



Celebrating 36 Years of Excellence

My Identity Programme – a key UAE Curriculum Initiative which Diyafah International School is proud to support and implement

“Our Ancestors left us a legacy of traditions that make us proud. Our mission is to preserve, develop and maintain it as an asset of this nation for generations to come” (Shaik Zayed)

Why “My Identity Programme” in schools?

- ▶ UAE Centennial 2071 : Aims to create a generation of the highest scientific and professional standards with ethical and positive values of the UAE at the forefront of the world through education, values, language, history, heritage and culture by focusing on :
 - ▶ Best Education
 - ▶ Best Economy
 - ▶ Best Government in the World
 - ▶ Happiest Society.

Mission Statement

“To deepen the national identity of Emirati students and to increase appreciation and respect of national identity of international resident students through a differentiated approach that meets the needs of the diverse private school system in order to contribute to the formation of a cohesive society bonded to its identity”.

Key Objectives of the Programme

- ▶ To deepen National Identity of Emirati students and foster appreciation, value and respect of UAE identity among expatriate students.
- ▶ Strengthen and consolidate loyalty to the UAE.
- ▶ Link National Identity with local, Arabic and Islamic roots.
- ▶ Reinforce National Identity among all students through an active, inquiry-based and experiential supplementary curriculum that deepens student understanding of Emirati history, culture and values over time.
- ▶ Provide students, with varying levels of depth, about National Identity at each year level
- ▶ Promote National Identity consistently and effectively at a school wide level and within the mandatory curriculum.
- ▶ Students to achieve Abu Dhabi 2030 Vision of being confident local and global citizens.

Six Themes covered WITHIN all areas of the Curriculum

▶ 1. My Values Are My Identity:

Emirati values are rooted in moderate Islamic principles and practices. These values inform national aspirations, the social fabric of Emirati society and the norms that define Emirati culture. Through this theme, students will learn about Islam, Islamic values and the applicability of how Islam influences life in the United Arab Emirates.

▶ 2. My Language Is My Identity:

Through this theme, students will gain an appreciation of why Arabic is such an important language locally and globally and will work on tasks that develop their language skills as a language of life.

▶ 3. My Community Is My Identity:

UAE society is rich in history and heritage, which affect the formation of its future. The extended social relations among its members demonstrate the importance of maintaining unity and cohesion. Students will realize through this value the holistic fabric of UAE society. They will learn about their country, not only through the essential facts but also through other aspects that preserve the uniformity of the community and promote loyalty and belonging.

▶ 4. My Culture Is My Identity:

In this theme, students will gain an appreciation for Emirati culture past and present.

▶ 5. My Citizenship Is My Identity:

Citizenship is a foundational pillar of UAE identity fostering belonging and loyalty to the country and a connection with the GCC region through a shared history. Citizenship also is intended to foster an appreciation for being a global citizen, thinking about global issues within a local lens.

▶ 6. My History Is My Identity:

The UAE has a long and rich history in the region. It is essential that students learn how history informs the future of the UAE and how the history of this country interacted with the histories of the region