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PART 3 OF 10

Best schools in the city's east

CLASS APART Here are 10 schools that ranked the highest on our survey from Mumbai's east zone including areas between Chembur and Matunga



HELLO READERS, WE ARE VERY pleased to present the ninth HT Top Schools survey.

Parents give a lot of thought and time to selecting a school for their child. Curriculum, teaching standards, school infrastructure, fees, location, safety—all are crucial while making that choice.

Earlier, there were few options in curriculum and a small list of old and established institutions to choose from. Now, new-age campuses and legislation, such as the Right to Education Act, are revolutionising school education. With an explosion in the number of schools and a wider choice of Indian and international curricula, the task of finding the best school is tougher than ever.

We hope our list of the top schools in Mumbai will help you arrive at that important decision.

The methodology used to select the city's top schools (detailed below) involves a formula that has proved its efficacy since 2009, when HT first gave you a list of Mumbai's best schools. Over the years, some of your suggestions have been incorporated in the selection process.

We list the best schools in Mumbai, Thane and Navi Mumbai. Apart from the rankings, we will have profiles of the top institutions in each zone, followed by a series of reports next week that will track the trends and developments in school education.

TOMORROW

The 10 best schools in the south zone

BEST SCHOOLS IN EAST IN 2016

- 1 Shishuvan English Medium School, Matunga
- 2 Hiranandani Foundation School, Powai
- 3 St Gregorios High School, Chembur
- 4 Bombay Scottish School, Powai
- 4 Udayachal High School, Vikhroli
- 6 Don Bosco High School, Matunga
- 7 Pawar Public School, Chandivli
- 8 The Somaiya School, Vidyavihar
- 9 Pawar Public School, Bhandup
- 10 SIES High School, Matunga

METHODOLOGY

Hindustan Times commissioned research organisation C fore to conduct the survey to rank top schools in Mumbai. The assessment parameters and corresponding weightages were set by HT and were the same as were used last year.


THE 18 PARAMETERS ON WHICH THE SCHOOLS WERE RATED ARE: Educational philosophy; attitude towards learning; breadth of vision; social engagement; academic rigour; innovative teaching; teachers; teacher-student relationship; sports; cultural activities; life-skill education; infrastructure and facilities; safety, health and hygiene; diversity; selection process; governance; parent participation; and value for money.

A perceptual survey was conducted among a carefully selected sample of teachers and parents using a structured questionnaire. In all, 5,518 teachers and parents participated in the survey. The respondents were asked to evaluate the schools that they were aware of on 10 point scale

COMING OUT ON TOP

The 2017 Hindustan Times-C fore Top Schools survey gave scores to each school across 18 parameters, from academic rigour to sports. Here is the list of schools that topped our rankings:

1 SHISHUVAN ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL,
426, Shradhdhanand Road, Matunga



HISTORY: The school formally opened in October 2001 with 70 students joining playschool and nursery. The current school strength is 1,516 students.

UNIQUE FEATURES: In line with Mahatma Gandhi's 'Nai Taleem' (New Education), spinning and weaving khadi are an integral part of the school curriculum. The school's 'Every Student Counts' programme includes remedial sessions, shadow teaching and home support depending on the student's academic need.


When all stakeholders participate in decision making, it becomes a school for all and each one ensures that the school imparts quality education.

SHUBADRA SHENOY, principal

Highest ratings in: Educational philosophy, sports, life skills education

Board: ICSE Annual Fee: ₹88,000 Students: 1,516 Student-teacher ratio: 18:1

6 DON BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL
Nathalal Parekh Marg, Matunga (East) www.donboscomatunga.com



HISTORY: The school was inaugurated in January 1942. This year the school celebrates 75 years of existence.

UNIQUE FEATURES: The school is branded as the sporting giant of the city and the state. The large playgrounds, the well-equipped auditorium, the science laboratories, the computer laboratories, the cyber library and now the artificial turf, amply testify to the attention given to games, sports and cultural training besides academic development.


It is our privilege to celebrate the platinum jubilee of this institution. It is the first Don Bosco institution in Mumbai and it continues to uphold the values of the founding fathers.

FR BERNARD FERNANDES, principal

Highest ratings in: Social engagement, sports, infrastructure and facilities

Board: Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Annual Fee: Pre-primary: ₹30,000; Class 1-2: ₹210; Class 3-4: ₹280; Class 5-10: Less than ₹70 to ₹36 Students: 2,709 Student-teacher ratio: 30:1

2 UDAYACHAL HIGH SCHOOL
Pirojsha Nagar, Vikhroli (East) www.udayachal.com



HISTORY: Godrej Kendra workers, assisted by a few colony residents started a Balmandir on August 15, 1955 and Udayachal Schools took root.

UNIQUE FEATURES: The school has received platinum rating as a green school by Indian Green Building Council. It is also an ISO 14001 certified school.


Our eternal pursuit of excellence and zealous endeavour to impart comprehensive education exemplify the ethos that have fuelled the school's unprecedented success for years.

REKHA PANDEY, principal

Highest ratings in: Selection process, value for money, cultural activities

Board: Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Annual Fee: Not disclosed Students: 2,773 Student-teacher ratio: 16:1

6 THE GARODIA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR LEARNING
153, Garodia Nagar, Ghatkopar (East) www.garodiainternational.org



HISTORY: GICL was founded in 2004 by Nishant Garodia. It is affiliated to the University of Cambridge International Examinations since 2005.

