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**QSI International School of **Phuket****  
**Information Packet**  
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## QSI International School of Phuket

QSI International School of Phuket, a nonprofit institution that opened in August 2000, offers high-quality education in the English language for preschool through secondary students. The school has an enrollment of approximately 65 students.

### Facility

The present facility, built in 1990 to house the Phuket International Nursery School, was sold to Quality Schools International (QSI) in 2000. The school is a short distance from four major shopping centers on the island, but located away from traffic, noise, and congestion.

The school has 15 classrooms, a library, a computer laboratory, an art/music room, indoor activity center, and a quality kitchen and cafeteria. The site includes a basketball court, a state-of-the-art artificial grass sports field and elementary playing field, running track, a cushioned elementary play area with a variety of equipment for students, an office complex, and parking spaces. There is a large outdoor assembly area.

Air conditioning is installed in all classrooms, the library, and the computer laboratory. The school has upgraded its technology so that classrooms are interactive, with older students encouraged to bring their personal computing devices for guided use in classrooms.

### Academic Program

The academic program uses a Performance-Based/Mastery Learning approach to education. The model ensures mastery of specific skills and knowledge involving both individual and group instruction. The educational philosophy is based upon the premises that:

- 1) All students can succeed.
- 2) Success breeds success.
- 3) It is the responsibility of the school to provide the conditions for success.



## Curriculum

The curriculum includes English (reading, writing, grammar, composition, and spelling), mathematics (skills up to university preparation), cultural studies (history, geography, economics, and political science), science (physical, life, earth, biology, chemistry, and physics), art, music, technology, health, and physical education. Technology use is integrated across the curriculum. Each year, one curricular area is reviewed, updated, and supported by current instructional materials. A four-year secondary program is offered that includes core subjects, a selection of electives, and Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

Intensive English (IE) classes are offered to students that need additional help learning the English language. Additional language acquisition is offered in Thai. The school seeks to provide students with an appreciation for the rich culture and history of Thailand. Materials and equipment are up to date and of high quality. Class sizes are small. Teachers and other members of the faculty are appropriately credentialed, well-qualified, and experienced educators that come from the U.S., New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa, Australia, Canada, and Thailand.

## Accreditation

QSI International School of Phuket is fully accredited by Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and is also accredited by the Thailand Ministry of Education. These designations assure quality of instruction and allow students to be considered for admission to competitive colleges and universities throughout the world.

## Quality Schools International

QSI is a nonprofit organization operating schools in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Central and South America. QSI International School of Phuket benefits from the unique opportunities afforded by this organized network of schools with three decades of proven performance.





## QSI Mission Statement



Virtually every five-year-old comes to school eager to learn. The mission of Quality Schools International (QSI) is to keep this urge to learn alive in every child in all QSI schools.

Our schools are established to provide a quality education, in the English language, for students in the cities we serve. These students are the children of parents of many nationalities who have come to a foreign country, usually for a limited stay of a year or more. Some students are permanent residents, citizens of the host country.

Our schools follow a logical model of education which measures success by the accomplishments and attitudes of our students. We believe that all of our students can succeed, that their successes encourage them to continue in a pattern of success, and that it is the schools' responsibility to provide the conditions for success. These conditions include:

- a) Developing clear statements in measurable terms of what the student will do to demonstrate mastery of learning;
- b) Providing the time and resources needed for each student to attain mastery;
- c) Ensuring that students engage in learning at a level which is challenging and yet a level for which each student has the prerequisite skills necessary for success.

We believe in providing an aesthetically pleasing physical surrounding under the charge of a caring staff who believe their students will be successful, and who use time with the students as a resource for learning rather than as a boundary condition to determine when a unit of learning begins and ends. We believe in providing resources such as books, learning materials, and educational technology. In the world today, children need to become proficient in the use of computers and related technology as tools to accomplish a myriad of tasks.

Finally, we believe in working with parents to encourage our students to adopt qualities of living which lead to success long after formal schooling has ended. These include universally accepted "success orientations" of trustworthiness, kindness/politeness, responsibility, independent endeavor, concern for others, group interaction, and aesthetic appreciation.

