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Policy on Calendar and Public Holidays

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School Policy on Calendar and Public Holidays

A. Scope

This policy applies to all students, staff, and stakeholders of LISQ. It ensures compliance with the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) requirements regarding the school calendar and the observation of public holidays. The policy aligns with local regulations and fosters consistency and social cohesion.

B. Purpose

1. To ensure that the school calendar is developed in compliance with ADEK requirements.
2. To harmonize the observation of public holidays in alignment with UAE national identity and cultural values.
3. To provide clarity and consistency in planning academic schedules and observing holidays.

C. Policy

1. Calendar Submission and Approval

1.1 The school shall submit its proposed calendar to ADEK through the ADEK Calendar System for approval, adhering to all outlined requirements.

1.2 The calendar shall:

- Align with ADEK's suggested dates or meet the mandatory boundaries for start and end dates, school breaks, and the required number of teaching days.
- Include examination dates for board and pre-collegiate exams.

1.3 The timeline for calendar submission shall follow the schedule communicated by ADEK.

1.4 Upon approval by ADEK, the calendar shall be disseminated to staff, students, and parents through appropriate channels.

2. Public Holidays

2.1 The school shall observe all public holidays specified on the ADEK Calendar System, acknowledging that these dates are subject to official announcements.

2.2 If a public holiday coincides with international or external examinations, the school may hold sessions on the holiday, subject to prior ADEK approval.

3. Compliance

3.1 This policy is effective as of the Academic Year 2024/25 (Fall term).

References:

- Federal Decree Law No. (31) of 2021 Promulgating Crimes and Penalties.
- ADEK School Calendar and Public Holidays Policy (September 2024, Version 1.1).

Publication and Review:

This policy shall be reviewed annually to ensure alignment with ADEK updates and directives.

Policy Owner Department

Education Department

Key Stakeholders		
Policy Owner:	School Principal	LISQ Principal
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