



NORTHVIEW
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

High School Handbook



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**Welcome to
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Introduction to NVIS

Northview International School is committed to providing a world-class American curriculum that prepares students for university, career success, and global citizenship. Rooted in a values-led culture, our school fosters academic excellence, innovation, and personal growth within a diverse and inclusive learning environment. Students engage in rigorous coursework, hands-on learning experiences, and leadership development opportunities to equip them with the skills needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving world.

The state-of-the-art campus in Umm Qarn, Qatar, features modern classrooms, interactive science and robotics labs, arts and music studios, and sports facilities, ensuring students benefit from dynamic, technology-integrated learning experiences.

At Northview, education extends beyond the classroom, empowering students to become independent thinkers, problem-solvers, and future leaders.



Message from the Principal

Dear Students and Families,

It is with great pride that we welcome you to Northview International School, a place where students are encouraged to dream big, think critically, and engage deeply with their learning. At our school, we believe in providing a nurturing and academically challenging environment that prepares students for a lifetime of success.

The launch of our high school marks an exciting new chapter at Northview. Purposefully designed to meet the academic, developmental, and future-focused needs of students in Grades 9-12, the program offers a rigorous American curriculum, diverse academic pathways, and personalized support. With a strong emphasis on college readiness, leadership, and real-world learning, our high school equips students with the tools they need to succeed at university and beyond.

We are excited to embark on this journey together and look forward to celebrating your achievements as you grow into confident, compassionate, and capable individuals ready to make a positive impact on the world.

Warm regards,

Sheldon Smith

Founding Principal, Northview International School



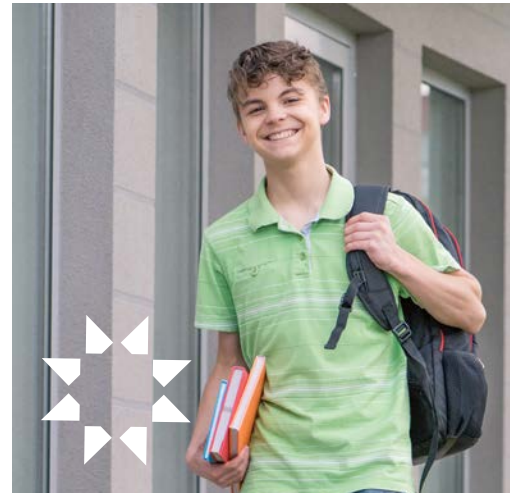
Learning Beyond the Classroom

Northview is designed to offer students a dynamic, future-ready education rooted in a rigorous American curriculum. Spanning Grades 9 through 12, the program combines academic excellence with personal development, equipping students with the knowledge, skills, and mindset needed for success in university and life beyond school.

At the heart of the program is flexibility and choice. Students can explore specialized academic pathways in STEM, Humanities, Business & Entrepreneurship, and the Arts, allowing them to align their high school experience with their personal interests and career goals. With a wide selection of Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors courses, students are challenged academically and supported through every stage of their learning.

Beyond the classroom, the school emphasizes leadership, innovation, and real-world learning. Through project-based coursework, college and career counseling, and community engagement, students build confidence, resilience, and a strong sense of purpose.

Our commitment to holistic education ensures that every Northview student graduates not only academically prepared, but also socially responsible and globally aware.





Commitment to Student Success

At Northview, we are committed to developing the whole student academically, socially, and emotionally. Our approach to student success is centered on:

- **Personalized Learning:** Each student is supported with tailored academic pathways that align with their aspirations and strengths.
- **Holistic Development:** Beyond academics, we emphasize leadership, character building, and emotional well-being.
- **Global Readiness:** We cultivate critical thinking, problem-solving, and adaptability to ensure students excel in an interconnected world.
- **College & Career Preparation:** Through college counseling, SAT/ACT preparation, internships, and career guidance, we ensure students are well-equipped for the future.

The school ensures that every student's potential is nurtured, and every achievement is celebrated. We look forward to guiding you toward a bright and successful future.



