



 Cambridge Assessment
International Education

Cambridge International School

An IB PYP Candidate School
— Pre-KG to Grade 12 —

Nurturing

A New Generation

Education isn't just about knowledge transfer - it is about evoking a sense of curiosity and equipping learners with tools to find those answers - no matter how old they are, no matter where they go.

Education, like life, must be ever-evolving - taking cues from the world around it. At NEST, we are dedicated to nurturing a generation of leaders, scientists and artists.

But more importantly, a generation of 'self-actualized learners' who are grounded in values, driven by creativity and problem-solving led by a collaborative mentality.

A new archetype of children who are prepared for every future uncertainty and will redefine the paradigms of society and the world.





A Legacy of Passionate Educators

Conceived by the Meenakshi Group of Colleges to evolve a new generation of young learners, NEST is born from almost a 75-year legacy of engendering graduates who have created indisputable impact across fields like Science, Technology, the Fine Arts, the Civil Service, Sports and even Mountaineering.

Heartful Education in the city centre

Located in the heart of Chennai, our Kodambakkam campus within Meenakshi Group of Colleges is a harmonious blend of nature, and best-in-class and sustainable infrastructure to inspire environmentally conscious, young learners.

The HoNEST Difference



Personalised & Dynamic Learning Experience

NEST seeks to create a learning environment where every lesson is personalised with tools and activities that foster collaboration and hands-on learning.

With children at the centre of every class session, we aim to help every student 'learn how to learn' - by instilling ownership from the very beginning, we empower them to construct their learning.

By connecting every lesson with the community around them, NEST attunes students to cultivate problem-solving early on.



Organic - Sustainability at heart

With a campus in the heart of the city, NEST is a harmonious blend of best-in-class infrastructure and nature. By creating an environment that encourages children to interact with nature and actively practising composting and waste treatment, our campus has sustainability at its heart

Our people carry sustainability at heart too - by creating a learning experience that discounts any subject hierarchy and demonstrating sustainable practices, NEST aspires to nurture a generation who are self-aware and aware about the environment they inhabit.



Experiential learning

Learning evolves into knowledge, and then wisdom, only with practice. Designed to be activity and project based, NEST students are ushered to make practical learning, a practice.

From lesson plans to extra curricular activities and sports, rest assured, your child's day is planned to be application based and collaboration-driven.





Programs we deliver

NURSERY

Mom & Me Program, Toddler Program,
Pre-KG, LKG & UKG

Offering a wholesome learning experience, NEST seeks to acquaint students to the world around them through play-based, inquiry-driven and creatively-stimulating learning. An experience peppered with group interactions, reflection and exposure to various art forms will develop a holistic foundation every young learner needs.



P R I M A R Y

Grade 1-5

As a gateway for budding learners, NEST's Primary Program equips them with tools to interact with and assimilate a world of information around them. While helping them navigate their world and community, our facilitators hone their innate need to self-reflect and create art.

M I D D L E

Grade 6-8

At this phase, students are equipped with tools to not just understand but question, reflect and deduce patterns, adversities and challenges in their community. By facilitating level-headed thinking, NEST lays the groundwork for a generation of shrewd and insightful learners.

Our People & Practices

Vision

Nurturing young learners through the development of a global and creative mindset to power the transformation of their and our world



Mission

Children shape our world as much as we shape their world. As educators, we believe that transforming their learning experience is the key to unlocking a better, more empowered world. We aspire to create education that is



**Relevant to Real World
& Individual Passions**



**Supported by
Application & Experience**



**Collaboration
Driven**



Organic & Holistic



**Anchored to Create
Social Impact**

Our Values & Culture



Collaborative & Vibrant

An environment where ideas are welcomed with open minds and hearts is a vibrant one. This is achieved by creating a hierarchy-free culture that fosters collaboration and an unwavering faith in our team.



Children Centric

When the focus moves from the 'what' to 'who', the shift in how education is designed, delivered and experienced transforms. Individual passions and talents trump archaic templates.



Curiosity & Creation

Learning becomes organic when the pursuit of curiosity is encouraged and facilitated. When teachers nurture learners to construct their learning, creativity is but a natural consequence.



NEST as a Family

By erasing formalities and archaic borders, we cultivate genuine relationships that are based on trust, mutual respect and an intrinsic affection that is palpable among everyone.



