

School Analysis in Mumbai

A Comparative Overview of CBSE, ICSE & International Curriculum Schools

Executive Summary

Mumbai is home to some of India's most reputable schools across CBSE, ICSE, and International (IB/IGCSE) curriculums. This report presents a comparative overview of **15 top schools**, covering their locations, fee structures, curriculum features, strengths, and contact information. The purpose is to provide a clear, corporate-style reference for parents, consultants, and decision-makers evaluating schooling options in Mumbai.

Across all categories, we observe:

- **International schools** offer premium global curricula with fees ₹8–20 lakhs/yr.
- **ICSE schools** provide strong academics and balanced development at moderate–high fees.
- **CBSE schools** are comparatively more affordable and emphasize structured academics.

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1. CBSE Schools in Mumbai

Top CBSE Schools – Overview Table

School	Location	Approx Annual Fees	Key Highlights	Contact / Notes
R. N. Podar School	Santacruz (West)	~ ₹75,720/yr	Strong academics, modern labs, activity-based learning; consistently top-ranked	Rated among Mumbai's best CBSE schools
Delhi Public School, Navi Mumbai (DPS Nerul)	Nerul	~ ₹1,10,740/yr	Balanced academics + extracurricular; strong national reputation	CBSE till Class 12
D.A.V. International School	Mulund West	~ ₹59,528/yr	Affordable, good infrastructure, academically stable	Popular among middle-

				income families
Ryan International School	Malad / other suburbs	~ ₹75,576/yr	Good balance of academics & sports; multiple activities	Large network of schools
Bal Bharati Public School	Kharghar / Navi Mumbai	~ ₹92,520/yr	Well-rounded schooling, disciplined environment	Day school, CBSE board

Brief Insight (CBSE Segment)

CBSE schools in Mumbai offer structured academics with a focus on board preparation. They are cost-effective relative to ICSE/International schools and are ideal for parents who want consistency, affordability, and solid academic outcomes.

2. ICSE Schools in Mumbai

Top ICSE Schools – Overview Table

School	Board Curriculum /	Approx Fees	Key Highlights	Notes
Cathedral & John Connon School (Fort)	ICSE / ISC / IB Diploma	₹1.2–2.5 lakhs/yr	Elite legacy school, strong academics, excellent extracurriculars	One of India's top-rated schools
Bombay Scottish School (Mahim/Bandra)	ICSE / ISC	Mid-range	Renowned for discipline, balanced academics & values	Consistent ICSE results
Campion School (Fort, Boys)	ICSE / ISC	Moderate–Upper range	All-boys school with strong tradition & discipline	Strong academic culture
Jamnabai Narsee School (Juhu)	ICSE / ISC / IGCSE	Mid-high	Strong extracurriculars, high reputation, modern learning	One of Mumbai's most popular schools
Billabong High International School	ICSE + modern teaching	Moderate	Balanced academics + sports; accessible fees	Multiple locations

Brief Insight (ICSE Segment)

ICSE schools provide holistic education, a rich syllabus, and strong focus on English and Humanities. Fees are moderate to high, and these schools offer an excellent mix of academics + extracurricular development.

3. International (IB & IGCSE) Schools in Mumbai

Top International Schools – Overview Table				
School	Location	Fees (Annual)	Curriculum & Features	Contact / Notes
Dhirubhai Ambani International School (DAIS)	Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC)	₹14–20 lakhs/yr	ICSE + IGCSE + IB; world-class global curriculum & infrastructure	Ranked among India's top international schools
Oberoi International School (OIS)	Goregaon East / JVLR	₹8–10 lakhs/yr	Full IB; excellent global exposure & counselling; modern campus	Known for strong student development
Ecole Mondiale World School	Juhu	₹9.9–10.9 lakhs/yr	IB PYP, MYP, DP; premium facilities; international faculty	Established international school
American School of Bombay (ASB)	Bandra/BKC	₹8–10 lakhs/yr	US Diploma + IB; highly international culture	Popular among expat families
Podar International School (Premium Wings)	Multiple suburbs	Varies; lower than elite IB schools	Hybrid international curriculum; good value	Ideal for families seeking international exposure without premium fees

Brief Insight (International Segment)

International schools deliver global-standard education, inquiry-based learning, and premium facilities. They have the highest fees but offer pathways to overseas universities and multicultural environments.

4. Comparative Summary & Observations

Curriculum Comparison

- **CBSE** → Structured, affordable, ideal for competitive exams.
- **ICSE** → Holistic & language-heavy; stronger in humanities and arts.
- **International (IB/IGCSE)** → Global pedagogies, research-oriented, premium.

Fee Comparison

- **International Schools:** ₹8–20 lakhs/yr
- **ICSE Schools:** ₹1–4 lakhs/yr (mostly)
- **CBSE Schools:** ₹55,000–1.2 lakh/yr

Best For

- **CBSE:** Families prioritizing academics + affordability
- **ICSE:** Balanced development + strong English base
- **International:** Global exposure + overseas university planning

Final Summary

Mumbai offers exceptional schooling choices across all curricula. CBSE schools lead in affordability and academic structure, ICSE schools offer a rich and balanced educational experience, while International schools provide world-class global learning environments. The right choice depends on budget, academic goals, and whether parents prioritize global pathways or national-level competition.

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