## **QSI Child Safeguarding and Protection Statement**

QSI Schools adhere to the CEESA Safeguarding and Child Protection Statement and Commitments as written below.

### **QSI Safeguarding and Child Protection Statement**

- Safeguarding and Child Protection is a priority for every QSI School.
- QSI commits to supporting school environments that safeguard children through both prevention and intervention.
- QSI works in cooperation with international agencies to ensure standards associated with best practices are regularly reviewed, revised, and applied in all operations, activities, and events.
- QSI leaders honor and uphold child protection guidelines and procedures in partnership with all stakeholders in their respective school communities.

### **All QSI schools will:**

- Actively uphold the QSI Safeguarding and Child Protection Statement.
- Implement school-based Safeguarding and Child Protection Policies and Procedures that include regular onsite training.
- Employ safe recruitment practices consistent with Safeguarding and Child Protection Policies.
- Educate students and adults on Safeguarding and Child Protection.





## School Information

Quality Schools International is an independent, nonprofit organization operating international schools around the world that are committed to providing quality education.

### Curriculum

QSI offers a performance-based curriculum from Preschool (3-Year-Old Class) through Secondary IV graduation. The school meets the needs of all its students through a mastery-based system of instruction. We believe that students can master essential skills and information if given sufficient time and support.

### Approach to Learning

QSI believes the school has the responsibility to provide the conditions for success, including:

- Clear statements of what the student will do to show mastery of material.
- Provide the time and resources needed for each student to attain mastery.
- Ensure that students learn at a challenging level and each has the skills necessary for success.

### Admission

Admission requires the submission of an application form, a copy of passport or birth certificate, previous school records (if applicable), health information, and payment of the one-time, non-refundable US \$300 registration fee. Registration materials are available in the school office, by email attachments, and online at [phuket.qsi.org](http://phuket.qsi.org).

### Student Placement

Following official admission procedures, a placement examination is given to each student to determine the appropriate level of instruction. Testing is designed to determine reading, writing, mathematics, and English proficiency and is not used as a basis to accept or reject students.



### **Progress Reports**

Student “Status Reports” are sent home five times each year. Student progress or mastery of the curriculum is reported as either “A” or “B”. Individual narrative reports are also sent home during the year. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled three times each year. In addition to academic reporting, each Status Report includes an evaluation of the seven Success Orientations.

### **Transportation**

Parents are responsible for transportation of their children to and from school. Outside, private contractors provide bus services for the school and are available and provide transportation to and from many areas of the island. The school bus coordinator can help facilitate this privately contracted transportation service.

### **Governance**

Quality Schools International, a nonprofit, private educational organization, manages the school. A Director administers QSI International School of Phuket on site. A Thai Director coordinates with the local staff and manages the relationships with local government agencies. A dedicated Advisory Board is appointed and offers valuable insights and advice on a broad scope of local, national, and school matters.

### **Parent Support Group (PSG)**

Parents are encouraged to actively participate in all school functions.

### **Staffing**

QSI hires qualified and experienced educators who enjoy working with children and teenagers. Each educator hired has the expertise to administer the QSI curriculum and strives to help students reach their academic goals. The community and teaching staff are supported by a full-time Director, a full-time Thai Director, Office Manager, School Accountant, and Office Assistants.







## 2022-2023 School Calendar

### Term 1

First Day: 18 August 2022  
(THURSDAY)  
Last Day: 09 December 2022  
(FRIDAY)  
Number of School Days: 74

### Term 2

First Day: 03 January 2023  
(TUESDAY)  
Last Day: 24 March 2023  
(FRIDAY)  
Number of School Days: 54

### Term 3

First Day: 27 March 2023  
(MONDAY)  
Last Day: 16 June 2023  
(FRIDAY)  
Number of School Days: 52

