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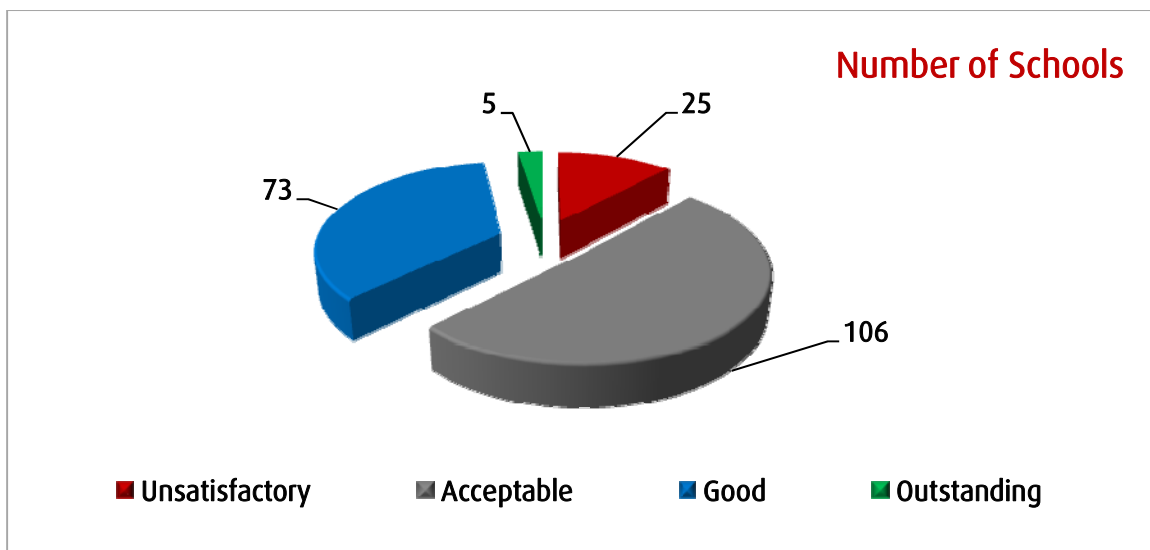
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What are Follow-Through Inspections?

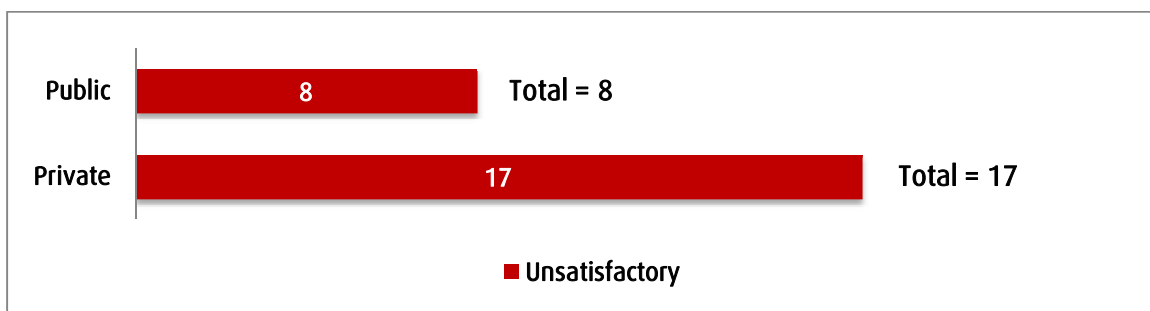
Dubai Schools Inspection Bureau (DSIB) evaluates the overall performance of a school using four categories; outstanding, good, acceptable or unsatisfactory. When a school is judged as unsatisfactory it will receive more frequent inspections. These additional inspections take place around every three months and are called Follow-Through Inspections. During Follow-Through Inspections, inspectors focus on the recommendations given to the school in the initial inspection and evaluate the progress made by the school. Follow-Through Inspections continue until the school meets the recommendations. At this point the school joins the regular inspection cycle. The full inspection will determine how well the school is performing overall; either, unsatisfactory, acceptable, good or outstanding.