Positive Social Action

Socially-conscious and environmentally-responsible in the way we teach, function and live. We believe we are agents of positive change in our community and world.



The NEST Campus

Imbibing sustainability at its heart, our campus was designed for open spaces, a harmonious fusion with natural elements and as a place for your child to explore and pursue their passions - to nurture a generation of holistic young learners.

Learning Spaces

- 40+ Collaborative Smart Classrooms
- Advanced Makers Labs – Robotics, Mechatronics, and Data Sciences
- Access to advanced Engineering & Science Labs such as AI, Data Sciences, Plant Biotechnology, and Advance Manufacturing
- Advanced Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Graphics Design, and Theatre Labs
- A state-of-the-art 250 seater auditorium
- Campus-wide state-of-the-art CCTV security

Sustainability in Practice

Children actively participate and experience our sustainable practices through:

- Solar Thermal Plants
- Solar PV Plants
- Sewage Treatment Plants
- Composting Yards

Extra and Co Curriculars

- Self Defence
- Classical & Western Dance
- Classical & Western Music
- Languages
- Leadership & Self Management
- Coding, Robotics & Data Sciences



Sports Infrastructure



Large Cricket &
Football Grounds
and Athletic Track



Basketball Courts



Tennis Courts



Large Kids & Nursery
Play Area



Skating



Volleyball, Throwball &
Badminton Courts



Meet The Core Team



Deepa Umamaheswaran
Founder

With an MS/MPhil in Computer Science, Deepa's tryst with education began 18 years ago in collaboration with Meenakshi Group of Colleges. While analysing what makes education enjoyable for learners and teachers, she believes that school should be a home away from home - a haven where emotionally strong individuals are nurtured to have an unquenchable curiosity for the world.

The NEST Difference: NEST aspires to be a school that cherishes curiosity, allows children to make mistakes without fear, and create globally responsible citizens



Sreekanth Narasimhan
Founder

With over two decades of experience across manufacturing and higher education, Sreekanth comes from a legacy of educators. While believing that education is the vehicle into a future that can't be predicted, he aspires to nurture open-minded, tolerant, independently-thinking problem solvers through NEST.

The NEST Difference: Collaboration over competition - both amongst facilitators and students. This is the key real-world skill that students need today



Shefali Tewary

Head of School

With an academic background in Psychology and experience in Journalism, Shefali's quest for inquiry began much earlier in life. As an educator with 13 years of experience across some of India's best schools, she harbours a deep passion for instilling creativity, knowledge about international curricula, and exposure and experience across IB & Cambridge programs.

The NEST Difference: Application-based intelligence is the need of the hour. I believe all learning should be rooted and contextual to local ethos



Meena Thripurasundari

Head of Admissions & Marketing

Currently pursuing a diploma in Educational Leadership from Cambridge International Examinations in the UK, Meena is a certified ECE professional with a 14-year experience in developing and delivering curriculum across Nursery, Primary & Middle school programs. Passionate about training facilitators she believes nurturing a strong relationship between parents & teachers can unlock better experience for learners.

The NEST Difference: In a fast-paced world, cultivating a growth mindset is the key to children thriving amidst challenges & realising their true potential.



Swapna Nanu

EYP Coordinator

With over a decade of experience in nurturing young children, Swapna Nanu is deeply committed to developing their minds through education. Her philosophy on education is founded on two main principles: developing the right skills as a teacher and building strong relationships with parents. She believes that students should be encouraged to pursue their interests and explore at their own pace. Nanu strives to create a classroom environment that fosters real-world learning and adapts to meet the needs of her students

The NEST School Difference: Education should have the adaptability to create an effective classroom atmosphere by providing real-world learning for the learners to explore



Nahid Aamina

PYP Coordinator

With a passion for creating and impacting the lives of children, Nahid Aamina excels in team management and event facilitation, ensuring that students benefit from every phase of their education. She has 6 years of experience in the IT industry and considerable experience as a faculty member, mastering the art of data visualization and visual art. Aamina believes that education should nurture children to become better human beings.

The NEST School Difference: "In a world where you can be anything, Be kind." At The NEST School, we believe that education should be about nurturing young minds and creating better human beings.



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