### General Information

The school week is MONDAY - FRIDAY  
Total Number of School Days: 180

### Quintile 1

First Day: 18 August  
Last Day: 06 October  
Holidays: \_\_\_\_\_

### Quintile 2

First Day: 07 October  
Last Day: 07 December  
Holidays: 

King Bhumibol Adulyadej Memorial Day	13 Oct	
Chulalongkorn/Mid-Term Break	24 Oct	28 Oct
Regional Professional Development	18 Nov	19 Nov
King's Rama 9's Birthday	05 Dec	

### Quintile 3

First Day: 08 December  
Last Day: 24 February  
Holidays: 

Winter Break	12 Dec	02 Jan
Mid-term Break	06 Feb	10 Feb
School Professional Development	25 Feb	

### Quintile 4

First Day: 27 February  
Last Day: 24 April  
Holidays: 

Songkran Festival	10 Apr	14 Apr
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### Quintile 5

First Day: 25 April  
Last Day: 16 June  
Holidays: 

Labor Day	01 May
Coronation Day	04 May
Substitute Day (Queen's Birthday/Visakhabhcaha Day)	05 Jun



## School Fee Policy 2022-2023

### ■ Registration Fee

This is a one-time, non-refundable fee of US **\$300** for all students.

### ■ School Tuition Fees

#### 5-YEAR-OLD CLASS - SECONDARY IV

#### DATE DUE

◆ Annual Fee	<u>\$13,000</u>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Term	\$5,200.....	19 AUG. 2022
2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	\$3,900.....	09 DEC. 2022
3 <sup>rd</sup> Term	\$3,900.....	24 MAR. 2023

### ■ Capital Fund Fee

#### SECONDARY CLASSES (SEC 1 – SEC IV)

#### DATE DUE

◆ Annual Fee	<u>\$1,600</u>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Term	\$600.....	19 AUG. 2022
2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	\$500.....	09 DEC. 2022
3 <sup>rd</sup> Term	\$500.....	24 MAR. 2023

#### 3-4-YEAR-OLD CLASS

#### DATE DUE

◆ Annual Fee(Full Day)	<u>\$6,000</u>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Term	\$2,400.....	19 AUG. 2022
2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	\$1,800.....	09 DEC. 2022
3 <sup>rd</sup> Term	\$1,800.....	24 MAR. 2023
◆ Annual Fee (Half Day)	<u>\$4,000</u>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Term	\$1,600.....	19 AUG. 2022
2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	\$1,200.....	09 DEC. 2022
3 <sup>rd</sup> Term	\$1,200.....	24 MAR. 2023



## School Fee Policy

### Partial Term

In the event a student enters after the beginning of a term or leaves before the end of a term, the partial term fee is as follows:

Two weeks enrollment or less	= 20% of the term fee
More than two weeks, up to four weeks	= 40% of the term fee
More than four weeks, up to six weeks	= 60% of the term fee
More than six weeks	= 100% of the term fee

### A week is defined as five school days.

Every student must pay the higher 1<sup>st</sup> term fee for the first **complete** term in school. Thus, if the student is in school for less than six weeks of the first term, the fee for the first term will be the appropriate percentage (see table above) of the lower second term fee. **Then, the second term fee will be the higher first term fee.** This pattern also applies to the capital fund fee.

If a student is in school less than six weeks during the year, the fee will be the appropriate percentage of the higher 1<sup>st</sup> term fee.

The registration fee is a one-time, non-refundable fee and is not charged again in subsequent years or upon the re-entry of a student.

**EXAMPLE:** A ten-year-old student enrolls in November. There are 23 school days remaining in the first term, which constitutes more than four weeks but less than six weeks. The first **complete** term will be the second school term. The fees are charged as follows:

- \*1st Term: 60% of 2<sup>nd</sup> lower term fee and capital fund fee
- \*2nd Term: higher 1<sup>st</sup> term fee and capital fund fee
- \*3rd Term: 3<sup>rd</sup> term fee and capital fund fee

**EXAMPLE:** A nine-year-old student enrolls in January. There are more than 30 school days (6 weeks) remaining in the second term. The school fee will be the higher 1<sup>st</sup> term fee and capital fund fee and the 3<sup>rd</sup> term fee and capital fund fee.