Vision, Mission & Core Values



School Vision Statement

To provide a quality holistic education in order to develop independent, socially responsible learners in a safe, respectful, inclusive environment that builds a foundation for lifelong learning

School Mission Statement

To develop well-rounded, confident and responsible individuals who aspire to become the best version of themselves. We provide a welcoming, happy, nurturing learning environment in which everyone is treated equally and all achievements are celebrated.





Core Values & Educational Philosophy

School Values

Our school development goals — Collaborator, Communicator, Resilient, Ethical, Adaptable, Thinker, Empathetic, Respectful — serve as our School Values / Schoolwide Learner Outcomes (SLOs) and articulate the collective aspirations of our school community.

These outcomes define what every Northview student should know, understand, and apply to enhance 21st Century skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and adaptability, preparing students for higher education, future careers, and develop as responsible adults.

Northview's learner outcomes are rooted in both present-day student needs and the evolving demands of the future to develop internationally minded and globally competent learners.

Each outcome supports a core global competency:

- **Collaborator:** Students engage meaningfully in group learning, build positive relationships across differences, and contribute constructively to shared goals
- **Communicator:** Students express ideas clearly across languages and media, navigate diverse perspectives, and listen actively to others
- **Resilient:** Students respond to challenges with persistence, demonstrate growth mindsets, and reflect on setbacks as opportunities to learn
- **Ethical:** Students act with integrity, make principled decisions, and consider the impact of their actions locally and globally
- **Adaptable:** Students embrace change, manage uncertainty with confidence, and apply learning across new situations and disciplines
- **Thinker:** Students use critical and creative thinking to explore complex issues, solve problems, and engage in global challenges
- **Empathetic:** Students understand and respect multiple perspectives, respond with compassion, and contribute positively to their communities
- **Respectful:** Students recognize and value diversity, demonstrate cultural sensitivity, and act with care for others and the environment





A Nurturing, Holistic Approach to Education



Student Wellness & Counseling Services

At Northview, we recognize that student success is not solely defined by academics but also by emotional well-being and personal development. Our comprehensive student wellness and counseling services provide a supportive environment where students can seek guidance, build resilience, and develop healthy coping strategies. Trained counselors offer one-on-one support and well-being programs that promote mental health, stress management, and social-emotional learning.



Leadership & Character Development



Developing strong leaders is at the heart of the school's philosophy. We integrate leadership training and character education into our curriculum to instill integrity, responsibility, and ethical decision-making in students. Through mentorship programs, leadership workshops, and student-led initiatives, students cultivate confidence, adaptability, and teamwork qualities essential for future success.

Co-curricular Activities (CCAs)

Beyond academics, we offer a diverse range of CCAs that allow students to explore their passions and develop new skills. From sports teams and performing arts to academic clubs and service-learning projects, students engage in activities that enhance their creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities.

The school believes that a holistic education empowers students to grow into well-rounded individuals who are academically capable, socially responsible, and emotionally resilient.





Academic Overview & High School Curriculum



Overview of Our American High School Diploma

Northview offers a WASC-accredited American High School Diploma, ensuring students meet international university entrance requirements. The diploma certifies the completion of core academic subjects and elective courses, equipping students with critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills essential for success in higher education and future careers.

- A WASC-accredited school is one that has earned recognition from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) for meeting high standards of educational quality and effectiveness. This accreditation assures parents that the school is dedicated to excellence in teaching, learning, and student support.
- WASC accreditation is a mark of trust. It means the school undergoes regular, in-depth evaluations to ensure it is continuously improving and focused on student achievement. Accredited schools are committed to setting clear goals, listening to their communities, and making thoughtful, strategic changes that benefit all learners.



Graduation Requirements

To earn an American high school diploma at Northview, students must complete a minimum of 25 credits, maintaining at least a 60% passing grade. Our credit system follows the Carnegie Unit standard. A full-year course that meets four times a week earns one credit, while courses that meet less frequently earn partial credit based on instructional time.

