



PROSPECTUS

Abacus was started in June 1987 as a contemporary Montessori school with a balance of academic excellence, concern for the child and a strong value system. Through the Montessori method, children at Abacus are encouraged to learn through practical experience and self-discovery within a carefully prepared child-oriented environment. With the help of scientifically prepared material for each stage of development, the trained teacher guides the child to develop a well-adjusted, balanced personality.

The school started with financial assistance from International Services, Chennai and is now run by Abacus Trust, a public charitable and educational trust. The school buildings were designed by the architect Laurie Baker.

The school is affiliated to the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, New Delhi and has classes till XII.

Enrolment Procedure

- The prospectus and enquiry form are available at the school office and are issued all year round for Primary 1. Children are admitted into Primary in June, September and January. The child must complete 2 years and 6 months of age before being considered for admission.
- Children seeking admission to other classes are admitted in June, at the beginning of the academic year provided there are vacancies.
- The school will write to the parents about the admission procedure once the enquiry form is submitted.

Fee Structure

The current fee structure may be obtained from the school office. Payment may be made by cash or cheque to "ABACUS" at the end of each term for the following term or within 5 working days of the commencement of each term. The fees are revised every year.

Timings – Mon – Fri

Office	8.15 a.m – 4.45 p.m
Primary – 2 ½ - 4 ½ years	8.45 a.m – 11.45 a.m
4 ½ - 6 years	8.45 a.m - 2.45 p.m
Elementary – Classes 2 – 6	8.45 a.m - 2.45 p.m
Secondary – Classes 7-12	8.15 a.m - 3.30 p.m

Time Table and subjects

In the Primary and Elementary, children follow a three-hour work cycle of individual activity in a mixed age group. In the Primary they choose work from different areas including Exercises of Practical Life, Sensorial, Math, Language and Culture. In the Elementary, as the children get older, they work both in small groups and individually in the areas of Languages, Math and Cosmic Education.

The subjects offered from Class 7 upwards are English, Math, Environmental Education, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, History, Geography, Hindi, Tamil, Computer Applications, Art and Home Science.

All children from the Elementary school upwards are exposed to the Performing Arts. The faculty for these classes are professionals in the fields of Folk Dance, Theatre and Music.

Clubs include Debating, Film Appreciation, News Club, Woodwork, Theatre for Social Change, Cookery etc., The school also offers Scouts and Guides.

Physical Education comprises athletics, team games, indoor games, and coaching in football and basketball.

School Events

Every child gets an opportunity to participate in all school events. Excursions are planned every term. The children go on camps regularly.

Inter House matches and other sports activities culminate in the Sports Festival at the end of the first term where children take part in various sports, team games, indoor games and athletic events.

Open Day for Elementary upwards is an opportunity to share with the parents the work done by the children.

The Annual Inter House Culturals takes place on Children's Day and is organized by the children of Class X.

The Annual Concert is a festive event scheduled towards the end of the academic year.

Reports and Tests

Tests are conducted from Class 6 upwards at the end of every term. A progress report of the child is given to parents at the end of each term.

Uniform

The school uniform is 100% cotton and designed for comfort. It is required to be tailored in the first month of school for new entrants.

Health

The school must be informed if the child is suffering from any allergy, is on any medication or is susceptible to asthma, diabetes or convulsions or any other problem requiring special care.

Food

Children bring their own snack and lunch. Lunch-hour is supervised by the teachers for the younger children.

Meetings with parents

Parent-Teacher meetings are organized at regular intervals. Parents can meet teachers by appointment in case of need.

School Managing Committee

The school managing committee has members from diverse walks of life including education, business, culture, human resource development and social work, who guide and advise the school.