### School Absences

There is no reduction of school fees for absenteeism for any reason, including home leave holidays, unless a student officially withdraws. If a student withdraws, the student may re-enroll at any time and be invoiced like a new student. The registration fee is not required upon re-entry. Please note: if there is a short time difference between withdrawal and re-enrollment, enrollment should be reinstated as if the student had never withdrawn.

### Capital Fund Fee

The purpose of the Capital Fund Fee is to provide financial support for the school's facilities and development program, present or future. This may include the purchase of fixed assets such as computers, furniture, vehicles, and other items.



### **Discount Policy**

Discounts of \$200 each will be given for full-term payments received on or before the due dates. An additional discount of \$400 will be given if the full annual payment is received on or before the first of October. Thus, a total discount of \$1000 is possible for students enrolled in the 5-year-old class and above. However, if the first term payment is not received before the first term due date, but the entire year payment is made by 1 October, the maximum discount is \$800. Discounts should be claimed within 30 days from the payment date. There is no discount available for preschool classes or scholarship students. Discounts will be reversed for students who withdraw before the end of the year and are given a tuition refund. If a parent is paying for more than one student on the same invoice, when calculating the discount, payment should be applied to each term in full in the order of the terms. The discount is only given when payment is made for all students on the invoice.

Organizations or parents are encouraged to donate the timely payment discounts. The school's Advisory Board, with recommendations from the Director, will decide how these funds will be utilized.

Note: If the full payment is made by the required date, and the discount is not taken, the discount will automatically be allocated for activities chosen by the Advisory Board with recommendations from the Director.

### **Payments**

Payment information will be provided by the school. Payment, or arrangement for payment, must be made on or before the due dates. Students will not be allowed in class if the financial matters have not been completed.

In cases in which fees, or any other funds owed to the school, are delinquent, and the parent has not made arrangements for payment, student evaluations will be withheld until the fees are paid. Also, no official school communications or records will be issued to the student or parent, nor sent to other schools, when fee payments are not current.

### **Force Majeure**

In the event of *force majeure* that causes a student or students to be withdrawn from the school, the fees already paid in full for the school year will not be refunded, or if unpaid, will be due. This policy is necessary to protect the school's financial interests with a view to continuing operations after the force majeure event has passed. Any appeals resulting from the application of the policy will be resolved by the Advisory Board of the school.

### **Distance Learning**

If the school moves to distance learning and the student continues to be enrolled, the school fees will be paid according to the fee policy, the same as if the student is in the school physically for classroom instruction.

## School Schedule

### School Hours

- Monday through Friday: 7:55 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.
- After-School Activities: Daily 3:35 - 4:30 p.m.

### Books and Supplies

Textbooks are loaned to the students at no cost. Students are responsible for the care of the books and are not to write in them, keeping in mind that they will be used by other students in the future. Students are expected to bring their own pencils and erasers.

### School Week

School week is Monday through Friday.

### Other Expenses

Purchasing lunch from the school and transportation are optional. QSI uniform shirts and a basic Accident Insurance policy are required at nominal cost. Additional fees may be charged to supplement special field trips or activities not covered in basic tuition fees.



## Special Services, Programs, and Facilities

### School Websites

[www.qsi.org](http://www.qsi.org)

<https://www.qsi.org/phuket/>

### School Newsletter

The school newsletter is distributed in print upon request and in email format to all parents and guardians weekly.

### Facilities

The school has welcoming instructional classrooms and playground areas. There is a large outdoor covered area that is used for meetings and other activities. The school has a large kitchen and comfortable cafeteria.

### Library

One library for Elementary, Middle and Secondary students, is automated. The libraries include a substantial amount of new materials.

### Science Laboratory

The science laboratory contains the necessary equipment to conduct experiments in all science courses.