- Core coursework in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language
- Electives that allow students to explore specialized interests
- Completion of one of the following external exams: SAT (minimum 400 in Math and Language), ACT (minimum score of 16), or two AP exams with a score of 3 or higher
- Senior Capstone Project as part of the Senior Seminar course

Course of Study

Northview's American curriculum is designed to provide students with a strong academic foundation while fostering creativity, critical thinking, and real-world application of knowledge. Our curriculum follows internationally recognized frameworks, ensuring students receive a globally competitive education that prepares them for university and beyond: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Languages.

Advanced Placement (AP) & Honors Courses

Northview International School offers Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors courses to challenge high-achieving students and provide them with the opportunity to earn college credits while in high school. AP courses are designed to follow a university-level curriculum, with students sitting for AP exams at the end of the course.

AP Course Offerings:

- AP English Literature & Composition
- AP Calculus AB & BC
- AP Biology & AP Chemistry
- AP U.S. History & AP Government
- AP Computer Science

AP courses follow a 5.0 GPA scale, and successful completion of AP exams can strengthen university applications. Honors courses are available for students who wish to take on an advanced curriculum before progressing to AP-level coursework. These courses are weighted on a 4.5 GPA scale, providing an academic challenge while preparing students for higher education.



Customized Learning & Elective Opportunities

At Northview, students have the flexibility to personalize their academic journey through a wide range of electives and specialized learning pathways. These offerings enable students to explore their interests, develop essential skills, and prepare for future academic and career pursuits. Whether focusing on STEM, the arts, business, humanities, or physical education, students have the opportunity to create a well-rounded and competitive academic profile.

Academic Pathways

Students can select from diverse elective courses that encourage creativity, analytical thinking, and practical application of knowledge. These courses complement core subjects and provide hands-on experiences that prepare students for higher education and professional success.

- **STEM Track:** Focused on engineering, technology, and advanced sciences, students engage in math, physics, and computer science, preparing them for careers in engineering, healthcare, and tech-driven industries.
- **Humanities Track:** This pathway develops critical thinking, research, and communication skills, featuring coursework in literature, history, philosophy, and global studies, ideal for careers in law, media, and international relations.
- **Business & Entrepreneurship Track:** Students gain financial literacy, business acumen, and leadership skills through courses in economics, management, and entrepreneurship, equipping them for business, finance, and innovation roles.
- **Fine Arts Track:** Encouraging creativity and self-expression, this track includes visual arts, music, and performance-based courses, preparing students for careers in design, entertainment, and the creative industries.
- **Physical Education & Health:** Courses that emphasize fitness, wellness, and sports sciences, promoting healthy lifestyles and physical development.

Tailored Learning for Future Success

At Northview International School, students are not confined to a single track. They have the freedom to mix and match courses across multiple disciplines, ensuring they develop a well-balanced academic experience that aligns with their passions and career aspirations. Academic advisors work closely with students to guide them in selecting coursework that enhances their strengths and prepares them for university and beyond.

Through customized learning pathways and diverse elective options, Northview International School empowers students to take ownership of their education, develop specialized expertise, and graduate with the skills and confidence needed to excel in a rapidly evolving world.





Subject Breakdown & Course Descriptions



Core Courses

English

The English program at Northview enhances students' reading, writing, and analytical thinking skills. Through exposure to classic and contemporary literature, students engage in critical analysis, persuasive writing, and research-based compositions. Writing workshops and discussions cultivate effective communication and argumentation skills, preparing students for university-level coursework and beyond.



Mathematics

Mathematics courses at Northview develop students' problem-solving abilities, logical reasoning, and quantitative literacy. The curriculum covers foundational courses such as Algebra and Geometry, progressing to Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus, and AP Statistics. These courses equip students with the necessary skills for careers in engineering, finance, computer science, and other quantitative fields.

Science

Northview offers a rigorous, inquiry-based science curriculum aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Students explore fundamental scientific principles in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, engaging in laboratory experiments, field studies, and research projects. AP Science courses provide an advanced study of scientific disciplines, challenging students to think critically and apply their knowledge to real-world problems.





