

ADA Primary School

Home of HEROs



Honest,
Empathetic,
Respectful,
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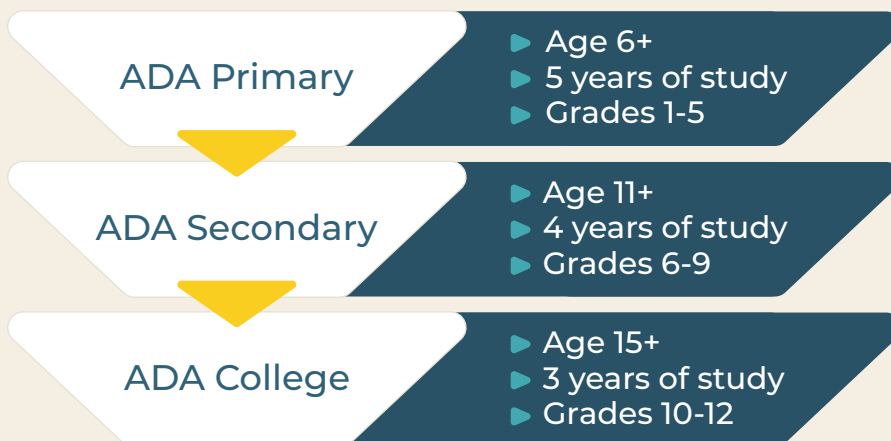
ADA Primary is a Way of Living, Exploring and Learning. Nestled inside a green park outside Baku, our school helps our children escape hustle and bustle of a large city, live in contact with nature and explore their true self in a stimulating environment designed for active learning.

Our primary program provides opportunities to develop confidence, self-reliance, creativity, expression, imagination, and most importantly, desire to learn and to grow in a safe, trusting, rewarding, and nurturing environment. Our students fall in love with their school, while also respect and admire their teachers.

Students enroll at ADA Primary at the age of 6 and study through the age of 10.

Our primary program is part of the ADA School Pathway, where the three stages lead seamlessly from early years to secondary and pre-university years.

