

Best schools in Navi Mumbai

CLASS APART Here is a list of the top 10 schools from Navi Mumbai that were ranked highest on our survey based on diverse parameters



HELLO READERS, WE ARE VERY pleased to present the tenth 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. This year, we have also included international schools as a separate category. 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

How alumni associations are helping schools revive their past glory

BEST SCHOOLS IN NAVI MUMBAI IN 2017

- 1 DPS Navi Mumbai
- 2 Apeejay School, Nerul
- 3 Avalon Heights International School, Groma Marg, Vashi
- 4 Goldcrest High School
- 5 Bal Bharati Public School, Kharghar
- 6 Fr Agnel Multipurpose School
- 7 The Reliance Foundation School
- 8 Podar International School (CIE), Nerul
- 9 DAV Public School, Airoli
- 10 New Horizon Public School, Airoli

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, 5,428 teachers and parents participated in the survey. The respondents were asked to evaluate the schools that they were aware of on 10 point scale against all the parameters. Simultaneously objective data was also collected from various schools.

C fore researchers visited each school shortlisted for ranking based on the objective and perceptual data collected.

The data gathered was also audited by talking to parents and students. To arrive at the ranking score, the figures of perceptual and objective data were combined.

In case the objective data was not available, the perceptual data scores were extrapolated to rank top 10 schools of each of the five zones of Mumbai namely North Mumbai, East Mumbai, West Mumbai, South Mumbai and Navi Mumbai.

COMING OUT ON TOP

The 2018 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 (Navi Mumbai) that topped our rankings:



1 DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL
Palm Beach Road, Nerul
www.dpsnavimumbai.edu.in

HISTORY: The school is one of the 11 Delhi Public Schools (core) of DPS Society and was established in 1999. Spread over sprawling 75 acres, DPS Navi Mumbai is commended for its performance in academics and various extra-curricular activities.

UNIQUE FEATURES: DPS Navi Mumbai provides its students a holistic environment to face global challenges. It boasts of a 5-acre playground with modern facilities, including horse-riding and swimming pool.

Highest ratings: Selection process, academic rigour, teachers, cultural activities and infrastructure and facilities

Board: CBSE **Annual fees:** ₹60,000 **Students:** 3,583 **Student-teacher ratio:** 18:1

The school promotes innovative culture for its staff and student.

J MOHANTY,
principal



2 APEEJAY SCHOOL
Jain Mandir Road, Nerul
www.apeejay.edu/nerul

HISTORY: The Apeejay Education Society now encompasses 14 schools, 16 institutions of higher learning and India's first Liberal Arts & Meta University - Apeejay Stya University.

UNIQUE FEATURES: The school has excellent infrastructure which includes many IT-enabled classrooms, state-of-the-art computer and subject labs, science park and a playway area. The school runs 24 clubs and committees.

Highest ratings: Academic rigour, teachers and selection process

Board: CBSE **Annual fees:** ₹45,000 to ₹75,000 **Students:** 2,700 **Student-teacher ratio:** 27:1

We map academic excellence with a human value system, which is ingrained in our culture.

RAKESH JOSHI,
principal



3 FR AGNEL MULTIPURPOSE SCHOOL
Sector 9A, Vashi
www.agnelhamara.net

HISTORY: The school is a part of vast educational complex at Vashi, Navi Mumbai. The philosophy of the institution is Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and the motto of the school is Love your Neighbour As Yourself.

UNIQUE FEATURES: Admission for the past 20 years were through a draw of lots. It is now an online process. The school is known for excellence in academics and sports, with students becoming national, international sports persons.

Highest ratings: Sports, academic rigour, life skills education and selection process

Board: State **Annual fees:** ₹40,000 **Students:** 5,006 **Student-teacher ratio:** 30:1 (primary) 25:1 (secondary)

We inculcate strong values and foster excellence in both sports and academics.

SNIGDHA ROY,
principal



4 THE RELIANCE FOUNDATION SCHOOL
Koparkhairane, Navi Mumbai
<http://www.rf.edu.in/koparkhairane>

HISTORY: Reliance Foundation School, Koparkhairane is a K-12 CBSE school established in 2014, as part of the educational initiatives of Reliance Foundation. Nita Ambani, founder & chairperson of Reliance Foundation, provides guidance and leadership to the school.

UNIQUE FEATURES: The school boasts of a well-designed curriculum and innovative pedagogical practices. The focus is on activity-based learning.

Highest ratings: Selection process, teachers, academic rigour

Board: CBSE **Annual fees:** ₹74,840 (for LKG) **Students:** 1,347 **Student-teacher ratio:** 15:1

Our school has achieved excellent results in boards and athletes have won medals at state, nat'l levels.

ALOK KATDARE,
principal



4 AVALON HEIGHTS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
Vashi
www.avalonheights.org

HISTORY: Started out as a play school in Koparkhairane in 1998, the school has grown tremendously in the past 19 years.

UNIQUE FEATURES: The school imparts soulful education which is directed towards understanding the meaning in what is taught, inculcating wisdom and making it inspirational for children. The pedagogical practices are child-centric which focus on learning rather than teaching.

Highest ratings: Educational philosophy, attitude towards learning, selection process

Board: ICSE **Annual fees:** ₹1,04,685 **Students:** 1,198 **Student-teacher ratio:** 12:1

We are a school with a difference, and we value individualism, creativity and innovation.