### Computer Laboratory

The modern computer laboratory is equipped with 28 computers that maintain internet access. Color and black and white printers, Smart TV's, LCD projectors, advanced video and still cameras are available. Software programs to support educational outcomes of all age groups are used to develop computer proficiency and to supplement the classroom curriculum.



### **Language Programs**

Thai Language and Culture is studied by all students. QSI Phuket also offers Russian and Chinese Language classes.

### **Playground**

The Elementary school playground consists of an artificial surface junior football pitch, running track, swings, slides, and climbing bars.

### **Playing Fields**

The sports field is covered in artificial turf and can be used for a variety of sports activities. There is also an artificial surface outdoor basketball court.

### **After-School and Extra-Curricular Activities**

Extra-curricular activities include Student Government, sports/athletic activities and a wide variety of other school activities.

### **Sports**

Students participate in sports competitions based on student interest. These competitions are open to girls and boys. Intramural Sports are offered as part of the physical education program as well as during the After-School Activities program.



## **Educational Program**

### **Entry Ages and Placement**

To enter the 5-year-old class, a child will have completed 5 years of age no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. This pattern is applied to the other classes in the school. If an exception is requested, documentation that supports the student's academic need is required, and the Director will make the final decision after consultation with parents and teachers. If an exception to the policy is made, it will be documented and signed by the parents and school administrator, and placed in the student's permanent file.

Secondary-age students are placed into Secondary I by age (14 years old by the end of October), even though secondary students may be engaged in some elementary units. Progress through the secondary levels is determined at the beginning of each school year by the number of credits attained.

### **Preschool (3-4-Year-Old) Program**

The preschool program offers participation in a variety of play-related and hands-on experiences designed to develop learning readiness, physical coordination and development, and the social skills necessary to be successful in a classroom setting. Emphasis is placed on the development of self-confidence, self-esteem, and natural excitement to learn. A full spectrum of activities is provided including music, computers, art, library, and play.

### **5-Year-Old Class**

This academically oriented program develops the skills and attitudes children need for future academic disciplines. A variety of experiences develop eye/hand/body coordination, and reading readiness. The program introduces reading, mathematics, oral and written language skills, science, and cultural studies. There is a continued emphasis on personal development through varied classes of music, computers, art, library, and physical education.

### **Elementary (6-11-Year-Old) Classes**

Elementary school students take a full program of mathematics, literacy (reading and writing), science, cultural studies, art, music, technology, physical education, and library. Technology is integrated within the curriculum at all levels along with the four Cs of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills; critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication. Thai language is taught as a foreign language.







### **Middle School (12-13-Year-Old) Classes**

This program meets the needs of students in the 12-13-year-old age groups. Students take a rigorous academic program of mathematics, reading and writing, science, cultural studies, art, music, physical education, technology, and library/research skills. Qualified students may enroll in some secondary classes for credit towards secondary school graduation.

### **Secondary I-IV Classes**

The Secondary program prepares students for colleges and universities in the United States and other countries. The rigorous academic program consists of mathematics, laboratory science (Biology, Physics, and Chemistry), world cultural studies and history, world literature, English writing and grammar, art, music, physical education, and technology. As part of our MSA accreditation goals students are challenged to use the four Cs for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills; critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication. Advanced Placement (AP) Courses are offered for college credit in various subjects on a rotational basis. Three Diplomas are offered – Academic with Honors, Academic, and General.





## Educational Model Summary

### Success-Oriented Learning

The school's educational structure is based upon student performance and mastery learning. The Performance-Based/Mastery Learning approach recognizes human characteristics and enables the student to be placed in learning environments according to achievement levels. This approach facilitates matching the students' skills and needs with the academic program. The implications are profound for student attitudes and learning. The school is dedicated to this concept.

### Performance-Based

The curricular model used is a "Performance-Based" approach to education. The content of each academic discipline is divided into specific student expectancies or "Essential Units". An "Essential Unit" contains specific concepts or skills. Teachers give instruction and guidance for the essential unit using appropriate materials and activities, and when the essential unit is completed, assess for student mastery. Records are maintained documenting individual student progress and credentialing. Objectives, instruction, teaching materials, and evaluations are aligned. Curriculum is reviewed periodically for relevance and validity. All curricula are available for parents to review.