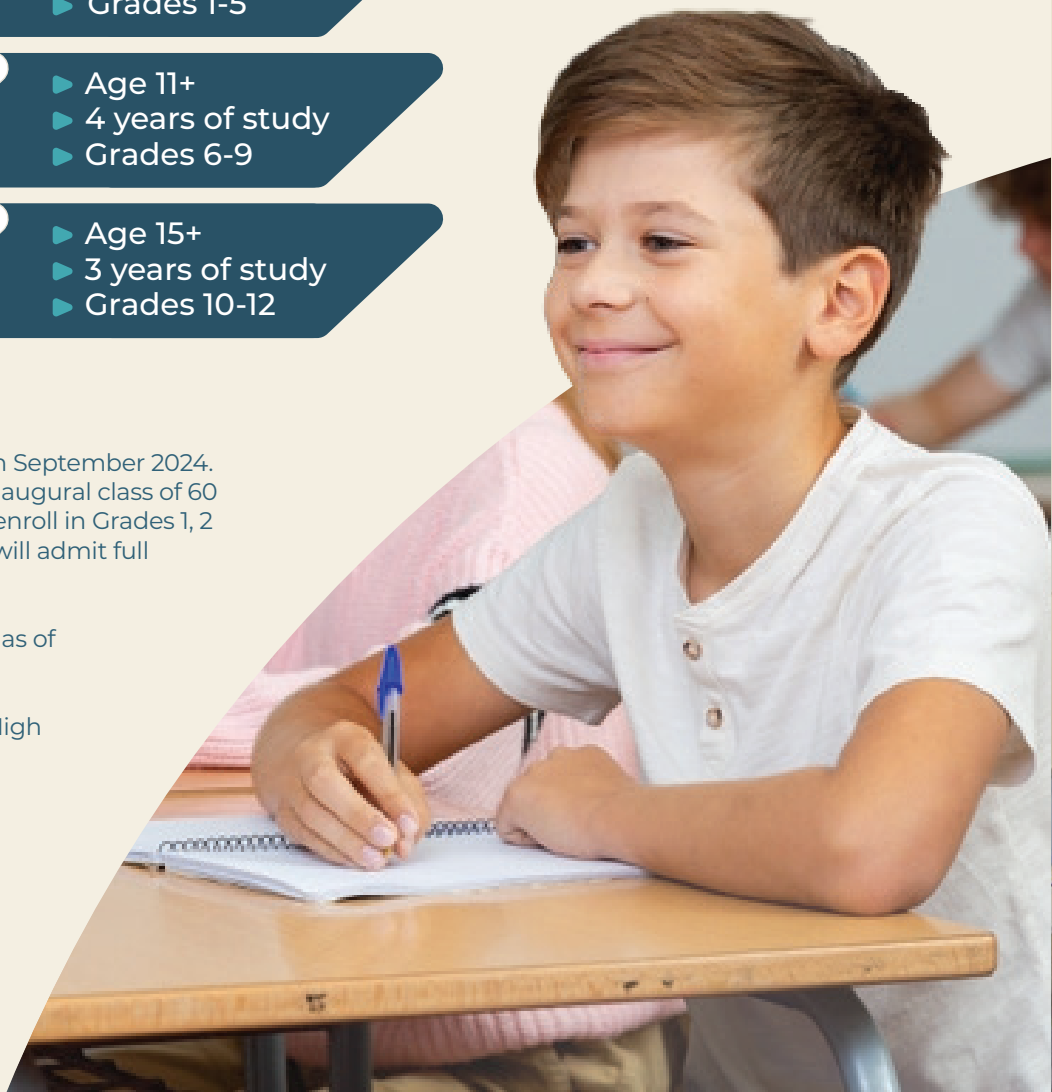
ADA School Pathway



We are launching ADA Primary in September 2024. This summer, we will intake an inaugural class of 60 students. Some 20 students will enroll in Grades 1, 2 and 3 respectively. ADA Primary will admit full capacity of students as of 2025.

ADA Secondary will be launched as of September 2026.

Meanwhile, we will reform ADA High School into ADA College before September 2025. Students will study for 3 years at ADA College. Successful graduates will enroll in ADA University and study for 3 years in our undergraduate programs.



Five Pillars of Our Primary Education

Our primary education is built on Five Pillars conveying dreams and aspirations of young students. These youngsters seek a balanced education. They want to know the world, but also find their own place in that world. They come to school because it is a trusting and rewarding place for them. Here, they are not defined by a test score, rather by their potential for growth. Their teachers believe in them and help them develop their own personality. At ADA Primary, they find their desire to learn.

Balanced Education

For us, the knowledge of content is important, but equally important is our wellbeing and personal growth. Our program builds a balance between knowledge of content and growth of a young individual. With several subjects to choose from, our primary program provides a stimulating foundation for active learning, as well as opportunities to develop confidence, self-reliance, creativity, expression, imagination, and most importantly, desire to learn.

Global Learner

We pick up an issue and share our knowledge about that issue. While doing so, we realize people have different understanding about the same issue, that we all have our own thoughts and beliefs. We learn to listen to other people's thoughts, respect their beliefs. Our perspectives expand from Self to Global. We learn to identify key points from different perspectives and try to connect with those perspectives. We behave at ease in diverse environments, appreciate different cultures and viewpoints.

