



ALPHA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

SEMBAKKAM



PROSPECTUS



Alpha International School (AIS) is a part of Alpha Group of Institutions, managed by Alpha Educational Society.

Established in the year 2015, the school is designed with resources and amenities commensurate with global standards. The pedagogy at Alpha International School supports a developmental, student-centric approach, where teaching is coupled with stimulating curriculum. Year on year, the school has been progressing to higher levels with increased student strength and at every stage equips them to face the challenges which lie ahead.

Located on the Velachery - Tambaram main road, Sembakkam, the school is spread over one acre with a built-up area of 22400 sq. ft. The campus has well furnished, well ventilated classrooms, well equipped laboratories, library, studios for art, dance, music and theatre which encourage skill building. The excellent facilities for games and physical activities ensure holistic learning.

We believe every student is a unique individual with the capability to positively contribute to the school and society. We provide advice and support so that students reach their full potential and also nurture in them a strong sense of self-esteem and personal integrity, along with a caring attitude. We follow the CBSE syllabus with international best practices in teaching and learning, opening avenues for students to stretch their learning beyond textbooks.



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OUR PHILOSOPHY

We at Alpha believe that Education is not confined to only the assimilation of knowledge, but is a collective effort to create a better tomorrow because Knowledge without Purpose and Education without an Aim are useless.

We stress the need for a meaningful education, with the strength of integration. We believe, it influences the behavior pattern, forms a creative - critical thinking process and leads to contribution for betterment of students in life.

Alpha International School supports its philosophy through these Guiding statements.

- Maintain high standards of academic progress, achievements and performance including preparation for admission to universities in India and worldwide.
- Encourage our students to become responsible and contributing citizens of the society and be global achievers.
- Instill in students, confidence and enthusiasm for lifelong learning.
- Celebrate diversity and build an understanding of different value systems and cultures.
- Recruit, retain and professionally develop leading international educators for our school.

VISION

To achieve Global Standards of excellence in education.

To inspire and foster innovation, creativity and life-long learning in students.

MISSION

To provide an enriching and vibrant learning environment which will enable students to be globally competent, self confident and empathetic individuals.

To facilitate personalised learning to meet individual needs within a positive and caring environment.

OUR STRENGTH

Faith in God,
Devotion to Duty,
Passion for Excellence.

OUR BELIEF

Every child has untapped potential and can be helped to reach it.

Every child can excel by reposing faith in God and being self-disciplined.

"A child's first school experience is very important in laying the foundation for a lifetime of learning.
Our Childhood Program combines play, culture and the roots of structured learning."

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

WELCOME TO ALPHA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



WHY ALPHA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL?

In five decades the Alpha Management has carved a niche for itself in the field of education in Chennai. It has made definite and meaningful strides towards achieving the holistic development of all the children brought under its wings. The experience and passion for excellence has given the wisdom and realization that the need of the hour is a world-class school.

In this fast, moving world with multitude of opportunities to travel across the globe, children learn by discovery with the world as the open book. The Alpha Management has geared up to provide a world-class school with all the best advantages to cater to today's children of the international community.

Chairperson
Dr. (Mrs.) Grace George

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

THE UNIQUENESS OF ALPHA



At Alpha International School, we believe that each of our students is a unique individual with equal potential to make a positive contribution to our school and society. We aim to provide the direction, counsel, and support that every student needs to reach his or her full potential.

Our goal is to instill an enthusiasm for lifelong learning and a sense of global awareness in each student, along with the necessary skills to prepare them for the challenges and changes which lie ahead.

The curriculum at Alpha International School is designed to support a developmental, student-centric approach, where teaching for understanding is coupled with a stimulating and varied curriculum. Frequent positive and constructive feedback to students characterises our learning environment. This is an essential ingredient for the programme that seeks to nurture in every student, love for learning, a strong sense of self-esteem, personal integrity, and a respectful, caring attitude towards others. At Alpha International School, parents, students, faculty and staff work together as a community to solve problems within a framework of fairness and shared values.

I hope that you will take up the opportunity to contact us, and others in our school community, to gain a deeper understanding of our school. And of course, we hope that you can visit us to learn first-hand what sets us apart in the world of International education.