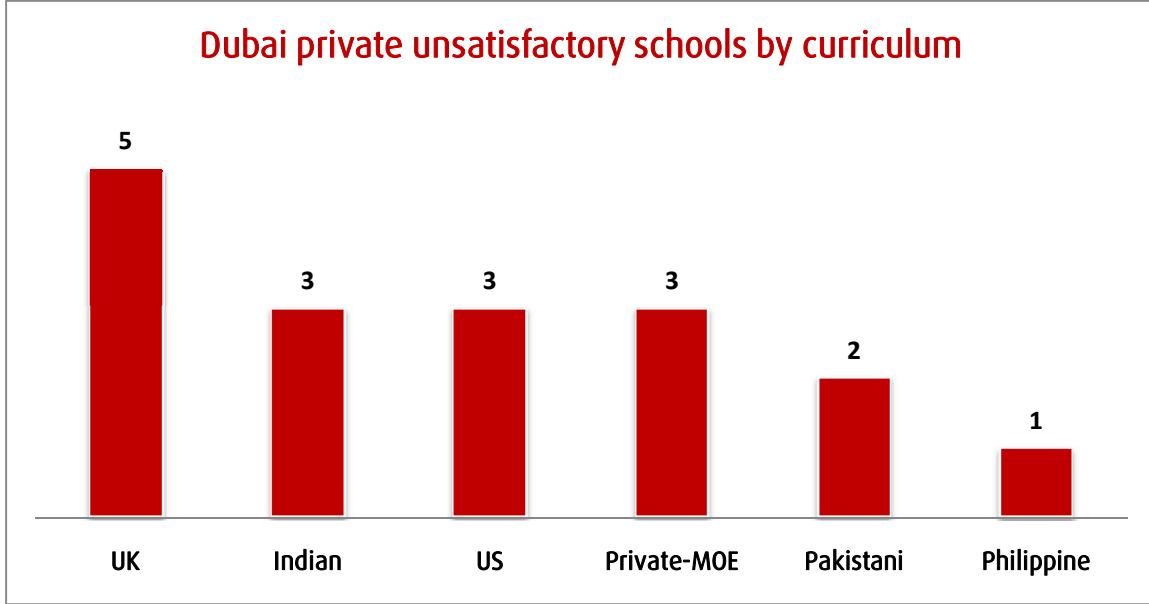
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How well did the schools perform in 2009-2010?



Which schools are unsatisfactory?





Key findings

There are 25 schools in Dubai which are providing an unsatisfactory quality of education.

Eight are public schools and 17 are private schools.

There are unsatisfactory schools across all of the main curricula in Dubai.

The 25 schools include eight public schools, five UK curriculum schools, three schools providing a US curriculum, three private schools following the Ministry of Education curriculum, two schools offering the Pakistani National Curriculum, three Indian schools following the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) curriculum and one school following the Philippine curriculum.

Ineffective leadership, inaccurate self-evaluation, poor teaching and unsafe health and safety practices are the main contributory factors leading to the unsatisfactory performance in these schools.

Almost half of all unsatisfactory schools follow the Ministry of Education curriculum. These schools do little to add to or adapt the curriculum provided through textbooks.

Key findings for unsatisfactory public schools 2009-2010

The eight public schools are; Al Aqsaa Primary, Al Hudaibiah, Al Khulafaa Al Rashideen, Al Maktoum, Al Mohallab, Al Shaab, Al Wataan Al Arabi, Mohammed Noor.

School Name	Cycle	Gender
Al Aqsaa Primary School	Cycle 1	Boys
Al Hudaibiah Primary School	Cycle 1	Girls
Al Khulafaa Al Rashideen School	Cycle 1	Boys
Al Maktoum School	Cycle 2	Boys
Al Mohallab Primary School	Cycle 2	Boys
Al Shaab Boys Primary School	Cycle 1	Boys
Al Watan Al Arabi School	Cycle 1, Cycle 2, Cycle 3	Boys
Mohammed Noor School	Cycle2	Boys

Almost all schools are boys' schools and most are Cycle One or Cycle Two schools.

Inspectors found weak leadership in all eight schools.

Students' attainment and progress in English and mathematics were unsatisfactory in almost all schools.

In four of the boys' schools, student's behaviour was not managed effectively by teachers and poor supervision practices meant that students' health and safety was at risk.

Key findings for unsatisfactory private schools 2009-2010

School Name	Curriculum
Al Basateen KG Hatta	MOE
Al Falah Model Private School	MOE
Al Farooq Pakistani Islamic School	PAKISTANI
Al Hesn Private School	MOE/US
Al Majd Indian School	CBSE
Apple International School	UK
Buds Public School	CBSE
Dubai American Scientific School	US
Dubai Arab American School	US
Dubai First School	US
Dubai Infants School	UK
English Medium School (Pvt), Dubai	UK
Little Flowers English school	CBSE
Pakistan Education Academy	PAKISTANI
The European School	UK
The Grammar School	UK
United International Private School	PHILIPPINE

The 17 private schools are; Al Basateen KG Hatta, Al Falah Model Private, Al Farooq Pakistani Islamic School, Al Hesn, Al Majd Indian School, Apple International, Buds Public School, Dubai American Scientific School, Dubai Arab American School, Dubai First, Dubai Infants, English Medium Private School, Little Flowers, Pakistan Education Academy, The European School, The Grammar School and United International Private School.