### Mastery Learning

In this research-validated model each Essential Unit is taught with a view to excellence. When students demonstrate mastery of the essential unit, they move on to the next essential unit. If the student does not achieve mastery, the teacher re-teaches, and the student revises as necessary. Additional conferencing and extended practice may be given for the student to demonstrate proficiency at the appropriate level before testing again. When the students demonstrate mastery, they are rewarded with an "A" or "B". Thus, a student never "fails" in the traditional sense. Instead, he/she proceeds logically through the curriculum at a pace determined by his/her mastery of the material.

### Success Orientations

"Success for All" is the motto of QSI Schools. Personal habits and the ability to interact successfully with others are deemed as valuable as the knowledge and competencies students learn. Success orientations are actively encouraged in virtually all areas of the school curriculum with the view of making them a vital part of one's life pattern. Evaluations of the success orientations are limited to situations within the jurisdiction of the school and are made by a consensus of the professional staff members. They are grouped under the headings of:

- ◆Trustworthiness ◆Responsibility
- ◆Aesthetic Appreciation ◆Concern for Others ◆Kindness and Politeness
- ◆Independent Endeavor ◆Group Interaction

**Are you TRACKING with our Success Orientations?**



## Student Evaluation

Evaluations and rewards for student progress should take place as soon as possible after mastery is demonstrated for each unit outcome.

### The three basic premises of performance-based education are:

- a) All Students can succeed;
- b) Success breeds success;
- c) It is the school's responsibility to provide the conditions for the student's success.

With this in mind, Quality Schools International does not accept mediocre (grade of "C") or poor (grade of "D" or "F") work. The grades of "A" and "B" are mastery grades, and indicate that a student has successfully mastered the learning objective and is ready to build on that learning.

In view of the above comments, the evaluations issued in the written status reports are defined as follows:

**A** = All essential parts of the outcome were mastered at an appropriately high level. The student consistently demonstrated noteworthy achievement of a high quality, particularly in the higher order thinking or performance skills.

**B** = All essential parts of the outcome were mastered at an appropriately high level in which the student successfully engaged in higher order thinking or performance skills.

**P** = The student is "In progress" in the outcome (normal status).

**H** = This outcome is "on hold" for a legitimate reason. (The student has begun the outcome but is not currently pursuing it.)

**D** = The student has not made a reasonable effort and is therefore "deficient" in attaining mastery of the outcome.

**E** = "Exposure". The student made a reasonable effort in the outcome and attained a level of mastery consistent with his/her capabilities. (Elementary classes only, but not in mathematics, reading, or writing.)

**W** = The student has withdrawn from this outcome.

In Secondary school, students are granted one credit for mastery of each unit outcome which is credentialed "A" or "B". Thus, ten credits correspond to one "Carnegie Unit" as used by many American secondary schools. Because Quality Schools International encourages continued learning, if students receive an evaluation of "B" on a unit outcome, they may continue to work independently in that outcome and request another opportunity to demonstrate a higher level of mastery. If demonstrated, the evaluation may be changed from a "B" to an "A" within the same school year.

Evaluations, called status reports, are issued to all students five times each year (at the end of each "quintile"). However, parents may request a status report for their child at any time.

## QSI Philosophy and Objectives

The philosophy of QSI includes the following:

### Attitudes Toward Learning

We believe that more learning will occur if the student has a desire to learn, has positive feelings concerning his school environment, and succeeds in his work. A comfortable atmosphere of caring and acceptance established by the school is considered important, so that each student is encouraged to strive for excellence and to be creative. This is enhanced by an aesthetically pleasing environment with a view to appreciation of beauty and order. Each student's possibility of success increases when the student works at the appropriate level of difficulty and senses positive expectations from his teachers.