Social Studies

Social Studies courses aim to develop global awareness, historical knowledge, and civic responsibility. Students study World History, U.S. History, and Government and Politics, examining the connections between historical events and contemporary global issues. AP options such as AP U.S. History and AP Government allow students to delve deeper into complex political and social structures.

Foreign Languages

To promote linguistic proficiency and cultural literacy, we offer Arabic and Spanish as foreign language options. Arabic is a required course for students planning to attend universities in the Middle East and North Africa, and it is compulsory for all Muslim students throughout all four years of high school. Language courses emphasize oral communication, reading comprehension, and writing skills, ensuring students develop fluency and an appreciation for different cultures.



Electives

Visual & Performing Arts

At Northview, we encourage creativity through Visual Arts and Music. Students develop their artistic talents and explore self-expression, design, and performance.

Physical Education & Health

Physical Education fosters fitness, teamwork, and overall well-being. Health courses emphasize nutrition, mental well-being, and healthy lifestyle choices.

College Preparatory Electives

Northview International School offers specialized electives that enhance college readiness and career exploration. Students can choose from Business, Entrepreneurship, Journalism, and Psychology, gaining valuable skills for higher education and the professional world.



College & Career Readiness Pathway



College Counseling & University Guidance



Northview provides comprehensive college counseling services to support students in their journey toward higher education. Counselors assist with career exploration, university selection, application processes, and scholarship opportunities. Regular workshops, individual advising sessions, and college fairs help students make informed decisions about their academic futures.

SAT/ACT Preparation & Support

To ensure students are well-prepared for college entrance exams, Northview International School offers SAT and ACT preparation courses, including test-taking strategies, practice exams, and skill-building workshops. These resources help students achieve competitive scores and improve their chances of admission to top universities.



University Application Process & Support

Navigating the university application process can be complex, but at Northview we ensure that students receive step-by-step guidance. From essay writing and personal statement coaching to recommendation letters and application reviews, our counselors provide the necessary tools and resources for students to submit competitive applications to universities worldwide. Northview International School also supports students in understanding financial aid, scholarships, and visa processes, making the transition to higher education seamless.

By providing a structured and supportive college and career readiness pathway, the school equips students with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to pursue higher education and meaningful careers.





Learning Beyond the Classroom



Leadership & Community Service Programs

At Northview, we provide students with opportunities to develop leadership skills and give back to the community. Through student government, peer mentoring programs, and service-learning projects, students cultivate responsibility, teamwork, and civic engagement. Community service initiatives encourage students to take an active role in creating positive change locally and globally.

