

Singapore

International and Private Schools

Singapore has a large expatriate population, hence there are a number of international and private schools. International and private schools in Singapore generally do not admit Singaporean students who do not have permission from the Ministry of Education. However, the Ministry of Education is changing the strictness of this.

International and private schools that are allowed to admit Singaporean students are required to adhere to mandatory school policies such as playing the National Anthem and saying the National Pledge every morning, as well as following the nation's policies on bilingualism. – [Anglo-Chinese School \(International\)](#), [Hwa Chong International School](#) and [SJI International School](#) – are some examples of private schools run by the boards of other local institutions. Their tuition fees are 15% to 20% lower than those of regular international schools and the students come from countries like Malaysia, India, Indonesia, China, Taiwan, South Korea, Philippines, Vietnam, Netherlands and the UK.

Under the Private Education Act, the [Council for Private Education \(CPE\)](#) is a statutory board with the legislative power to regulate private education. In addition to its role as the sectoral regulator of private education institutions, the Council facilitates capability development efforts to uplift standards in the local private education industry.

In addition to the international day school, Singapore's Japanese population is served by a weekend education program, and the Japanese Supplementary School

Madrasahs

In Singapore, these are full-time institutions that offer Islamic and secular education in their curricula. There are about six big Madrasahs in Singapore which offer elementary to Higher education to students, they are: [Aljunied Al-Islamiah](#), [Al-Irsyad Al-Islamiah](#), [Al-Maarif Al-Islamiah](#), [Alsagoff Al-Arabiah](#), [Al-Arabiah Al-Islamiah](#), and [Wak Tanjong Al-Islamiah](#). Sometimes, madrasahs are co-educational, and some are single gender schools. In addition to Islamic teachings, the mainstream curriculum includes subjects and preparations for the PSLE, GCE 'O' Levels and other exams like peers in non-religious schools.

Private Tutoring

Private tuition is a lucrative industry in Singapore, many parents send their children for private tutoring after school, to supplement their classroom learning at school. In 2010, the [Shin Min Daily News](#) estimated that there were around 540 private tutoring centers in Singapore. There is high demand for these centers and they usually have high fees. The industry is not strictly regulated, though the centers are required to be registered with the Ministry of Education, this does not apply to individual private tutors. The government have partially subsidized private tutoring options available at certain community organizations, for children from low-income families.