Citizen of Azerbaijan

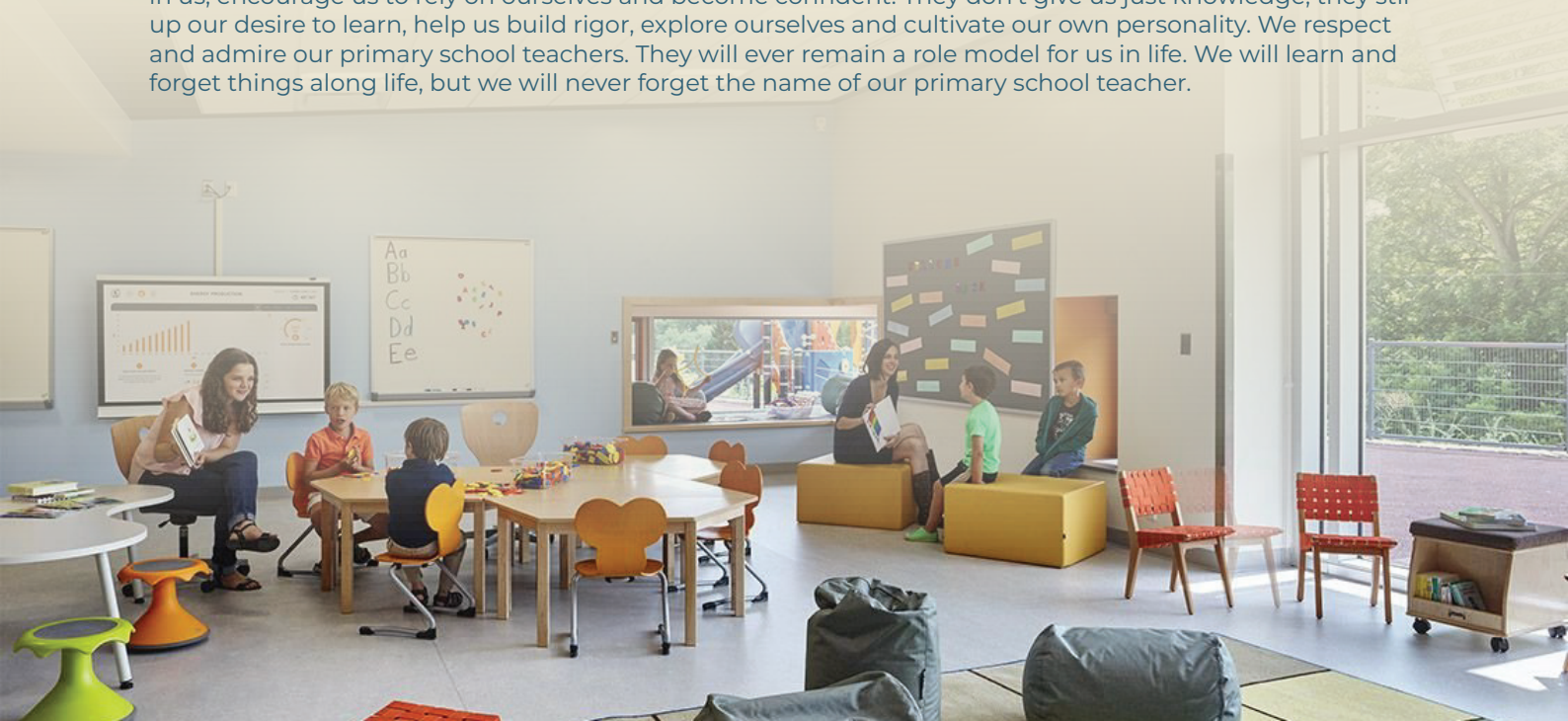
We have a sense of belonging because we know our history, culture, and heritage, while also develop a sense of appreciation for it. We may be multilingual, but we take a special pride when we speak our own language. Azerbaijani Studies is a core of all subjects taught at ADA Primary. We learn history, language, literature, fine arts, music, theater, cinema, carpets, architecture, cuisine, and materials culture of Azerbaijan. Our educational journey at ADA Primary cultivates our identity boosted by our sense of citizenship. We can reflect on it intellectually and passionately.

School as a Second Home

We reinvent the content, ways and means of teaching and learning in our school. Our school is our home. We come to this home because it is a safe, trusting, rewarding, and nurturing environment for us. Our school is our Way of Living. We think, behave, interact the same way in our school. It is that space on our campus, which helps foster the culture, spirit, and environment of our school.

Teacher as a Role Model

Our teachers are ethical citizens with dignity and honor. They uphold a set of values, beliefs, and principles in life. Our teachers spark our imagination, help us believe in ourselves, push our boundaries. They believe in us, encourage us to rely on ourselves and become confident. They don't give us just knowledge, they stir up our desire to learn, help us build rigor, explore ourselves and cultivate our own personality. We respect and admire our primary school teachers. They will ever remain a role model for us in life. We will learn and forget things along life, but we will never forget the name of our primary school teacher.



ADA School Framework for Student Values, Competencies and Outcomes

Education must be based on core values. Most of the time, we skip values. Rather, we rush to transmit knowledge. We, then, want to test that knowledge, so that we can place them somewhere. It is that score or grade which may define who they are and where they belong. This should be reconsidered.

We start with Values and base our education on core values. Successful combination of Core Values and Competencies steer our students towards their Outcome Images. At ADA, who we are is equally important as what we know. Hence, our framework for student values, competencies, and outcomes.



Honesty
Empathy
Respect
Open-mindedness

Critical Thinking
Creativity
Collaboration
Communication
Citizenship

Active Learner
Creative Explorer
Close Collaborator
Effective Communicator
Caring Citizen

Core Values

Our values make us into who we are. They shape our beliefs, principles, attitudes, and actions in life. Since our values are who we are, then at ADA, we are a HERO = Honest, Empathetic, Respectful, Open Minded.

