

## The UAE National Agenda Parameter

In 2014, H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid launched the UAE National Agenda. It includes a set of strategic educational targets that shape the next phase of educational development in the UAE. The targets cover a wide range of areas that will have an impact on the quality of education and as well as students' achievements across the different phases.

"Education is a fundamental element for the development of a nation and the best investment in its youth." UAE VISION 2021

The UAE Vision 2021 National Agenda emphasises the development of a first-rate education system, which will require a complete transformation of the current education system and teaching methods. The National Agenda aims for all schools, universities and students to be equipped with Smart systems and devices as a basis for all teaching methods, projects and research. There will also be significant investments to promote and reinforce enrollment in preschools as this plays an important role in shaping children's personalities and their future.

### Objectives – UAE National Agenda

	<b>PISA:</b> to be among the 20 highest performing countries		<b>TIMSS:</b> to be among the 15 highest performing countries
	<b>Completion of high school education:</b> to ensure that 90% of Emirati students complete their high school education		<b>Attending pre-primary:</b> to ensure that 95% of children in the UAE attend pre-primary education
	<b>High skills in Arabic language:</b> to ensure that 90% of Grade 9 students develop high skills in Arabic language in the UAE NAP assessment.		<b>Highly quality teachers:</b> to ensure that 100% of schools have high-quality teachers
	<b>Highly effective school leadership:</b> to ensure that 100% of public schools have highly effective school leadership		<b>University foundation programme:</b> to ensure that no students need to join the university foundation programme.

**TIMSS:** (Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study) is a large-scale international assessment of mathematics and science in Year 5 and Year 9, conducted by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA). The next TIMSS assessment will take place in 2019.

<http://timss2019.org/wp-content/uploads/frameworks/T19-Assessment-Frameworks-Introduction.pdf>

**PISA:** (Programme for International Student Assessment) is a benchmarking test for 15 year olds and is held every 3 years in Science, Mathematics and Reading . The next PISA assessment will take place in 2018.

<http://www.anep.edu.uy/anep/index.php/codicen-publicaciones/category/143-pisa2018?download=2162:marco-conceptual-lecturapisa2018>

### What are GEMS Founders School's PISA & TIMSS targets?

TIMSS	Subject	Target Score
Year 5	Mathematic	539
	Sciences	535
Year 9	Mathematic	512
	Science	522

PISA 2018	Target Score
Mathematics	500
Reading	500
Sciences	502

### National Priorities – School Inspection Focus Areas

School inspections will evaluate how well schools are addressing the National Agenda targets through the curriculum and teaching, and how effective the provision is in raising attainment in these areas. The UAE School Inspection Framework continues to be the basis of school evaluations.

The National Priorities key focus areas include:

- The UAE national Agenda parameter and expectations
- The provision for, and achievement of Emirati students
- Provision and effectiveness of moral education
- Planning, teaching, assessment and learning of UAE social studies
- The provision for, and achievements of, students with special educational needs and disabilities
- The development of innovation within schools' curricula
- Reading literacy