Student Clubs & Organizations

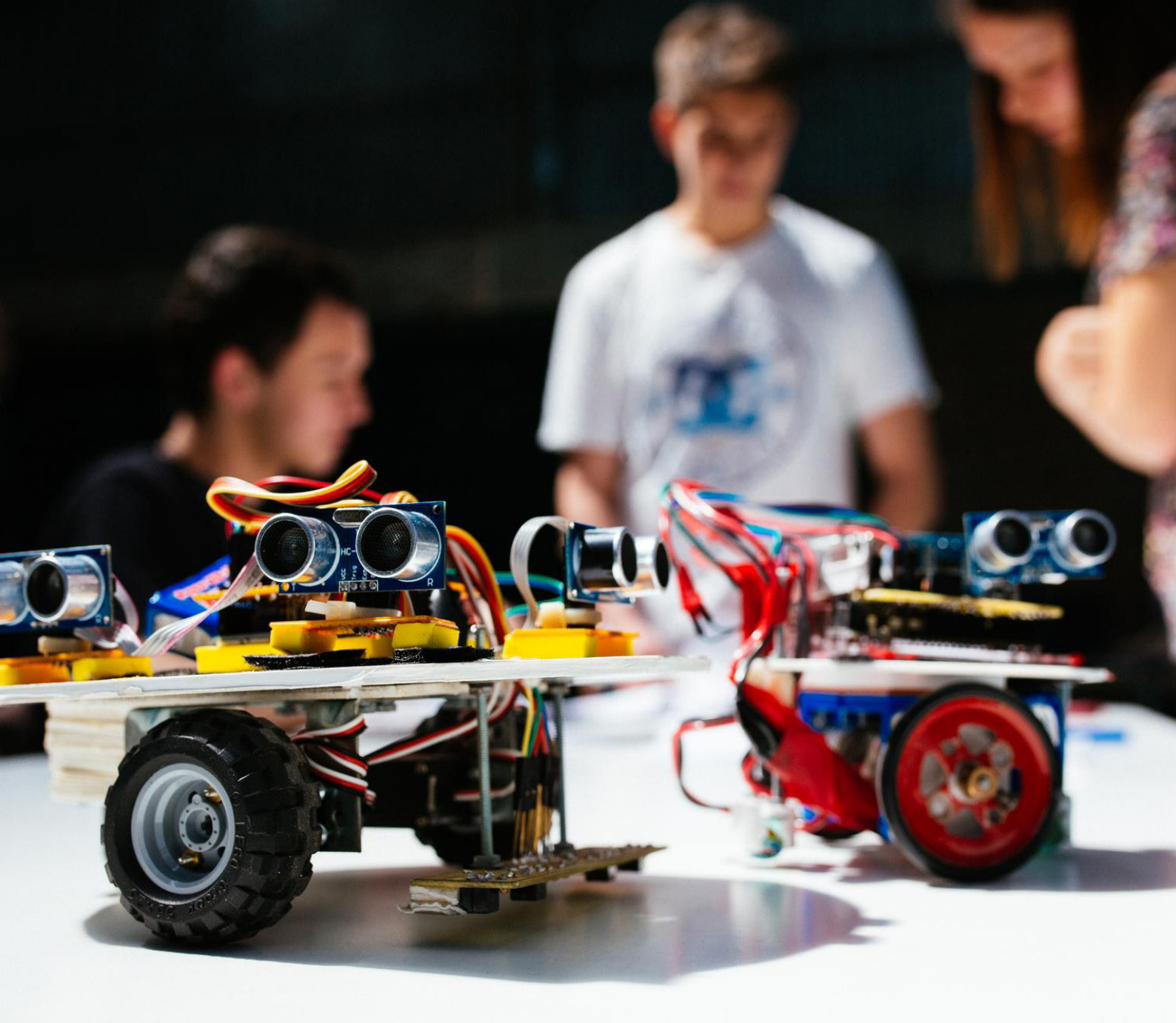
Co-curricular activities play a vital role in student life at Northview. Students can participate in a variety of academic, cultural, and special-interest clubs, including debate, robotics, performing arts, and sustainability clubs. These activities help foster teamwork, creativity, and personal growth while allowing students to pursue their passions.

Athletics & Competitive Sports

Northview promotes physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship through a diverse athletics program. Students have access to competitive sports teams and fitness programs, encouraging an active and healthy lifestyle. Whether competing at a local or international level, students develop discipline, leadership, and perseverance through sports.

At Northview, learning extends beyond the classroom, equipping students with the skills, confidence, and real-world experience to succeed in all aspects of life.





21st Century Learning & Innovation



Technology-Integrated Learning

Northview integrates cutting-edge technology into the classroom to enhance learning experiences. With interactive smartboards and digital learning platforms, students engage in a modern, tech-driven education that prepares them for the digital age.

