

ADMISSIONS

GUIDE

Academic Year 2023-2024



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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in XCL World Academy (XWA)! We understand that choosing a school for your child is a big decision not to be taken lightly. Whether you are already in Singapore or considering a move here, our Admissions Team hopes to be a valuable resource in helping you find the right school for your child.

We are an inclusive international school which truly celebrates diversity and embraces multiculturalism within our community. Your child can be assured of a truly holistic experience where he/she will be encouraged to always strive to be the best they can be. We believe that every child can achieve more than they think they can and it is our school's duty to do so. Every child is a unique individual with their own talents, challenges, hopes and dreams, and this must be addressed through breadth and balance of opportunities.

At XWA, we accept students of all nationalities and applications are accepted throughout the year. Our friendly and experienced Admissions Team will be on hand to answer your questions and help you through to a successful start. We aim to make the admissions process a seamless and hassle-free experience for all families, and we are committed to helping every child to have a great head start in school.

Much of our communication with you will occur via email, telephone or virtual meeting, but nothing can replace an actual visit to our school. We strongly encourage you to visit us, tour our state-of-the-art facilities, meet the Education Leadership Team, and get a feel of our welcoming community.

We created this booklet to guide you through the admissions process and answer frequently asked questions. Please do not hesitate to contact our Admissions team at +65 6230 4230 or admissions@xwa.edu.sg if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the school.

We look forward to meeting you and your family at XWA!

Yours Sincerely,

Admissions Team

XCL World Academy



Admissions Process

1 Application

Submit an online application via the school's online portal and upload all required documents.¹

2 Application Fee

Pay the Application Fee (upfront, non-refundable) to initiate the application review process.

3 Application Review

Submitted applications will be reviewed by the Enrolments Team and Education Leadership Team. Some applicants may be invited to sit for an English Language proficiency assessment (WIDA) and Cognitive Abilities Assessment (CAT4), or attend a Family Meeting with our Education Leadership Team. Our Admissions Team will take care of all arrangements.

4 Offer

Successful applicants will receive an official Offer Letter from the school's Admissions Department. As part of the application process, you will be required to sign the acceptance of offer form and pay an upfront, non-refundable Enrolment Fee upon receiving the offer letter. After that, you will receive a Student Contract for your review and acceptance and an invoice for the tuition fees.

5 Enrolment

Once all documentation² is submitted and fees paid³, your family is all set to start your learning journey with us. You will receive a Welcome Information Pack and be all set to Shape Next Now!

Application Checklist

The following items are required at the time of application and are all needed before an application can be reviewed:

- Application Form must be completed and submitted via the XWA Application Portal;
- Application fee per child (upfront, non-refundable);
- Soft copy of applicant's most current and past one year's school reports;
- Soft copy of both parents and applicant's recent digital photographs (passport-sized);
- Soft copy of both parents and applicant's passports bio page;
- Soft copy of applicant's birth certificate;
- Soft copy of both parents and applicant's front and back valid Singapore ID cards (Employment Pass, Dependent Pass, Permanent Resident Card, Re-Entry Permit);
- Soft copy of applicant's immunisation record (for foreign-born children aged 12 and below, who are first time applicants for long term immigration passes in Singapore, a certificate from Singapore Health Promotion Board is also required);
- Student Medical Form completed via the XWA Application Portal;
- Student Questionnaire completed via the XWA Application Portal;
- A Recommendation Form might be required from the current school for Secondary Years applicants. Parents will be required to provide the referrer's full name and email address (applicant's current Teacher, Counsellor, or Principal) in the Application Form via the XWA Application Portal.

¹ All supporting documents must be in English. If any supporting document is not written in English, a certified English translation is required.

² Parents are required to ensure that all documents listed in the XWA Application Checklist have been uploaded via the XWA Application Portal and named correctly prior to the course commencement date. This includes the copy of the student's, parent's and guardian's (if applicable) valid Singapore identification cards, waiver, guardianship form (if applicable) and general consent forms.

³ All fees mentioned in this brochure are stated in Singapore Dollars and exclusive of 8% Goods and Services Tax (GST). Please be advised that effective 1st January 2024, the GST rate will increase from 8% to 9%, and there will be corresponding adjustments to the school fees.

