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AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION BOARD



AKU-EB Parent's Guide

Partnering for Your Child's Success



Welcome to the Aga Khan University Examination Board

As Pakistan's leading assessment board, AKU-EB is committed to providing quality education that helps students grow into thoughtful, confident, and ethical learners. With a strong emphasis on innovation and programmes that prepare students for higher education and lifelong learning, we work in partnership with schools to support every child's growth and help them thrive in an ever-changing world. This guide will help you understand AKU-EB's core values, academic programmes, and how you can actively support your child's journey toward excellence.

Our Educational Philosophy

We are committed to developing:



CRITICAL THINKERS

who can question solve real-world problems



EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS

in diverse contexts



ACTIVE CITIZENS

who work toward a better society



ETHICAL LEADERS

grounded in integrity and compassion



LIFELONG LEARNERS

mindset beyond exams: enabling students to grow, adapt and contribute

AKU-EB focuses on holistic education that blends academic rigor with values and real-world relevance.

Our Programmes

We offer four progressive programmes tailored to the needs of growing learners:



Primary School Programme (PSP) Grades 4-5

- Encourages curiosity and hands-on learning.
- Builds strong foundations in reading, writing, maths, and science.
- Fosters confidence, empathy, and a lifelong love for learning.



Middle School Programme (MSP) Grades 6-8

- Strengthens core concepts through inquiry-based learning.
- Connects subjects to real-life contexts for deeper understanding.
- Promotes collaboration and problem-solving skills.



Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Grades 9-10

- Focuses on conceptual clarity and analytical thinking.
- Aligns with the national curriculum for seamless progression.
- Prepares students for higher-level learning and assessments.











Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC) Grades 11-12

- Develops research, reasoning, and application skills.
- Prepares students for university and lifelong learning.
- Encourages independent thought and informed decision-making.

What Makes AKU-EB Different?

More than an examination board, AKU-EB nurtures learning, growth, and potential. Here's what makes our approach unique:

Features	What It Means for Your Child
 Conceptual Learning	Focus on understanding "why" — not just "what." Students apply knowledge to real-life situations.
 Fair & Transparent Exams	All exams are anonymized, double-marked, and quality assured — ensuring trust and fairness.
 Language Flexibility	Examinations are offered in both English and Urdu, making learning inclusive.
 Digital Innovation	Technology is integrated for learning and assessment, supporting future-readiness.
 Teacher Development	AKU-EB regularly trains its affiliated teachers in high-stakes assessment and the effective delivery of 21st-century learning.
 School Support	AKU-EB equips schools and teachers with training and insights to ensure high-quality learning for every child.
 National & Global Recognition	Our qualifications are accepted by all HEC-recognised universities in Pakistan and abroad.
 Ethical Assessment	At AKU-EB, we ensure every student is assessed fairly and transparently. Your child's results reflect their true understanding and abilities, giving you confidence in the integrity of their learning and achievements.

"I was highly impressed by the rigour and thoroughness during assessment and examinations at AKU-EB. In my experience, even well-renowned examination boards working at the international level do not look into the data so minutely to ensure the reliability of the results."

Dr. Michael Milanovic
Chairman, PeopleCert Qualifications
Former CEO, University of Cambridge English Language Assessment

How Does Your Child Benefit?

AKU-EB conducts an annual University Destination Survey (UDS) to track the university admissions of all its graduates across Pakistan. The survey confirms that students graduating from the AKU-EB system are well prepared for higher education, equipped with innovative thinking, problem-solving skills, and the adaptability needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

UDS conducted from 2016 to 2023 with more than 95% response rate shows:

93%

 **54%**  **46%**

AKU-EB HSSC graduates secure admissions into various national and international universities.

 **96%**
Graduates reach various universities in Pakistan.

 **04%**
Graduates reach more than 200 international universities.

 **48%**
Graduates reach Top-15 HEC ranked universities in Pakistan.

 **48%**
Graduates reach various public universities in Pakistan.

AKU-EB Qualifications do not require IBCC equivalency.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Is the AKU Examination Board recognised by universities?

A: Yes. AKU-EB is recognised by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and the Inter Boards Coordination Commission (IBCC). Our graduates pursue higher education at leading universities in Pakistan and around the world.

Q: Which curriculum does AKU-EB follow?

A: AKU-EB follows the national curriculum of Pakistan, enriched with international best practices in teaching and assessment to ensure students develop strong conceptual understanding, critical thinking, and real-world skills.

Q: Will my child's marks be reduced after getting equivalency from IBCC?

A: No. As a national board, AKU-EB students do not require IBCC equivalency; thus their marks are not deducted.

Q: How does AKU-EB assess its students?

A: AKU-EB assessments focus on understanding, critical thinking, and the application of knowledge, rather than rote memorisation. Our exams are designed to help students master concepts and develop skills that prepare them for higher education and lifelong learning.

Q: Is AKU-EB expensive compared to other examination boards?

A: AKU-EB offers high-quality education, assessments aligned with international standards, and strong school support — a valuable investment in your child's learning experience and future. To ensure access for all students, we also provide merit- and need-based scholarship opportunities.

Q: Can a student transfer from another board to AKU-EB?

A: Yes. Students from a public board who wish to transfer to AKU-EB must submit a migration certificate from the examination board they previously attended. Once verified, they can continue their studies under AKU-EB. Students from O-Levels must submit an equivalency certificate issued by IBCC

Q: Where can we find study resources?

A: Yes. Students can find all syllabi, model papers, exam specifications, and learning materials on the AKU-EB website: examinationboard.aku.edu. Past papers are shared with all affiliated schools.

Q: Which Islamiyat syllabus does AKU-EB follow?

A: AKU-EB follows the Islamiyat curriculum as set by the national curriculum of Pakistan.

Q: Does AKU-EB provide any financial assistance or scholarships?

A: Yes, we offer various merit and need-based scholarship programmes. Scan the QR code below to explore the scholarships available through AKU-EB.

Q: Does AKU-EB facilitate private candidates?

A: Yes, students can register for AKU-EB examinations as private candidates in both Sciences and Humanities.

Q: Where can we find the list of AKU-EB schools and colleges?

A: You can view the list of AKU-EB affiliated schools and colleges on our website or by scanning the QR code below.

Q: What if my child fails an exam?

A: Students can reappear for the next examination. AKU-EB conducts two exams each year.

Q: Where do AKU-EB graduates go after completing HSSC?

A: According to the AKU-EB Annual University Destination Survey, 93% of students gain admission into various national and international universities; majority pursuing medicine, engineering, and social sciences.

Q: Does AKU-EB have any quota in university admissions?

A: No. AKU-EB graduates are admitted to national universities entirely on merit.

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