Honesty: We speak truthfully and act truthfully. Our words matter. Our actions reflect our words. What we say and do mean the same. If we promise, we deliver. That is why other people trust us and rely on us. Our ancestors used to wear a hat. A hat was a symbol of a man's honor. And that honor was his word, truthfully spoken and done.

Empathy: We are capable of emotionally understanding what other people feel, see things from their point of view, and imagine ourselves in their place. In other words, we can "put ourselves in someone's shoes". Once we do that, we care. We stand up and do things. For our family, friends, neighbors, city, country, and world. We care because we understand.

Respect: We accept somebody for who they are, even when they are different from us, and we don't agree with them. We care how our words and actions impact others. We treat them with kindness and compassion, and we do things for them. We know the significance of "böyük-küçük, ağsaqqal-ağbirçək". We respect our own self, our family, friends, neighbors, city, country, and the world around us.

Open-Mindedness: We are willing to listen to others. Other people have ideas, suggestions and opinions which may be new to us. Sometimes, these ideas are even different from our own. We are willing to consider that newness and difference. That is what makes us strong and courageous.

At ADA Primary, we are a HERO.



Competencies

Our students take their educational journey through ADA Primary to acquire the following competencies known as the “Five C’s”.

Critical Thinking

The knowledge of content is important, but equally important it is to learn that content in real world context and apply that knowledge to real world issues. Our program helps students to develop curiosity. We spark their imagination. We help them to question things. They recognize there is a problem. They know when something is wrong or likely to go wrong. They combine pieces of information, make general rules, produce answers that make sense.

Creativity

We teach our students to come up with unusual or clever ideas about a given situation. They develop original ways to solve a problem. They learn to become reflective, confident, and independent.

Communication

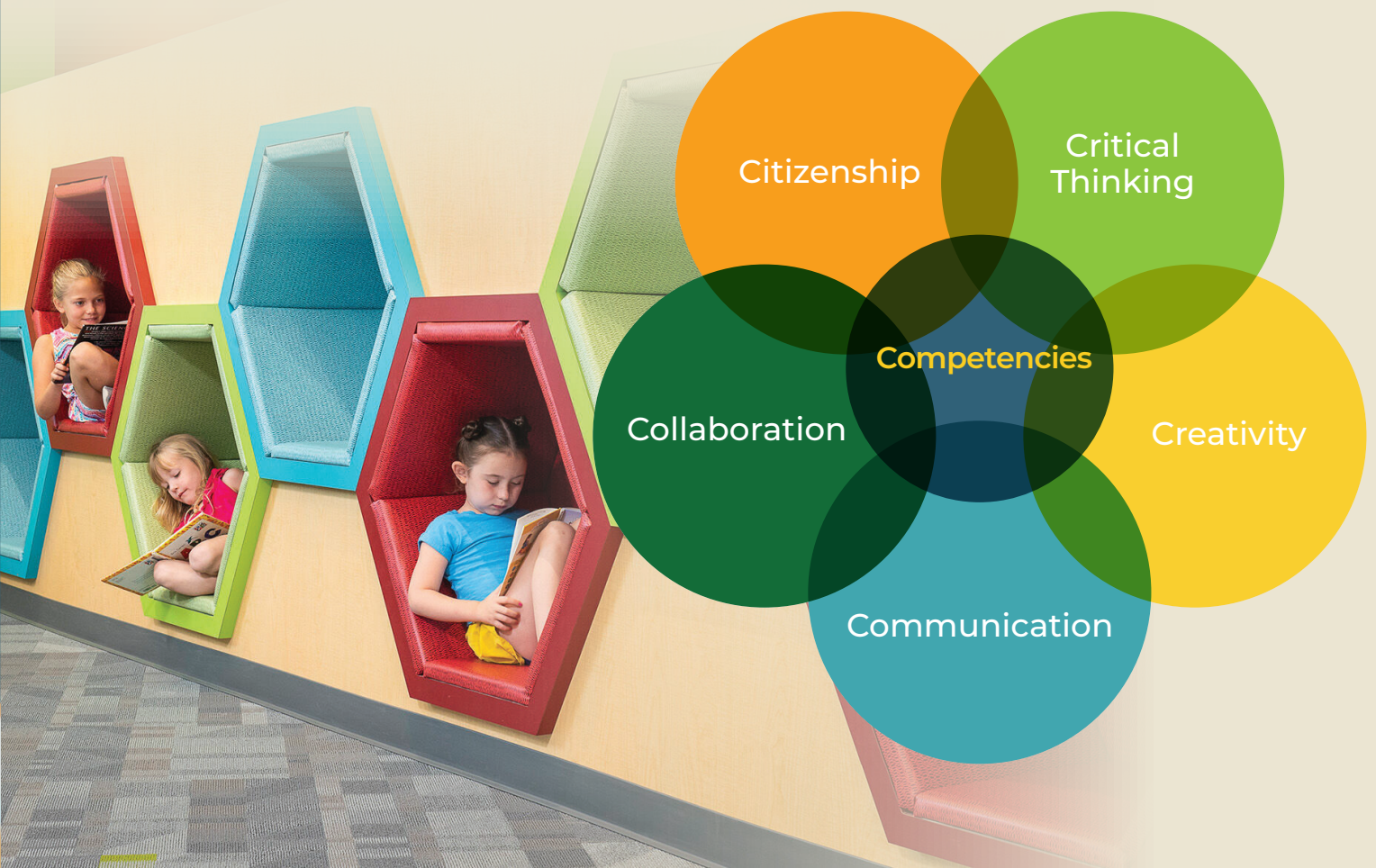
Our students express themselves clearly and creatively; give full attention to what other people are saying, take time to understand the points being made, ask questions as appropriate, not interrupting at inappropriate times and participate in class discussions. They develop skills for reading, fall in love with books and write clearly. They learn to express a meaning and connect with peers and audience.

