

CHRIST EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, NAZARETH, ISRAEL

With a student population of 1,200 across grades K-12, Christ Episcopal School in Nazareth is the largest school owned and operated by the Diocese of Jerusalem. Founded in 1851 by the Church Mission Society, it has long served Palestinian Christian and Muslim students who are a minority in Israel.

As a Christian school in Israel, Christ School receives a limited government subsidy, which makes the contributions of AFEDJ donors increasingly important as the school works to make tuition affordable for all qualified students.

According to school leaders, Muslim parents – whose children make up 85 percent of the students – turn to Christ School because of the quality of education and the values emphasized. Christ School offers an important foundation and head start for the minority population.

At Christ Episcopal School in Nazareth helping young Arab Palestinians become effective communicators is a top priority so they can find their voice to tell the world about the reality of Arab Palestinians who are citizens of Israel.



AT A GLANCE **Christ Episcopal School**

- + Archdeacon Samuel Barhoum, Headmaster
- + The largest student population of any Diocese of Jerusalem school: 1,200
- + Students graduate tri-lingual – Arabic, Hebrew and English. Students take the Israeli university entrance exams in Hebrew and most go on to higher education



The school gives us the opportunity to express our opinions as much as the boys. There is no difference at all. We know that it cannot be that way in every part of our country, but we hope to help women have equal rights more and more in the coming years.

— Shams, a freshman at Christ School

SERVICES PROVIDED

Academic K-12 education for Palestinian students who are Israeli citizens

- Scientific excellence program for junior high students in partnership with the Davidson Institute - the leading institute in Israel for scientific education, and the educational arm of the Weizmann Institute of Science.
- Media and communications certificate program
- Technology and application development certificate program
- Diocesan-wide summer camp offering sports, art, music and drama

85% of Israeli Arab technology professionals graduated from Christian schools



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