

# 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



Selecting a school for their children is possibly the most crucial decision parents make. The Hindustan Times Top Schools survey is an important tool to help them arrive at this choice.

It's not easy, of course. Parents decide on a school after careful consideration of various factors: distance from home, fees, the institution's academic record, its infrastructure, the quality of teachers and the support staff, children's safety, curricular and co-curricular activities, etc. While earlier this would have been a limited but easy choice, it is not so now thanks to an explosion in the number of schools, curricula options, and the city's evolving demographics.

It is with all these factors in mind that we are pleased to present the 2019 Hindustan Times Top Schools survey. Now in its 11th edition, the HT Top Schools survey is the most exhaustive, most credible study of the city's best schools across 18 parameters that are judged with the most rigorous standards. The methodology (details provided below) has proved its efficacy since 2009, the year we launched our Top Schools list.

Over the years, we have incorporated suggestions from parents and schools to make the process more robust and demanding so that only the best make it to the top.

Each year, we list the top schools — including international schools — from Mumbai, Thane and Navi Mumbai. Apart from the rankings, we have short profiles of each of the schools that made it to the top of each zone. At the end of the rankings series, we will publish a few special pieces on the latest trends in school education and how they will impact your child. We hope you enjoy our series.

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## TOP SCHOOLS FROM NAVI MUMBAI IN 2018

- 1 DPS Navi Mumbai
- 2 Apeejay School, Nerul
- 3 Fr Agnel Multipurpose School
- 4 The Reliance Foundation School
- 4 Avalon Heights International School
- 6 Euroschool, Airoli
- 7 Bal Bharati Public School, Kharghar
- 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 weightage 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, 5,779 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 2019 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

**HISTORY:** The school is one of the 11 Delhi Public Schools (core) of DPS Society and was established in 1999. It is spread over 75 acres.

**UNIQUE FEATURES:** The school provides to students a holistic environment to face global challenges. It boasts of a five-acre ground and offers horse-riding and swimming. It insists on integration of teaching content with experiential learning and ensures all-round development by balancing curricular and co-curricular activities.

Palm Beach Road, Nerul  
www.dpsnavimumbai.edu.in

The school promotes innovative culture for the staff and students to develop the ability to deal with ambiguity and impact a fast changing world.  
J MOHANTY, principal

**Highest ratings:** Academic rigour, teachers, attitude towards learning and infrastructure and facilities

**Board:** CBSE **Annual fees:** ₹77,450 **Students:** 3,600 **Student-teacher ratio:** 18:1



### 6 BAL BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL

**HISTORY:** Bal Bharati Public School started in 2000 at CBD Belapur and moved to its current location in 2004.

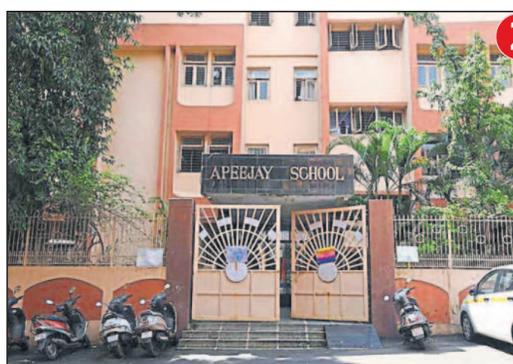
**UNIQUE FEATURES:** The school places a lot of importance on the processes that make the building of a good school. Maximum possible personalised attention is provided to students. The school places a lot of emphasis on systems and processes and on continuous engagement with parents and students for all-round growth and development.

Kharghar  
https://bbsnavimumbai.balbhharati.org

Greatest possible good for the greatest possible number is our chief objective. We strive to achieve this via cooperation from all stakeholders.  
GANESH PARAMESWARAN, principal

**Highest ratings:** Selection process, educational philosophy & academic rigour

**Board:** CBSE **Annual fees:** ₹60,000 (average) **Students:** 2,649 **Student-teacher ratio:** 35:1 (average)



### 2 APEEJAY SCHOOL

Jain Mandir Road, Nerul  
www.apeejay.edu/nerul

**Highest ratings:** Academic rigour, governance, cultural activities



### 2 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 and chairperson of Reliance Foundation, provides overall guidance to the school.

**UNIQUE FEATURES:** It focuses on academic excellence and all-round development of children. Students have the advantage of full-time counselors. The curriculum is well-designed with innovative pedagogical practices.