Collaboration

Our students learn to behave at ease in diverse environments; respect and understand different opinions, beliefs, and perspectives; appreciate diverse cultures and viewpoints; carry out tasks collaboratively; demonstrate emotional intelligence; try to reconcile differences.

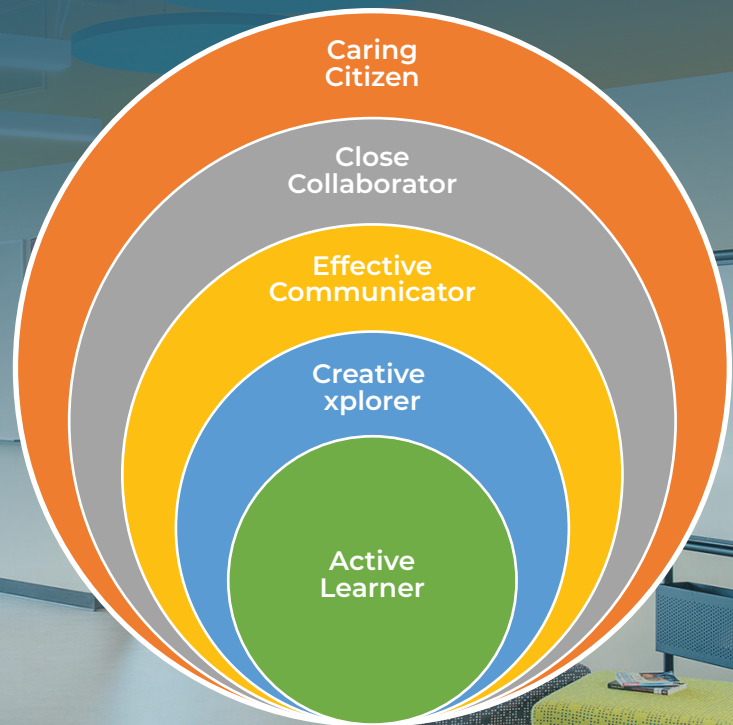
Citizenship

Our young citizens identify ethical issues and address these issues in a responsible manner; examine their own values; understand their place in a community; actively look for ways to help others; develop knowledge of society; respect their peers; act responsibly.



Outcome Images

At ADA Primary youngsters embark on a journey, helping them to become active learners, creative explorers, effective communicators, close collaborators, and caring citizens. These are outcome images of our students.



Curriculum

ADA Primary is a bilingual program. Azerbaijani is our primary language of instruction, while students learn English as a Second Language.

We have 10 subjects of study.

- Azerbaijani Studies
- English as a Second Language
- Global Perspectives
- Mathematics
- Science
- Digital Literacy
- Art & Design
- Music
- Performing Arts & Drama
- Physical Education & Wellbeing

We have considered US and European models as a base, on which we are developing our own curriculum.