Sibling Discounts

As an international school in Singapore, we offer attractive sibling discounts to families with multiple children. Each child registering at XWA who is a sibling (brother or sister by birth or adoption) of another child ("Previous Sibling") who is enrolled at the school will enjoy the following benefits on their annual tuition fee:

- the first sibling and second sibling will receive a 10% concession;
- the third and any additional siblings will receive a 15% concession.

In addition, any newly enrolled siblings (brother or sister by birth or adoption) of any child already enrolled at XWA will receive a discount on their tuition fees, equivalent to the Enrolment Fee of SGD5,200 (excluding GST).

Sibling discount will be determined by descending age order (both simultaneous and sequential enrolments). The first child is the child in the family who is applying to or enrolled in the most senior grade at XWA. Second and subsequent children are defined in descending order of class seniority of children attending the school.

These terms and conditions might vary for corporate partners, Embassies, chambers, and associations. Please reach out to our Admissions Team to find out more.

Should your child be awarded a scholarship or any other concession on fees, sibling discounts will no longer apply.

Scholarships

XWA strives to identify the most talented students worldwide and proudly offers a range of scholarships to new students applying to Grades 6 through 11 in the form of a concession ranging from 25% to 100% off their annual tuition fees.

Our scholarship opportunities span various categories, including Academics, Specialisation (Arts, Sports, Academic Achievements), and Community Service.

Speak with our Admissions Team today to find out more.





School Fees

Application Fee	Enrolment Fee
SGD 850	SGD 5,200

Tuition Fees

Section	Grade	Annual Tuition Fee
Nursery	Nursery	SGD 22,682.40
	Pre-K	SGD 26,375.00
Early Years	KG1	SGD 29,223.14
	KG2	SGD 32,915.74
	Grade 1	SGD 35,448.14
Primary Years	Grade 2	SGD 36,925.00
	Grade 3	SGD 37,452.78
	Grade 4	SGD 37,769.44
	Grade 5	SGD 37,769.44
	Grade 6	SGD 39,878.70
Secondary Years	Grade 7	SGD 41,566.66
	Grade 8	SGD 41,988.88
	Grade 9	SGD 43,044.44
	Grade 10	SGD 43,044.44
	Grade 11	SGD 43,254.62
	Grade 12	SGD 43,254.62

English - Chinese (Mandarin) Bilingual Programme Fees

Grade	Annual Fee
Pre-K	SGD 26,875.00
KG1	SGD 29,777.78
KG2	SGD 33,539.82
Grade 1	SGD 36,120.38
Grade 2	SGD 37,625.00

Foundational English Programme Fees

Grade	Annual Fee
Foundational English Programme (Grades 6-9)	SGD 41,250.00

Miscellaneous Fees

	Annual Fee
English as an Additional Language (Grades 1-8)	SGD 6,500
Learning Support (Grades 1-12)	SGD 3,500

Important notes

All above fees are stated in Singapore Dollars and exclusive of 8% Goods and Services Tax (GST). Please be advised that effective 1st January 2024, the GST rate will increase from 8% to 9%, and there will be corresponding adjustments to the school fees.

Tuition fees exclude transportation, uniforms, EAL fees, Learning Support fees, optional enrichment activities and miscellaneous fees. Once the Student contract is signed, the tuition fee invoice will be generated and sent out. To secure the student's enrolment at the school, parents are required to make payment by the specified due date stated in the invoice.

For new families, if students start school after the academic year has already begun, tuition fees will be prorated on a monthly basis. The invoice will be generated for the entire month in which students commence their schooling, irrespective of the specific start date within that month.

Modes of Payment

- Bank/wire transfer
- Credit card - visit our Finance Department and pay via credit card terminal or pay via the online portal¹
You can locate the links for Application and Enrolment Fees on the school's official website, and the Parent Application Portal.
- Cash – The school discourages cash payments, and cash is only accepted in exceptional circumstances.
- Cheque – drawn in favour of “XCL WORLD ACADEMY PTE. LTD.”
- Child Development Account (CDA) fund²
- For PayNow, please use the following UEN: 200803726H123.