It is a proud moment for us that our young school has been ranked among the best schools. It is a result of our commitment.  
ALOK KATDARE, principal

**Highest ratings:** Educational philosophy, attitude towards learning & governance

**Board:** CBSE **Annual fees:** ₹74,840 (for LKG) **Students:** 1,387 **Student-teacher ratio:** 15:1



### 7 FR AGNEL MULTIPURPOSE SCHOOL

Sector 9A, Vashi  
agnelhamara.net

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



### 8 DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL

Airoli  
www.davairoli.ac.in

**HISTORY:** Founded in 1998, DAV Public School in Airoli has the strength of more than 4,300 students.

**UNIQUE FEATURES:** Integrated digital interactive classrooms to facilitate better teaching and learning process are present in the school. It also ensures training for teachers on a regular basis. Security is of utmost importance to the school and CCTV cameras have been installed in all classrooms, labs, corridors as well as school buses for safety of children.

Our school inculcates strong values and gives an opportunity for the all-round growth of students. We are deeply rooted in Indian heritage with a respect for others' cultures.  
SURUCHI KATARIA, principal

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

**Board:** CBSE **Annual fees:** ₹39,850 (average) **Students:** 4,301 **Student-teacher ratio:** 29:1



### 4 AVALON HEIGHTS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Vashi  
www.avalonheights.org

**HISTORY:** Starting out as a playschool 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 what is taught, inculcating wisdom and making it inspirational for the students. The pedagogical practices are child-centric which focus on learning. The school also emphasises on experiential learning.

Avalon is a huge and diverse family. We approach education with the knowledge that a child is not only learning, but also teaching us.  
ANAHTA LANDERS, principal

**Highest ratings:** Educational philosophy, breadth of vision, diversity

**Board:** ICSE **Annual fees:** ₹1.20L **Students:** 1,255 **Student-teacher ratio:** 12:1



### 9 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. Since then, the school has excelled both in academics and co-curricular activities.

**UNIQUE FEATURES:** The school has excellent and eco-friendly infrastructure, multi-media enabled classrooms, CCTVs installed in classrooms and the best of amenities.

The purpose of education is not increasing knowledge but creating opportunities to imbibe values and life skills for the overall development of personality.  
NICHOLAS CORREA, principal

**Highest ratings:** Academic rigour, cultural activities & value for money

**Board:** CBSE **Annual fees:** ₹45,000-58,000 **Students:** 5,400 **Student-teacher ratio:** 22:1



### 5 EUROSCHOOL

Airoli  
www.euroschoolindia.com

**HISTORY:** Founded in 2009, EuroSchool Airoli is part of the ever-growing chain of EuroSchools in India. The school is founded on Indian values with a focus on global understanding.

**UNIQUE FEATURES:** Apart from bringing out brilliant ICSE results year after year, students of EuroSchool Airoli have also won accolades in activities like Taekwondo, gymnastics and skating regularly. The school believes in 'balanced schooling'.

EuroSchool Airoli focuses on the creation of millennials with values to sustain the legacy of 'who they are' and contribute to the world.  
SUDESHNA CHATTERJEE, director principal

**Highest ratings:** Academic rigour, educational philosophy, infrastructure & facilities

**Board:** ICSE, Cambridge CIE **Annual fees:** ₹96,800 to ₹1.23L **Students:** 3,478 **Student-teacher ratio:** 30:1



### 10 APEEJAY SCHOOL

Kharghar  
www.apeejay.edu/kharghar

**HISTORY:** Dr Styva Paul, eminent industrialist, educationist, philanthropist and freedom fighter, provided the foundation and inspiration for the emergence of the Apeejay Styva Group and the Apeejay Education Society.

**UNIQUE FEATURES:** In sports, the school has marked its name at the district, state, national and international arena. Students have consistently been bringing laurels to the school in various disciplines.

Team work is the key to success. Trained teachers, who continuously work efficiently in a team, are the specialty of Apeejay School, Kharghar.  
TEJASWINI KATDARE, principal

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

**Board:** CBSE **Annual fees:** Not disclosed **Students:** 2,495 **Student-teacher ratio:** 30:1

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## 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](mailto: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!

## TOP INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS IN NAVI MUMBAI

- 1 DY Patil International School, Nerul
- 2 Dr Pillai Global Academy, New Parvel