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) Initiatives

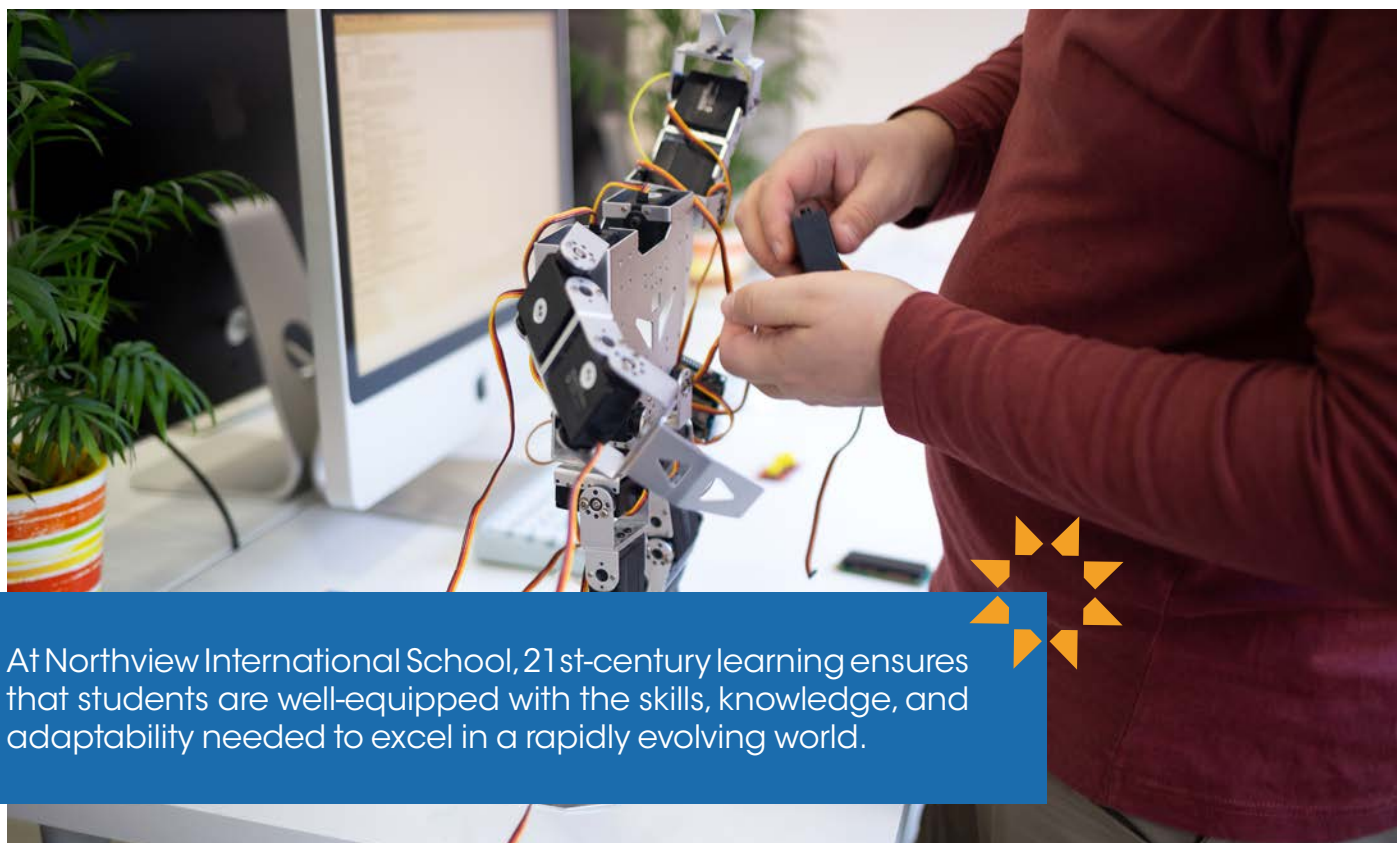
STEAM education at Northview fosters creativity, critical thinking, and hands-on problem-solving. Students participate in robotics, coding, engineering projects, and art-infused technology, ensuring they develop interdisciplinary skills that are highly valued in the 21st-century workforce.

Digital Literacy & Responsible Technology Use

Understanding how to navigate the digital world responsibly is a priority at the school. Through cybersecurity awareness, ethical digital citizenship training, and responsible social media use, students learn to use technology safely, ethically, and effectively.

