participation in school activities as an important part of developing the whole student. However, participation in these events should not be a hindrance to a student's academic success.

Participation in school activities, including travel, is subject to a student's behavior, work and attitude record at school. It should be noted that the administration has the final say with regards to permission for student participation in an activity. If a student cannot travel due to a behavior, work or attitude deficit, the school may not be able to refund the trip deposits or fees already paid.