Vice-Chairperson Mrs. Suja George

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



“The secret of education lies in respecting the pupil. It is not for you to choose what he shall know what he shall do. It is chosen and foreordained and he only holds the key to his own secret.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Believing in the uniqueness of each individual student's potential to make a positive contribution to our school, society and the Nation at large, we at Alpha International School strive to build confidence, instill decision making skills, and create quest for lifelong learning. We not only provide a vibrant physical environment assisting learning and support that they need to reach their full potential, by changes and consequences with equanimity.

The gamut of new programmes, activities and projects planned and added each year ceaselessly empowers our students.

This helps to impart quality education to our students, which makes them scholastically sound and also provides ample opportunities to hone their skills and talents.

Though I strongly believe school is the second home for the students, the first teachers at home – the parents, have a great role to play along with the parents at school – the teachers.

Dear parents, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you, on to the portals of our esteemed institution. Join hands with us to make our dreams come true, to share our vision, experience and our passion for excellence.

Let us together make the leaders of tomorrow

Principal
Mrs. Nalini Ravi



WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION AT YOUR DOOR STEP

At Alpha, our aim is to develop global citizens who are self-confident, responsible and aware of their duties towards the community and society at large and life-long learners, equipped with life skills to face the challenges of the dynamic global village.

To enable us to achieve this, our holistic approach to education is a necessity, which would also involve the cooperation of parents, family and the community at large.

Why would one settle for anything less when we, with our legacy in education here in Chennai, bring to your doorstep the best practices in education globally, with local flavour?

We look forward to welcoming you to the Alpha family.

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CURRICULUM

The medium of instruction is English.

The class strength is limited to 30 and the teacher to student ratio is maintained as 1:15.

The curriculum is designed to have a two-term structure.

While the I term is from April to September, the II term is from October to March.

They are taught to respect cultural diversity, beliefs and values of all people and to work with a sense of commitment, social responsibility and open mindedness through celebrations without any distinction.

The curriculum at Alpha International School supports a developmental, student-centric approach, engaging them in classroom activities. Constructive feedback is given to students to encourage and motivate them.

Teachers, promote a curriculum framed to meet students' varying needs, abilities, and learning styles. A balanced education programme within a safe, stimulating environment is maintained so that every child learns and grows to his/her highest potential.

The school adopts a holistic approach to develop students' personality, with the inclusion of Sports and Performing Arts (SPA), into the curriculum.

KINDERGARTEN (PRE KG- UKG)

A child's first school experience is very important in laying the foundation for a lifetime of learning. Alpha's Childhood Programmes are an amalgamation of play and culture that form the roots for structured learning.

At Alpha International School, the Kindergarten level adopts a structured thematic syllabus with an integrated programme that focuses on the learning of Mathematics, understanding the world (Environmental Science), English Language & Communication as core subjects. It also focuses on expressive art, design, personal, social and emotional development, physical development along with Lego Learning. The curriculum helps in developing progressive learning that facilitates smooth transition into Grade I, meeting global standards.

Highlights of the kindergarten programme include educational field trips linked to the curriculum, structured in-door and out-door playtime in the Kids Fun-Zone. Students are also treated to a nutritious and hygienic pre-packed healthy snack during the days of learning and playing.

PRIMARY SCHOOL (GRADES I - V)

At the Primary level we adopt methodologies with an International approach to give a global perspective with the advantage of a National curriculum. The aim is to develop lifelong learners, who are highly inquisitive. The methods followed at Alpha ensure all-round development of children.

As the learners progress into Primary level of Grades I & II, Alpha offers English, Maths and Science as core subjects, along with II Language, III Language and ICT.

Students of Grade III upwards are offered core subjects like English, Maths, Science, Social studies, II Language. In addition, they are also



offered, ICT and III Language. By adopting the latest trends in global curriculum the school seeks to empower children with a strong foundation in core discipline areas, with a rich amalgamation of national and international themes, interdisciplinary learning, global awareness, health literacy, environmental literacy, civic literacy and ICT.

SECONDARY SCHOOL (GRADE VI UPWARDS)

At the Secondary level, the syllabus is based on the guidelines provided by the National Curriculum Framework from the National Council for Education Research and Training.