### Functions of the Administration:

- a) To recruit teachers who have a love for children, who have positive expectations of children, and who are willing to give the time and energy necessary to meet the needs of individual students.
- b) To employ teachers who have acceptable values and who believe that their life style should be a positive influence on their students.
- c) To employ teachers directly from outside of the country, if necessary, to provide experienced and successful teachers for specific positions.
- d) To employ enough teachers to maintain reasonably small class sizes.
- e) To help teachers meet the individual needs of students by employing selected paraprofessionals.
- f) To provide spacious buildings and classrooms which are functional yet include local architectural designs with a view to blending into the local environment.
- g) To test each student in reading and mathematics upon initial enrollment to ensure a proper entry level in these classes.
- h) To encourage parental support of the school with a view to enhancing the learning and the development of positive attitudes of the students.

### Functions of teaching staff:

- a) To continually assess the student in all areas of learning to ensure appropriate learning tasks leading to challenging work, but work in which he is capable of experiencing success.
- b) To ensure that the student knows what learning tasks are expected.
- c) To provide appropriate learning experiences and allow each student sufficient time on a task to be able to experience success.
- d) To provide additional learning experiences, if mastery is the goal and if the task is not mastered after the initial teaching/learning experience.
- e) To reward students equally for mastering learning tasks regardless of the path taken to mastery. Not to give a higher reward to one who required a greater input of energy nor to one who easily and quickly attained mastery.
- f) To evaluate students in a way in which a student competes against himself rather than against a fellow student.

- g) To inspire students to help them see what they can be and what they can accomplish with a view to excellence and creativity.
- h) To provide a positive school atmosphere by working with a cooperative spirit, giving support to one another, and encouraging a high morale and efficiency within the staff.



**Areas of Learning:**

- a) To provide learning situations leading to mastery of appropriate topics in English and mathematics for all students.
- b) To provide quality instruction in science and cultural studies for all students.
- c) To offer quality programs of instruction in physical education, music, and art to all students.
- d) To provide classes in Intensive English as appropriate.
- e) To offer local and foreign languages as appropriate.
- f) To offer selected courses in national studies including non-English languages as appropriate, with a view to the needs of particular nationalities and to academic adjustment upon repatriation.
- g) To offer courses in technology to all students.
- h) To offer varied activities and elective classes which are not part of the regular academic program.
- i) To involve students in field trips and activities related to their classes, but away from school.
- j) To provide the appropriate materials, resources, and equipment for all areas.

**Social Behavior:**

- a) To encourage an understanding of one's self with a view to developing acceptable values such as patience, kindness, unselfishness, honesty, and consideration for others.
- b) To provide a positive and secure atmosphere, treating the students honestly and fairly.
- c) To encourage each student to feel good about himself and to help him promote similar feelings in fellow students.
- d) To provide guidance in problem solving and decision making situations.
- e) To develop a sense of responsibility and to encourage leadership.

**Cultural Awareness**

- a) To encourage each student to recognize in a positive way his own nationality.
- b) To provide an atmosphere of cultural acceptance and understanding with a view to building healthy international relationships.
- c) To integrate into the curriculum studies of the local region and the country itself.

**Environmental Awareness**

- a) To develop an awareness of environmental concerns such as overpopulation, pollution, waste of natural resources, destruction of wildlife and natural areas, and personal health.
- b) To promote a concern for the protection of the environment.
- c) To provide activities and projects for students which involve them in improving the environment.



## **A Brief History of Quality Schools International**

### **Sanaa International School**

Sanaa International School opened in September 1971 with four students and grew to over 200 within a few years. The school's early history is related to the founder's first assignment in Yemen. In 1966-67, Mr. James E. Gilson was employed as principal of the Yemen-American Cooperative School in Taiz, Yemen. In May of 1967, the American community was evacuated, and the school ceased operations. Mr. Gilson, encouraged by the friendliness and hospitality of the people of Yemen, had a desire to return. In the summer of 1971, as Mr. Gilson was completing a two-year assignment as the Principal of Nairobi International School in Kenya, the civil war in Yemen finished. Missionary friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gilson, Wolfgang and Beryl Stumpf, whom Mr. Gilson met in 1959 during his time with the US Army in Eritrea, encouraged them to return to Yemen to start an international school in Sanaa.