Bank Account Details

For Singapore Dollar Remittances

Bank account name	XCL WORLD ACADEMY PTE. LTD.
Account number	686441635001
Bank	OCBC Bank
Bank code	7339
Branch code	686
Swift code/IBAN	OCBCSGSG (required for TT)
Bank charges	The remitter shall bear all bank charges from the Telegraphic Transfer.

For US Dollar Remittances

Bank account name	XCL WORLD ACADEMY PTE. LTD.
Account number	686441635001
Bank	OCBC Bank
Bank code	7339
Branch code	686
Swift code/IBAN	OCBCSGSG
Intermediate bank Swift code/IBAN	CHASUS33
Bank charges	The remitter shall bear all bank charges from the Telegraphic Transfer.

Note: We encourage you to add the student's full name in the remittance advice for tracing purposes. Please remember to add the service fee for the wire transfer to transfer the full amount that is due to the school.

¹For all credit card payment, please note there will be a 3% processing fee incurred

²Applicable only to Singapore Citizens



Additional Information

Grade Placement

As an international school in Singapore, XWA seeks to make the most appropriate grade placement for each student based on his or her age, as well as academic, social and emotional development within policy guidelines. For this reason, new students may be required to complete an appropriate level screener to determine placement and fit. Students applying to XWA must be of an appropriate grade age by 1st September for admission consideration. Families are encouraged to use a Grade Placement Guide (Appendix 1) to ensure that they are applying to the correct grade level, taking into account the differences in the naming of 'grades' around the world.

Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4)

Students applying to Grades 2 – 12 will be required to sit for the CAT4 assessment to provide our teachers with important information on how best a student can learn and reach their potential in school through the evaluation of verbal, non-verbal, mathematical and spatial reasoning.

English as Additional Language Support and Foundational English Programme

XWA English language proficiency requirements vary depending on a student's grade level. The English as an Additional Language (EAL) Support or Foundational English Programme (FEP) will become mandatory³ for students in Grades 1 – 9 if, after conducting the English proficiency assessment, the School determines that the student requires any of these programmes. Our EAL and FEP programmes support students with limited English language skills to help advance their language development so that they can make the most of their time here at XWA.

English Language Proficiency

Children entering **Nursery through to KG2** are not formally assessed prior to the enrolment. The Students will join the English-speaking environment and have language opportunities integrated into all classroom activities.

Students entering **Grades 1 through to Grade 9** whose first language is not English or who are coming from a school where the language of instruction is not English may be required to sit for a World-class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) to determine whether the candidate can access the English-based curriculum and if additional language support is required.

The level of placement will be determined by their WIDA assessment scores (Appendix 2).

Grade 5 Programme with Intensive EAL

XWA's intensive English programme for Grade 5 students with "Entering" or "Emerging" English levels provides thorough instruction in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. The programme balances language acceleration with partial mainstream integration to better prepare students for Secondary Years. Students will interact with peers during low-stakes language activities and participate in school events.

Each learner's progress will be carefully monitored and evaluated with tailored instruction. Students can transition flexibly to regular EAL support once ready.

Immunisation

Immunisations are one of the prerequisites for application and subsequent enrolment at XWA. All applicants are required to submit a copy of vaccination records via the online application form as part of the admissions process.

Foreign-born children aged 12 and below

All foreign-born children aged 12 and below are also required to provide documentary proof of vaccination or evidence of immunity for diphtheria and measles to the Health Promotion Board (HPB) for verification before they can proceed with their applications to the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) or Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) for their long-term stay in Singapore. This requirement applies only to first-time applicants.

³ EAL fees are not included in the tuition fees.

Please note that immunisation against both measles and diphtheria is mandatory in Singapore under the Fourth Schedule of the Infectious Diseases Act (Cap 137). For more information, please refer to the HPB website <https://www.nir.hpb.gov.sg/fcine/#/>.

Disclosure of Nationality

Parents are required to fully disclose the nationality/citizenship status of all applicants –including dual nationality. Specifically, any applicant who holds Singapore citizenship, either by birth or registration, must declare this information at the time of the application, as approval from the Ministry of Education is required before the course commencement. Enrolled families must immediately notify the Registrar Department of any change in their nationality and residency status.