Since inception, we have built a flagship university in Azerbaijan whose language of instruction is English. By doing so, we have opened up minds of our students to the outside world, a world which is bigger than

their own self. While living through our own success in higher education, we have also drawn lessons from challenges of the secondary education in Azerbaijan.

We believe a quality education is not just a domain of instruction in foreign languages. Top quality education can be built in our own language of Azerbaijani as well. Now, we want to build that.

We will build a school where Azerbaijani is the primary language of instruction. A child walking into our school will learn how to write, read and speak in own language first. Students will learn English as their second language.

Azerbaijani Studies is a core of our education in ADA School. It is an interdisciplinary way of teaching language, literature, history, geography, fine arts, music, theater, cinema, carpets, architecture, cuisine, and materials culture of Azerbaijan. All these will be taught around our own values and traditions. Our educational journey at ADA Primary cultivates our identity boosted by our sense of citizenship.

A Day at Primary

Students start arriving in school as of 8.15 am. Our day starts with a breakfast served between 8.15 am and 8.45 am. Sharing a meal together is a school philosophy. Even if a student eats breakfast at home, they are asked to share a table and some meal with their friends before our day starts. Classes start at 8.45 am. Morning sessions focus on core subjects. Each class runs for 40 minutes, followed by a 5-minute break. Core classes are taught in morning sessions. Lunch is served between 12.45 and 1.15 pm. Students will also have 2 snacks per day: the first one around 11 am, the second one around 3.00 pm. Afternoon sessions focus on studio and maker-learning, reading and extended learning, physical education and well-being of students.

A variety of studios focus on Art, Design, Music and Drama. Here, the students engage in creative activities, while also learning about art, design, music, theater, cinema and other parts of Azerbaijan's culture. While they have afternoon snack, students spend time playing outside. Playtime is followed by Library and Extended Learning hour, where students read books and complete their tasks due for the next day. The Extended Learning will be followed by Physical Education and Wellbeing hours. Once a week, students will also engage in their Social Responsibility project. Students will be dismissed just before 5.00 pm.

Our Campus

ADA Primary is nestled inside a green park outside Baku. Situated steps away from Gala, our new campus has a convenient access to Heydar Aliyev Avenue, while also being at the edge of Mardakan, Shuvelan and surroundings.

ADA Gardens in Gala contain an artificial lake and a stretch of land lined with trees, flowers and bushes, also surrounded by vast plantations of olive and almond trees. In this magical setting of nature, students will create their own fairy tales, explore every single boundary and learn while exploring.

Science and Nature. We will create a nurturing environment for our young children to explore themselves in harmony with nature and to grow with awareness of it. The campus will have its own farm, where our young farms will grow their own vegetables and greens, while also enjoying the company of farm animals. In our cafeteria, we will eat what we will grow. Classes will spill outside Science Lab, where our

young scientists will learn about plants, animals, soil, water, earth and universe, while being in direct touch with them.

Arts and Culture. Statues will be placed along the avenues around the park. Art will be on display at Galleria ADA. The campus will contain a replica of Shakespeare's Globe Theater. Throughout the park, we will design and build a stimulating environment for our Creative Explorers.

Mind and Body. We believe what we put in our mouth is what makes our Body, and what we put in our head is what makes our Mind. Harmony of mind and body will be enhanced through our physical education and wellbeing program. Students will enjoy athletic facilities with outside playgrounds, football, basketball and other fields.

We take learning outside classroom and make sure it continues everywhere throughout the campus.





Admissions

ADA Primary accepts applications. Application Deadline is June 30, 2024.

Submission of Online Documents and Application Form

ADA School online application form

Here is the list of required documents:

- ▶ National ID
- ▶ Birth Certificate
- ▶ Recent photo (3x4)
- ▶ Non-refundable application fee: 50 AZN
(can be paid online only)

Tuition and Fees

ADA Primary charges a flat fee of 15,000 AZN. Of this fee, some 12,500 AZN is a tuition, while some 2,500 AZN is for food and beverage.

Food and Beverage. We strongly believe in healthy and nutritious eating. The quality of food served at school is of utmost importance. Food will be organically grown and served. Aside from what we eat, it is also important how we eat it. At ADA Primary, we are a community of friends and classmates. We learn to come together around a dining table, show respect to food and share a meal. And we share the same food, not a different one, but the same one. We consider service of food and beverage as a way of learning about equality, respect, sharing, appreciation and understanding.

Uniforms. Students will wear the same uniform used in public schools. School colors will be communicated to parents in advance. Parents can purchase school uniforms at points of sale.

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