ANAHITA LANDERS,
principal



6 EUROSCHOOL
Airoli
www.euroschoolindia.com

HISTORY: Launched in 2009, EuroSchool Airoli is part of the ever-growing chain of EuroSchools in India. Over the years, the school has found favour with discerning parents in and around Navi Mumbai.

UNIQUE FEATURES: Apart from bringing out brilliant ICSE results year after year, students of EuroSchool Airoli have also won accolades in activities such as Taekwondo, gymnastics as well as skating. The school believes in holistic growth.

Highest ratings: Academic rigour, teachers, infrastructure & facilities and selection process

Board: ICSE, Cambridge **CIE Annual fees:** ₹1.25 lakh **Students:** 3,500 **Student-teacher ratio:** 18:1

Learning spaces must give a student, teacher and leader the ability to self-discover.

SUDESHNA CHATTERJEE,
principal



7 BAL BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL
Kharghar
<https://bbpsnavimumbai.balbhharati.org>

HISTORY: Bal Bharati Public School started in 2000 at CBD Belapur and moved to its current location in 2004. Since its inception, the school has grown in strength and stature.

UNIQUE FEATURES: The school places importance on the processes that make the building of a good school, personalised attention is provided to students, continuous and self-critical review is undertaken to do better. There is an emphasis on systems and processes.

Highest ratings: Selection process, value for money, teachers

Board: CBSE **Annual fees:** ₹57,000 **Students:** 2,647 **Student-teacher ratio:** 33:1 (average)

We take everyone along. We enlist cooperation from all stakeholders.

GANESH PARAMESWARAN,
principal



8 PODAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (CIE)
Palm Beach Road, Nerul
www.podareducation.org/school/nerulcie

HISTORY: Podar International School CIE Nerul started in 2009, with 98 students from Classes 1 to 8 and the intake has only grown over the years.

UNIQUE FEATURES: The focus is on developing the capacity to think, question and create. A child's development is enhanced by harmony between home and school. The school believes parents are an equal partner and weave them into the functioning of the school.

Highest ratings: Academic rigour, selection process, teachers

Board: CIE Annual fees: ₹115,150 (Classes 1-7) and ₹1,22,850 (Classes 8-10) **Students:** 468 **Student-teacher ratio:** 11:1

Every child is unique, with strengths and weaknesses. For us, the unit of planning is an individual child.

ANJANA SAHI,
principal



9 DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL
Airoli
www.davairoli.ac.in

HISTORY: Founded in 1998, DAV Public School in Airoli has the strength of more than 4,500 students on its rolls and the number keeps growing.

UNIQUE FEATURES: The education system in DAV is based on vedic teachings where a child's physical, social and psychological needs are taken care of through a holistic curriculum. There's integrated digital interactive classroom to facilitate the teaching-learning process.

Highest ratings: Academic rigour, selection process and value for money

Board: CBSE **Annual fees:** ₹30,850 **Students:** 4,535 **Student-teacher ratio:** 30:1

We try to progress through inquiry and innovation augmented with virtuous conduct.

SURUCHI KATARIA,
principal



10 NEW HORIZON PUBLIC SCHOOL
Sector 19, Airoli
www.nhpsairoli.com

HISTORY: New Horizon Public School, Airoli was established in June 2004, by Dr Subir Kumar Banerjee under the aegis of Nagar Yuvak Shikshan Sanstha, Airoli.

UNIQUE FEATURES: The school has excellent and eco-friendly infrastructure, multi-media enabled classrooms, CCTV installed in classrooms and school buses, vast playground and provides the best of amenities. Teachers give personalised attention to all students.

Highest ratings: Academic rigour, teachers, selection process, value for money

Board: CBSE **Annual fees:** Pre-primary—₹40,350 Primary—₹43,850 Secondary—₹47,690 **Students:** 5,350 **Student-teacher ratio:** 21:1

The school provides children excellent opportunities and facilities.

NICHOLAS CORREA,
principal

TOP INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS :

1 D Y Patil International School, Nerul

2 Dr Pillai Global Academy, New Panvel

NOTES

1. Despite employing such a comprehensive process, we at HT believe that such rankings cannot be completely objective because people will have different opinions of what they believe constitutes good education. Some parents might be looking for a school that allows them to be closely involved, while others may want the opposite. Some parents might want schools that focus on sports, while others may want one where academics dominates.

2. We believe that beyond a particular threshold, it is difficult to rank schools in an objective manner. Indeed, as we have already said, our survey includes some subjective, perceptual inputs. We have, however, ranked the top ten schools overall in the city and will rank the top schools in five zones because many readers have asked us for this kind of demarcation.

3. In any case, we advise parents to look carefully at how schools have scored against the various parameters instead of going just by the overall rank. These scores will indicate to parents which school might better suit their specific aspirations. Indeed, a school that is ranked lower in the Hindustan Times list might actually be better suited to a parent and his or her child/ children than the top-ranked one.



Parents, students, educators, readers, please write in with your thoughts and views to htmetro@hindustantimes.com. We value criticism as much as we welcome praise. A special request to school principals: we hope many more of you will reply to our questionnaire next year!