Learning Support

At XWA, we provide learning support opportunities for a wide range of learning needs across the school in an inclusive setting. We believe in fostering positive relationships with students in a nurturing and inclusive learning environment. The school will consider the application if we are able to provide the child with the opportunity to succeed.

Speak with our Admissions Team if you would like to find out more.

MOE Exemption

XWA will provide personalised assistance for your application for exemption status to the MOE, and we will guide you through this process.

Student Pass

No Student Pass is required for students holding a Dependant's Pass, Immigration Exemption Order (IEO) or Singapore Permanent Residency (PR).

All other international students must apply for a Student Pass. XWA will process a Student Pass registration only

after receiving formal Enrolment Offer from the school. If your child requires a Student Pass, please contact our Admissions Team ahead of the admission date, and we will guide you through the application process.

Student Pass Application Process

- 1** The parent will be contacted by the school's Registrar and receive instructions on the Student Pass Application procedure. Submission of the Student Pass application is via Immigration Checkpoint Authority (ICA) online submission portal (SOLAR+).
- 2** A place will be reserved for the student until the ICA has issued the Student Pass.
- 3** The student will be eligible to start school only when the Student Pass has been approved and a copy of the card displaying the front and the back has been submitted to the school's Registrar before the course commencement date.



Grade Placement Guide

Academic Year 2023-2024

GRADE PLACEMENT GUIDE			Equivalent Grade Placement in National Systems			
XCL World Academy	Age	Date of Birth	North America	England	Australia/NZ	South Africa
Nursery	2	2.9.2020 - 1.9.2021	-	-	-	
Pre-K	3	2.9.2019 - 1.9.2020	-	FS 1	-	
KG1	4	2.9.2018 - 1.9.2019	PRE-K	FS 2	KG	
KG2	5	2.9.2017 - 1.9.2018	KG	Year 1	Prep	Reception
Grade 1	6	2.9.2016 - 1.9.2017	Grade 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 1
Grade 2	7	2.9.2015 - 1.9.2016	Grade 2	Year 3	Year 2	Year 2
Grade 3	8	2.9.2014 - 1.9.2015	Grade 3	Year 4	Year 3	Year 3
Grade 4	9	2.9.2013 - 1.9.2014	Grade 4	Year 5	Year 4	Year 4
Grade 5	10	2.9.2012 - 1.9.2013	Grade 5	Year 6	Year 5	Year 5
Grade 6	11	2.9.2011 - 1.9.2012	Grade 6	Year 7	Year 6	Year 6
Grade 7	12	2.9.2010 - 1.9.2011	Grade 7	Year 8	Year 7	Year 7
Grade 8	13	2.9.2009 - 1.9.2010	Grade 8	Year 9	Year 8	Year 8
Grade 9	14	2.9.2008 - 1.9.2009	Grade 9	Year 10	Year 9	Year 9
Grade 10	15	2.9.2007 - 1.9.2008	Grade 10	Year 11	Year 10	Year 10
Grade 11	16	2.9.2006 - 1.9.2007	Grade 11	Year 12	Year 11	Year 11
Grade 12	17	2.9.2005 - 1.9.2006	Grade 12	Year 13	Year 12	Year 12

EAL & FEP Grade Level Benchmarks/Guidelines

Minimum entry requirements for each grade level include the successful completion of the preceding grade, including proficiency in English and meeting the age requirement for the respective grade.

To make a well-rounded decision, XWA will thoroughly evaluate every application, including prior school reports, WIDA scores, CAT4 results, and other relevant information.

The tables below serve as a reference for evaluating a student's English Support (FEP/EAL) and should not be viewed as the sole factor determining student acceptance.