CBSE curriculum comprises English, II Language (Hindi, Tamil, French), Mathematics, Science, Social Science, ICT & III Language (Hindi, Tamil, French). CBSE is a skill-based curriculum wherein the board aims to promote critical and creative thinking skills, effective communication skills, interpersonal & collaborative skills and information & media skills. Through CBSE curriculum we provide opportunities for extended learning and help develop perspectives with emphasis on research orientation and social empowerment.

LANGUAGE OPTIONS:

II Language: UKG, Grade I-V (Tamil/ Hindi), Grade VI upwards (Tamil/ Hindi/ French)

III Language: Grade I-IV (Hindi/ Tamil), Grade V upwards (Hindi/ Tamil/ French)

ASSESSMENTS

The assessment pattern helps highlight areas where performance can be improved, in concurrence with the concept of holistic development of the student.

At Alpha International School, the methods of

assessment differ based on the grades students are in.

Kindergarten follows a non-formal, continuous and comprehensive assessment pattern with both oral and written assessments. Written assessments are done in the worksheets periodically to check understanding. Ongoing assessments which are structured through Mitra tab are conducted for each concept.

The Primary & Secondary levels have a series of Formative Assessments (FA) aimed at measuring progress and achievements of students through practical assessing activities and subject-specific skills. Pen and paper assessments spread over the academic year are conducted informally for the understanding of learning levels achieved. The skill gaps are observed and the necessary remediation is undertaken. The Summative Assessment (SA) is a formal written test, which is conducted at the end of each term. The student is graded based on the sum total of FA and SA conducted over the two terms.

BEYOND ACADEMICS

(i) LITERACY ACTIVITIES

READING PROGRAMME

The reading programme at Alpha International School, introduces to the children a world of fiction and non-fiction, at a young age, with the basics of phonics.

NAT GEOGRAPHY ENGAGE PROGRAMME

Alpha International School exposes students to project based learning through the introduction of the National Geographic Explorer, through the Engage magazine for students to undertake research oriented projects in English, Science and Social Science.



THE CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH ADVANTAGE

Students at Alpha are trained to undertake the Cambridge YLE tests (Young Learners test in English) from Grades III - V and progress to Lower Main suite exams KET & PET in Grade VI.

OLYMPIAD, ICAS, SPELL BEE, ONLINE ADAPTIVE EXAMS ETC..

Students are encouraged to participate in Competitive examinations on a National and International scale to master Languages (English/ Tamil/ Hindi), Science, Mathematics Computer Education and Arts.

THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Alpha International School adopts a structured curriculum for Physical Education. Students are encouraged to build skills such as team spirit to achieve a common goal, develop a

winning attitude by accepting failure as another step to success through projects and sports activities.

The school offers a wide variety of indoor and outdoor sports activities such as Yoga, Basketball, Football, Handball, Skating, and Athletics. The colourful multi play equipment exclusively for the tiny tots is a source of attraction to all the preschool learners. The playpen located by the school entrance serves to provide physical training to children. Special sports facilities like a spot to practice skating, basketball court, multi-court along with the required equipment and professional coaches for each sport are available at Alpha. Students are continuously graded on multiple parameters. A term end report is provided to the parents to see the progression and development of the child.

(ii) ART & CULTURE

PERFORMING ARTS

Students are motivated to express themselves to recognise their potential in different forms of art like music (instrumental, vocal), drama, painting, craft and dance.

MUSIC

Students are exposed to Indian and western music, vocal and instrumental, by qualified teachers.

DANCE

Experts develop interest and train students in not only achieving flexibility and rhythm but also to build confidence to face audience.

THEATRE

Students are encouraged to express themselves through theatre to improve their self-confidence, self-esteem, proficiency in language and presentation skills in accordance to a structured curriculum.

ARTS AND CRAFT

Students are given opportunity to try different genres of art and a wide variety of craftwork during school hours.

Many of the students participate in District, State and National level competitions and win prizes.

A MODULE ON THE FIELD

“A gateway to direct learning” - Alpha aims at creating a curriculum, which is not focused solely on classroom learning. The philosophy of experiential learning is put into practice in the form of outdoor field trips and on-site learning activities that are interfaced with the curriculum. Field trips with clear objectives in mind are planned for the students giving them a chance to immerse in real world experiences and connect varied real life situations to classroom learning.