Inspectors found weak leadership in all 17 schools. In almost all cases the governance in the schools was also unsatisfactory because school owners and school managers did not have an accurate view of their schools' performance. The schools did not sufficiently involve parents or the community in supporting improvement.

Students' attainment and progress in Arabic, English and mathematics was unsatisfactory in most of the 17 schools.

Teaching and assessment practices were poor. Teachers did not use a sufficiently wide range of teaching methods to keep students interested and meet their various learning needs. Assessment provided limited or inaccurate information. Assessment information was not used effectively by teachers.

Nine schools have now received three Follow-Through Inspections. Significant weaknesses in leadership, out-dated teaching methods and poor curriculum development restrict the progress made in these schools. Students' attainment in key subjects remains unsatisfactory.

Progress from the first year of inspections

Of the 22 schools rated as unsatisfactory in 2008 to 2009, seven private schools improved their overall rating to acceptable.

The seven schools are ; Al Ameen School, Al Maaref Private School, Al Shurooq Private School, Arab Unity School, Mirdif Private School, Oxford School and Star International School – Al Twar.

The seven schools have responded effectively to the inspection reports. In these schools new leadership appointments, challenging professional development for teachers and effective links with high-performing schools were key factors in driving forward improvement.

Progress in the public schools this year

Three of the eight public schools have tackled the key weaknesses. After three Follow-Through Inspections, these schools will receive full inspections in the next academic year, as part of the regular inspection cycle. These schools are; Al Maktoum, Al Hubaibiah and Al Khulafaa Al Rashideen.

Progress in private schools this year

In 2009 to 2010, one school, Apple International, successfully met the recommendations from the last inspection and will join the regular inspection cycle next year.

Unsatisfactory Schools

The following schools were judged to be unsatisfactory and are now in the Follow-Through Inspection Cycle.

School Name	2009-2010	2008-2009	Type	Curriculum
Al Aqsaa Primary School, Boys - Cycle 1	Unsatisfactory	Acceptable	Public	MOE
Al Basateen KG Hatta	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Private	MOE
Al Falah Model Private School	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Private	MOE
Al Farooq Pakistani Islamic School	Unsatisfactory	—	Private	PAKISTANI
Al Hesn Private School	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Private	MOE/US
Al Hudaibiah School - Girls - Cycle 1 This school has met the recommendations from the initial inspection and will receive a full inspection in 2010-2011.	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Public	MOE
Al Khulafaa Al Rashideen - Boys - Cycle 1 This school has met the recommendations from the initial inspection and will receive a full inspection in 2010-2011.	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Public	MOE/Al Ghad
Al Majd Indian School	Unsatisfactory	—	Private	INDIAN (CBSE)
Al Maktoum Boys School - Boys - Cycle 2 This school has met the recommendations from the initial inspection and will receive a full inspection in 2010-2011.	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Public	MOE
Al Mohallab Primary School - Boys	Unsatisfactory	Acceptable	Public	MOE

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School Name	2009-2010	2008-2009	Type	Curriculum
Al Shaab Boys Primary School - Boys - Cycle 1	Unsatisfactory	Acceptable	Public	MOE
Al Wataan Al Arabi - Boys - Cycle 1 to 3	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Public	MOE
Apple International School This school has met the recommendations from the last inspection and will receive a full inspection in 2010-2011.	Unsatisfactory	Acceptable	Private	UK
Buds Public School	Unsatisfactory	—	Private	INDIAN (CBSE)
Dubai American Scientific School	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Private	US
Dubai Arab American School	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Private	US
Dubai First School	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Private	US
Dubai Infants School	Unsatisfactory	Acceptable	Private	UK
English Medium School (Pvt), Dubai	Unsatisfactory	Acceptable	Private	UK
Little Flowers English school	Unsatisfactory	—	Private	INDIAN (CBSE)
Mohammed Noor School - Boys - Cycle 2	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Public	MOE
Pakistan Education Academy	Unsatisfactory	—	Private	PAKISTANI
The European School	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Private	UK
The Grammar School	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Private	UK
United International Private School	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Private	PHILIPPINE