

ARAB EVANGELICAL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, RAMALLAH, WEST BANK

Founded in 1954 as a home for impoverished and orphaned girls, the Arab Evangelical Episcopal School has evolved into a K-12 academic co-ed school serving 845 students and their families.

The school operates upon the premise that fulfilling its Christian mission comes through serving the Palestinian community in all its diversity, regardless of students' religion, race, gender, and socioeconomic status.

The school's mission is to develop the student as a "whole person," to be respected as a human being, having his or her own unique character.

The school seeks to educate young Palestinians to become active citizens who participate in developing a humanistic and democratic society, enhancing religious and national heritage in Palestine, and promoting mutual understanding and tolerance among religions and cultures.



AT A GLANCE **Arab Evangelical Episcopal School**

- + Iyad Rafidi, Headmaster
- + Expanded to grades 10 - 12 in the early 1990s to allow low-income ninth grade students the opportunity to graduate from high school.
- + The only Diocese of Jerusalem school with a majority of Christian students (54%)
- + Secondary students choose from two tracks: science or humanities
- + AEES receives no subsidies from the Palestinian Authority Ministry of Education.
- + In the 1967 war, two students were killed and two lay sisters were injured when the school was struck by bombs.



SERVICES PROVIDED

- Academic education for middle and low-income students in grades K -12
- Alternative program for students with special needs, learning disabilities, and social and psychological problems

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— Iyad Rafidi, Headmaster

Three girls from its girls' football (soccer) team were chosen to join the Palestinian National football team.



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