UNIQUE FEATURES: GICL encourages students to get involved in club activities to nurture their skills. Activities such as student exchange programmes, youth conferences, international symposiums, talks by experts, excursions and literary week make GICL a unique school.


Our teachers inspire curiosity for subjects they teach. Their real achievement goes beyond academic results to create all-round citizens.

NISHANT GARODIA, managing director, Garodia Education

Highest ratings in: Breadth of vision, infrastructure and facilities, safety, health and hygiene

Board: ICSE & IBDP Annual Fee: ₹2Lakh Student-teacher ratio: 10:1

3 HIRANANDANI FOUNDATION SCHOOL
Powai www.hiranandanifoundationschoolpowai.com



HISTORY: The school was established in the year 1990 with a handful of students and today it has grown to 2,610 students. It started with ICSE and later ISC and IBDP were introduced.

UNIQUE FEATURES: The school facilitates children's exposure to civic engagement projects and ideals. It also seeks to assess students' skills without reliance on tests. It also boasts of an integrated project-based curriculum.


Our mission and goal is to equip every student with academic and social skills.

KALYANI PATHAK, principal

Highest ratings in: Attitude towards learning, breadth of vision, social engagement

Board: ICSE, ISC, IBDP Annual Fee: ₹93,000 Students: 2,610 Student-teacher ratio: 30:1

8 THE SOMAIYA SCHOOL
Vidyavihar (East) www.thesomaiyaschool.org / www.somaiya.edu/uss



HISTORY: Somaiya Vidyavihar was founded in 1959 by Padmabhusan (late) Shri KJ Somaiya. The Somaiya School is the first English medium school of the trust in Mumbai.

UNIQUE FEATURES: The school provides students an exposure to three languages in the pre-primary and five languages (English, Hindi, Marathi, Sanskrit, French) in the primary section. The skills needed to grow, adapt and adjust in the world are imparted to the students.


The bonding between the teacher and student is both respectful and friendly, making the school a very warm and welcoming place. At The Somaiya School, learning is fun.

PARVEEN SHAIKH, principal

Highest ratings in: Governance, life skills education, breadth of vision

Board: CBSE Annual Fee: Pre-primary and Class 1-4: ₹11.5L to ₹1.25L; Class 5-10: ₹1.4L to ₹1.45L Students: 1,063 Student-teacher ratio: 23:2 to 30:1

4 BOMBAY SCOTTISH SCHOOL,
Rajeja Vihar, Powai www.bombayscottish.in



HISTORY: To commemorate 150 years of existence of Bombay Scottish School, Mahim, its Powai branch was established as an extension of the educational facilities to the community in its sesquicentennial year, 1997.

UNIQUE FEATURES: The school uses new age tools to promote innovation, collaboration and independent thinking. Its community programmes and discussion forums help with the growth of students who conform to moral codes.


The congenial and personalised learning environment at school empowers students to become ethical change makers and compassionate future leaders.

SUNITA GEORGE, principal

Highest ratings in: Breadth of vision, academic rigour, governance

Board: ICSE Annual Fee: ₹90,000 Students: 1,476 Student-teacher ratio: 40:1

9 PAWAR PUBLIC SCHOOL
Chandivli



HISTORY: It was started in 2011 with 540 pupils and 51 staff members including admin and the teaching staff. In a span of 5 years, the school has 1,800 students and a staff strength of 123.

UNIQUE FEATURES: Maintain balance between curricular, co-curricular and life skills education; have a high happiness quotient and follow inclusion in its true letter and spirit


We are a school with a heart, international in quality and truly Indian in our approach.

DR MADHURA PHADKE, principal

Highest ratings in: Academic rigour, governance and parent participation

Board: ICSE Annual Fee: ₹65,000 Students: 1,800 Student-teacher ratio: 15:1

5 ST GREGORIOS HIGH SCHOOL
VN Purav Marg, Chembur www.stgregorios.net



HISTORY: The school started in 1994 with a few pre-primary students and a ground floor. It has now grown into two premises of five-storeyed buildings each.


UNIQUE FEATURES: The school students are active participants in Kids for Tiger, Seeds of Peace and the Junior Global Partnership Program. The school undertakes project-based national, international educational trips, EUMIND, Community Service in Adivasi Villages, regular Participation in HMUN Conference in Hyderabad and Boston.

The school aims to produce individuals who are Indian in spirit but global in vision.

Highest ratings in: Academic rigour, governance and parent participation

Board: ICSE Annual Fee: ₹90,000 Students: 1,476 Student-teacher ratio: 40:1

10 PAWAR PUBLIC SCHOOL
LBS Marg, Bhandup (West) www.ppsbhandup.com



HISTORY: The school commenced in June 2006 with 812 students from nursery to Class 6. Today, it comprises students from nursery to Class 10. Eight batches of Grade 10 have come out with flying colours in ICSE exams with 100% regular.

UNIQUE FEATURES: A team of dedicated teachers, a plethora of academic and co-curricular activities, state-of-the-art

I believe that it is participating in activities that creates a positive impact on students. That's how young minds learn time management and competitive spirit. The school helps kids build

Highest ratings in: Academic rigour, governance and parent participation

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