After discussions with key people in Sanaa, it became apparent that there was a need for a school. Therefore, Mr. Gilson accepted a teaching position in Saudi Arabia, hired a teaching couple to go to Yemen, and was able to financially guarantee the first year of Sanaa International School. The school grew to about 25 students in that first year making it possible for Mr. and Mrs. Gilson and their two sons, Marcus and Kevin, to move to Yemen in July 1972.

In 1974, the school's Advisory Board, composed of leading expatriates and Yemenis, joined by a few others in Sanaa, met and formulated the school's Articles of Organization and By-Laws. This established the school as a nonprofit organization and formed a Board of Directors. Accurate accounting records have been kept throughout the school's existence. As a nonprofit entity, the school has been able to receive grants, loans, and land.

As early as 1972, it was foreseen that a purpose-built facility should be constructed. After three years of discussions and meetings at many levels, the Yemen Government granted the school its present 35 acres (about 14 hectares) gratis for a period of fifty years. Many individuals of the Yemen Government, the American Government, the United Nations, and the German Government gave considerable assistance in time and influence to obtain this land that was occupied on 22 December 1976. Construction began on 1 January 1977. A formal agreement with the Yemen Government was signed on 7 May 1977 that included the land grant, as well as a tax-free status for foreign employees of the school.

The building program and site development included the school buildings, two water wells, one residential home, a workshop, and playground development (including a tennis court and a softball field with an outfield fence). In the fall of 1992 a new domed, carpeted auditorium/sports area was put into use that was surrounded by large classrooms.

The educational program has progressed from the philosophy brought by the first teachers to a structured, performance-based model first implemented in the fall of 1987 in the secondary section. By the autumn of 1989, the entire school was performance-based. Formal accreditation was granted by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools on 24 April 1987.

Due to the presence of Al-Qaida in parts of Yemen that put our foreign staff in danger of kidnapping, the school was closed after the 2014-15 school year.

It is sad to report that on 29 December 2015 during another civil war, a bomber from the neighboring country dropped a bomb during the evening that destroyed the domed building. Thankfully, no one was

in the building at the time. Requests seeking financial compensation for damages have not been recognized nor answered.

### **Quality Schools International**

Quality Schools International has a recent history. In 1991, the political structure of the world began a rapid transition. Great changes took place in the former USSR and in areas formerly under its sphere of influence. Combining this recent history with experience in the school restructuring process leading to higher success in schools, QSI was launched.

Mr. H. Duane Root, Chairman of the QSI Board of Directors, and Mr. James E. Gilson, President of QSI, co-founded Quality Schools International as a nonprofit, educational organization, with a view to offering opportunities in education for expatriates in new countries.

In May of 1991, Mr. Gilson traveled to Albania to have a look at a country just emerging from over 45 years of dictatorial rule. During his time there, he met some key people in the Tirana community and made a decision to begin Tirana International School. This expansion has resulted today in an organization offering excellence in education with 35 schools in 29 different countries on five continents.

**QSI Headquarters** is in Malta. The current QSI President, Jerry Scott, lives in Malta and manages headquarters. This is also the location for the Personnel, Finance, School Operations, Information & Communications, Curriculum & Resources, and Technology departments of QSI. The current QSI Vice-President, Dr. Karen Hall, also lives in Malta.

**QSI Regional Supervisors** are located in regional locations. These six Regional Supervisors provide guidance and support to designated QSI schools.

**QSI United States Business Office** is located in Wilder, Idaho, USA. This office expedites financial transactions for QSI.

**QSS (Quality Schools Services)** is located in Wilder, Idaho, USA. The following offices are housed there: Shipping Manager and Shipping Assistants. QSS provides services for ordering, collection, and shipping of school materials to most QSI schools.

It is an exciting time to be in the world and to be involved in education! QSI looks forward to providing excellence in education for international children living in many countries and to providing career opportunities for caring and competent educators.

