

NYSKOOOL

How We Teach

Our model and practices, explained for families

2026–27



Strong academics and happy children, together



Finnish-inspired: wellbeing, curiosity and agency



Anchored in US standards: Common Core, NGSS, C3



An Individual Learning Plan (ILP) for every child



Placed by MAP Growth results, not by age

How it works



Teaching

- Coaches facilitate, they don't lecture
- Short explicit instruction, about 10 minutes/lesson
- SEL, digital citizenship, financial literacy and ethics



Child-centred

- ILP for every child, updated at least quarterly
- Progress by mastery, not age
- Maths accelerated where data supports it



Community

- One school across three hubs
- Families are partners
- Diversity and inclusion welcome



Tools

- Miacademy / MiaPrep (core)
- Reading Eggs · Smartick
- Khan Academy · Brilliant
- ReadWorks · Duolingo
- MAP Growth

Live online lessons



A live SEL check-in starts every school day



Short live sessions with a learning coach



Everyone responds: chat, polls, shared boards



Sharing is always optional



Learning by doing



Hub days for building, experimenting and making



Subjects connect and overlap



Science Days through the year

Project-based learning: five cycles a year

 6 weeks each

 Every Wednesday & Thursday

 Family showcase

 Tasks for each age band



Students learn to plan their own learning

01

Daily Miacademy work

At their own pace

02

Weekly project tasks

With clear success criteria

03

Planner and tracker

For every project cycle

04

Personal goals

With a goal buddy



Wellbeing comes first



Daily SEL check-in



A known key adult for every child



Small-group or 1:1 support



A trained safeguarding lead

Languages and enrichment



Spanish in Barcelona, Portuguese in Lisbon



Arts & Crafts every week



Museum Days and visits such as CosmoCaixa & U Lisboa



Electives chosen by families



School trips and switching hubs

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whole-school trips a year

9–12 Nov · 3–6 May

3

hubs, one school

Barcelona, Lisbon and online. Switch when families travel.



We learn best by thinking together



Students talk with each other, not just the coach



Whole-school sessions and monthly community meetings



Friendships across Barcelona, Lisbon and online

Assessment that helps, not ranks



MAP Growth in September, January and May



Everyday checks for understanding



Project rubrics and portfolios



Self- and peer-assessment



Termly reports and a family dashboard

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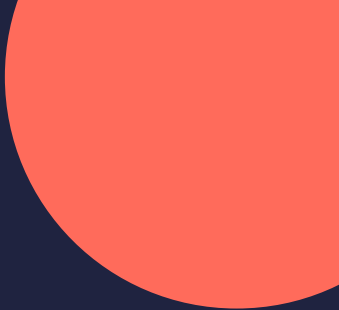
87th

percentile in reading

72nd

percentile in maths

Median student, against US national norms. We don't teach to the test.



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where academics meet happiness

Thank you. Questions?