Primary Years			
Grade	Overall WIDA Score		
	EAL Newcomer Programme (presuming Semester 1 placement)	EAL Support Programme	Mainstream (exit from the EAL Support Programme)
Grade 1	Below 2.9	3.0 and above	4.5 and above (Scores of a minimum of 4.0 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)
Grade 2	1.0 – 2.9 (Scores of a minimum of 1.0 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)	3.0 and above (Scores of a minimum of 1.5 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)	4.5 and above (Scores of a minimum of 4.0 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)
Grade 3	1.5 – 2.9 (Scores of a minimum of 1.5 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)	3.0 and above (Scores of a minimum of 1.5 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)	4.5 and above (Scores of a minimum of 4.0 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)
Grade 4	1.7 – 3.2 (Scores of a minimum of 1.5 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)	3.3 and above (Scores of a minimum of 3.0 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)	4.5 and above (Scores of a minimum of 4.0 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)
Grade 5	1.7 – 3.2 (Scores of a minimum of 1.5 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)	3.3 and above (Scores of a minimum of 3.0 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)	5.0 and above (Scores of a minimum of 4.0 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)
<p>Students who remain enrolled in the EAL Programme upon completing Grade 5 are recommended to take part in an intensive summer course designed to enhance their English proficiency abilities and facilitate a transition into XWA, contingent on achieving a higher overall WIDA score.</p>			

Secondary Years			
Grade	Overall WIDA Score		
	EAL Foundation Programme	XWA EAL Programme IB Track	Exit from the EAL Support Programme
Grade 6	2.5 – 2.9 (Scores of a minimum of 2.5 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)	3.0 and above (Scores of a minimum of 3.0 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)	5.0 and above (Scores of a minimum of 4.0 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)
Grade 7	3.0 – 3.5 (Scores of a minimum of 2.5 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)	3.6 and above (Scores of a minimum of 3.0 in Semester 1 and 3.5 in Semester 2 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)	5.0 and above (Scores of a minimum of 4.0 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)
Grade 8	3.5 – 3.9 (Scores of a minimum of 3.0 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)	4.0 and above (Scores of a minimum of 3.5 in Semester 1 and 4.0 in Semester 2 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)	5.0 and above (Scores of a minimum of 4.0 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)
Grade 9	4.0 – 4.4 (Scores of a minimum of 3.5 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)	4.5 and above (Scores of a minimum of 3.5 in Semester 1 and 4.0 in Semester 2 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)	5.0 and above (Scores of a minimum of 4.0 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)
Grade 10	<p>Students are anticipated to meet the minimum English proficiency requirements for enrolment in XWA's Grades 10-12 mainstream programme.</p>		5.0 and above (Scores of a minimum of 4.5 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)
Grades 11-12			6.0 and above (Scores of a minimum of 5.0 in reading, speaking, listening, and writing)

Academic Calendar 2023-2024

AUGUST '23

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

- 1-7 School Holiday
 8 New Student Orientation
 9 National Day (PH)
 10 First Day of School

SEPTEMBER '23

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

- 8 Teacher Professional Development Day (Non-School Day)

OCTOBER '23

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

- 5-6 Parent-Teacher Conference
 6 End of Term 1
 7-15 School Holiday
 16 Start of Term 2

NOVEMBER '23

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

- 12 Deepavali (PH)
 13 Deepavali (PH in lieu)
 14 Teacher Professional Development Day (Non-School Day)

DECEMBER '23

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- 15 End of Term 2
 16-31 School Holiday
 25 Christmas Day (PH)

JANUARY '24

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- 1 New Year's Day (PH)
 1-7 School Holiday
 8 Start of Term 3

FEBRUARY '24

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

- 9 Teacher Professional Development Day (Non-School Day)
 10-11 Chinese New Year (PH)
 12 Chinese New Year (PH in lieu)

MARCH '24

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- 21-22 Parent-Teacher Conference
 22 End of Term 3
 23-31 School Holiday
 29 Good Friday (PH)

APRIL '24

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

- 1 Teacher Professional Development Day (Non-School Day)
 2 Start of Term 4
 10 Hari Raya Puasa (PH)

MAY '24

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

- 1 Labour Day (PH)
 22 Vesak Day (PH)

JUNE '24

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

- 12 End of Term 4
 13-14 Teacher Professional Development Day (Non-School Day)
 17 Hari Raya Haji (PH)
 15-30 School Holiday

JULY '24

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- 1-31 School Holiday

School Holidays
 Teacher Professional Development Day (Non-School Day)

Parent-Teacher Conference/
 Student-Led Conference
 Public Holiday (PH)
 Public Holiday (awaiting confirmation)

Start/End of School Term
 Orientation Day



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