Research & Project-Based Learning

Northview International School emphasizes inquiry-driven and project-based learning, encouraging students to conduct research, collaborate on real-world challenges, and develop innovative solutions. By engaging in hands-on projects, students refine their ability to think critically, work collaboratively, and present their findings effectively.



At Northview International School, 21st-century learning ensures that students are well-equipped with the skills, knowledge, and adaptability needed to excel in a rapidly evolving world.



Real-World Learning & Global Citizenship



Experiential Learning & Global Awareness

The school fosters experiential learning opportunities that allow students to engage with the world beyond the classroom. Through field trips, international study programs, and cross-cultural exchanges, students develop a global perspective and deeper understanding of world issues.

Entrepreneurship & Business Programs

Students at Northview have access to entrepreneurial and business-related programs designed to nurture innovation, financial literacy, and strategic thinking. Hands-on projects, business simulations, and partnerships with industry leaders provide students with real-world business experience.



Cultural Exchange & International Collaborations

Northview International School promotes a multicultural learning environment where students engage in international collaborations, student exchange programs, and global initiatives. These opportunities cultivate cultural awareness, communication skills, and global responsibility.

Sustainability & Environmental Responsibility

As part of our commitment to sustainability, we integrate eco-conscious education into our curriculum. Students participate in environmental projects, sustainability initiatives, and community-led conservation efforts, fostering a sense of responsibility toward protecting the planet.

The school prepares students to become active global citizens who understand their role in shaping a sustainable and interconnected future.

An American high school diploma offers students a world of opportunities, both academically and professionally. It is recognized globally and opens doors to universities, colleges, and careers around the world. Benefits include:

- **Global Recognition:** The American diploma is accepted by universities in the U.S. and many other countries, giving students the flexibility to apply to a wide range of higher education institutions.
- **Well-Rounded Education:** The American system emphasizes not only academics, but also creativity, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration—skills essential for future success.
- **College and Career Readiness:** With a focus on both core subjects and elective choices, students are well-prepared for university life and the working world. They also have the chance to explore their interests through electives, clubs, and extracurricular activities.
- **English Proficiency:** Instruction in English prepares students for English-speaking environments in higher education and global careers.
- **Personalized Learning:** The American system values individuality and encourages students to take ownership of their learning, promoting confidence, independence, and a growth mindset.





Admissions, Policies & Contact Information



Enrollment & Admissions Process

Northview welcomes students from diverse backgrounds and offers a comprehensive admissions process to ensure the best fit for each learner. The process includes:

- 1. Inquire:** Parents submit an inquiry to schedule a meeting with the admissions team, a school tour, and a placement test.
- 2. Placement Test:** Students take an English and Math assessment to evaluate academic readiness.
- 3. Successful Applicants:** Students who meet the academic criteria will receive a formal offer letter via email.
- 4. Decision Notification:** The admissions team will inform families of the application decision as soon as possible and send a written offer.
- 5. Offer Acceptance & Document Submission:** Once the signed offer letter is received, the seat is reserved, and parents must upload all required documents as per the application form.
- 6. Welcome to Northview:** Students and families officially join the school community.

Academic Policies & School Expectations

Northview International School maintains clear academic and behavioral expectations to create a structured and supportive environment for learning. These policies reflect our commitment to academic integrity, student well-being, and personal responsibility.

Students are expected to engage actively in their education, demonstrate respect for others, and adhere to guidelines that promote fairness, safety, and accountability. Our policies also outline expectations for attendance, digital conduct, assessments, and academic progress, ensuring students are well-prepared for future success.

Families and students are encouraged to review the full set of school policies available on our website to understand the standards that guide our school community.

Parent & Student Support Services

Northview International School believes in strong collaboration between parents, students, and educators to support student success. Our support services include:

- Counseling and academic advising to guide students in their academic and personal development.
- Parent engagement programs to strengthen the school-community partnership.
- Specialized learning support for students with unique learning needs.
- Health and wellness services ensuring the physical and emotional well-being of our students.



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Our team is here to support you every step of the way in your educational journey at Northview International School.