FACULTY

All the teachers at Alpha are highly qualified and competent professionals with a learner centric orientation. Alpha teachers create an invigorating environment with their enthusiasm that kindles the excitement and desire of learning in every child. New teachers inducted into the system undergo a training program to ensure that minimum defined standard of curriculum delivery in the classroom is maintained. Existing teachers undergo refresher courses at regular intervals to update their skills.



ACTIVITIES & MUCH MORE AT ALPHA



Engaging students in activities beyond academics, in order to enhance their personality and develop their life skill, various club activities are planned. Grade I & II students enjoy being a part of the Young Fiddler's Club during first and fourth Saturdays. Students from grades III onwards are given a choice to select two clubs.

LITERARY CLUB (VOICES & GRAPHEMES):

Writer's and Orator's clubs are a platform for students to cultivate innovative writing in a variety of topics and to open up and cultivate public speaking. These clubs also enable students to respond spontaneously and actively contribute to any discussion.

COOKERY CLUB:

This club aims to bring out the hidden chef within them. It gives the student a solid grounding in cookery, allowing them to express themselves through creativity & presentation.

HERITAGE CLUB (SANSKRITI):

The Heritage Club gives scope to appreciate culture and traditional values and gain knowledge about differences in culture.

ECO CLUB (CLEAN & GREEN FINGERS):

Students are given ample opportunities to explore mother nature and its bounties. Children with green fingers are given the opportunity to quench their fingers itch and are involved in various projects related to conserving nature.

SEWING CLUB (CROITERS):

Sewing, an essential life skill has become a forgotten art. Alpha International School in order to empower and enrich the lives of all its students has made this life skill a part of their option in club activities.

SCOUTS AND GUIDES:

To make the learning holistic and to create environmental sensitivity, scientific reasoning and to imbibe leadership skills they are exposed to uniformed groups such as Scouts Guides and Junior Red Cross.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Students are taught to uphold their social, moral and spiritual values by affirming the worth and dignity of each individual, and instilling in each student a caring attitude towards society during their value education periods. They are also exposed to activities which sensitise them to the needs of the less privileged through caring and sharing. Students are encouraged to make meaningful contributions to the local and global issues and do community service, in accordance to their age; in the effort to make them responsible global citizens of tomorrow.

These add on programmes, besides the regular curriculum, are not for sheer embellishment for the school but to ignite the minds of our students, for this journey of lifelong learning.

INFRASTRUCTURE, AMENITIES & FACILITIES:

The Alpha Management has ensured that the infrastructure, amenities and facilities in its International School are commensurate with the global standards.

CLASSROOMS:

Technology enabled, air-conditioned class rooms, vibrant colors and ergonomic student friendly furniture, smart boards and AV integration capability, all combine to create a highly conducive atmosphere for enhanced learning.



LIBRARY:

A school is defined by the library it keeps. At Alpha International School, no effort is spared in keeping the library well stocked with subject related books, educational journals, periodicals and newspapers catering to the requirements of all grades. Extra-curricular reading (fiction and

non-fiction) is strongly recommended and catered to with reading material prescribed by subject specialists.

AUDIO VISUAL (AV) ROOM:

In its efforts to provide the best of international education, Alpha has an AV room equipped with a



projector and surround sound system that enables learners to view curriculum related content in audio-visual format, reinforcing the concepts taught in the classroom.

COUNSELLORS:

Alpha International School, has an in-house counsellor who identifies students with learning challenges, coaches them on how to overcome their challenges and tutors them academically so that these children with special needs stand at par with their peers in the classroom.

COMPUTER LAB:

A well-equipped, state of the art computer lab to learn the nuances of computing through child friendly and joyful programmes is available.

MATH LAB:

The math lab enables the teaching of mathematical concepts in a fun-filled way through activities using a variety of kits and equipments.

SCIENCE LAB:

Alpha International School, houses three well-equipped laboratories for physical and life sciences. This is another step towards experiential learning which is integral to our educational philosophy.

COMPOSITE TECHNOLOGY LAB:

This is a unique concept, which promotes experiential learning. This laboratory facilitates multidisciplinary learning, namely, Science, Technology, English, Art and Math using various self-do kits, under supervision. This reinforces theoretical classroom concepts, stimulates critical thinking and problem solving skills in the student.

SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE:

“All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.” Though this may sound clichéd, it is a fact and we strongly believe that playtime is equally

important as academics. Hence, sports activities are an integral part of our curriculum, for holistic development of the student. Alpha International School, offers a wide variety of indoor and outdoor sports activities such as Basketball, Football, Cricket, Volleyball, Skating and Athletics.

A Multi-use hard court, leveled playground and other infrastructure along with the required equipments and professional coaches for each sport are available. The student is continuously graded on multiple parameters.

KIDS FUN ZONE:

The choice of equipment for the tiny tots ensures muscle and motor skill development and enhances their coordination. Installed in a secure zone and designed to ensure safety, the play area is indeed the most engaging spot of the tiny tots at Alpha.

TRANSPORTATION

We take the effort to provide school transport service to ferry children to and from the school. The buses are compliant with RTO norms.

The school bus trips are supervised by a lady attendant who is available on board from the first boarding point to the last drop point. The school transport service ensures that our children travel comfortably and safely.

SCHOOL TIMINGS

GRADES

PRE KG	08.30 AM – 12.30 PM
LKG & UKG	08.30 AM – 01.00 PM
GRADE I TO VIII	08.30 AM – 03.45 PM



ADMISSION PROCEDURE

1. A student must have completed 2.5 years of age for Nursery, 5.5 years of age for Admission to Grade I by 31st May of the admission year and satisfy the relevant age criterion for applying to successive higher classes.
2. Students seeking admission to Grade II upwards, need to appear for a written test.
3. Students coming from schools following CBSE or ICSE or state matriculation board or any other international curriculum may be admitted, on the strength of their transfer certificate which should be counter signed by the authorities of the educational board concerned. A satisfactory report of the performance in the previous school, along with their good performance in the entrance test is essential for the admission.
4. Admission is subject to availability of seats in the particular class and is at the School's discretion.
5. The student has to complete all 3 admission formalities such as submission of all documents, selection in the interview and payment of fees before the admission is confirmed.
6. For further details contact the admission office.

OFFICE TIMINGS

09.00 am to 01.00 pm on Monday - Friday and on all working Saturdays.

No business transactions on holidays

All enquiry calls can be made between 09.00 am and 04.00 pm



50 YEAR OLD LEGACY

Ever since its founding in 1967 by Late Mr. M G Thomas, the Alpha Group of Institutions has scripted success stories and has created new benchmarks in the field of education. Over the last 50 years, millions of students have passed out of the portals of the Group's institutions and have done the school and the country proud by having successful careers. Many are serving in various Civil Services like IAS, IFS, IRS etc and several hold key positions in top corporates. Under the aegis of Alpha Educational Society, the Alpha Group presently runs seven educational institutions offering State, National and International curricula at its various centres.

The institutions are professionally managed under the committed supervision of the Group's Chairperson, Dr. Mrs. Grace George and Vice Chairperson, Mrs. Suja George. The Alpha schools offer CBSE curriculum at CIT Nagar, Porur and Sembakkam. We also offer the Matriculation Higher Secondary School Certificate (Std XII) at Sembakkam and CIT Nagar.

The Alpha Arts and Science College in Porur offers a wide range of Undergraduate programmes - Bio-Technology, Computer Science, Electronics and Communication, Visual Communication, Computer Applications, Business Administration, Bachelor of Commerce (General and Information System Management) as well as Postgraduate programmes in Commerce, Bio-Technology and Information Technology.

The Alpha College of Engineering offers Bachelor degree programmes in Electronics and Communication Engineering, Computer Science Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Information Technology and Bio Medical Engineering as well as a Master's programme in Management studies (MBA).

This plethora of offerings from Pre-School to Post graduation, at the Alpha Group of Institutions grant the advantage to all Alphians of a wide spectrum of learning opportunities under one umbrella, thus providing a learning continuum and nurturing a great identity and heritage based on the qualities of trust, excellence and innovation.





OUR INSTITUTIONS

Alpha Matriculation Higher Secondary School, C.I.T Nagar

Alpha Arts and Science College, Porur

Alpha Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Sembakkam

Alpha College of Engineering, Thirumazhisai

Alpha School (CBSE), C.I.T Nagar

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