



# The Massachusetts Early Learning Framework

The most comprehensive early-years framework in the English-speaking world — and the foundation of every studio at The Ivy. **Massachusetts** has ranked first in the United States for education for over two decades, across every age group, every subject, and every national measure. It is the home of Harvard, MIT, and top institutions where developmental science continues to shape what early learning should look like. We chose its framework because every other early-years framework you may know — EYFS, the IB Primary Years, the Reggio approach- maps inside it, and because Massachusetts is broader in scope, more explicit in measurement, and delivers its rigour through play.

## A NOTE ON TERMS

A **framework** defines what a child should learn. A **curriculum** is how they learn it - the daily journey designed to get them there. The Massachusetts Framework gives us our scope and our standards; The Ivy's inquiry, reggio-inspired curriculum is the daily life we design around it.

## WHERE IT FITS

*The frameworks you know, mapped against ours.*

Domain at The Ivy	Massachusetts Early Learning Framework <small>(The Ivy's Foundational Framework)</small>	EYFS <small>(United Kingdom)</small>	IB Primary Years <small>(International)</small>
Language & Literacy	✓ Distinct & Measured	✓ Known as: Communication & Language	✓ Known as: Language
Mathematics	✓ Distinct & Measured	✓ Known As: Mathematics	✓ Known as: Mathematics
Science & Engineering	✓ Distinct & Measured	! Bundled into: Understanding the World	✓ Known as: Sciences
History & Social Studies	✓ Distinct & Measured	! Bundled into: Understanding the World	✓ Known as: Social Studies
The Arts	✓ Distinct & Measured	✓ Known as: Expressive Arts	✓ Known as: Arts
Health & Physical Wellness	✓ Distinct & Measured	✓ Known as: Physical Development	! Bundled into: Personal, Social & Physical Education
Social-Emotional Development	✓ Distinct & Measured	✓ Known as: Personal, Social & Emotional	! Bundled into: Personal, Social & Physical Education
Approaches to Play & Learning	✓ Distinct Measured	✗ Not Measured	✗ Not Measured

## THE IVY'S LOCAL AND LINGUISTIC LAYER

Three further domains, for our place and our parents.\*

*\*UAE Locations*

### Arabic

A daily presence through play, story, song, and provocations. Aligned with the UAE Ministry of Education guidance for early Arabic learners (UAE locations only).

### French

A third living language at The Ivy, woven into our trilingual environment from the earliest classrooms.

### Islamic Studies

UAE culture, traditions, and the shared values of kindness, respect, generosity, & community for every child.

Muslim children receive age-appropriate Islamic Education in line with UAE expectations; non-Muslim children engage in inclusive cultural, moral, and language-based activities.

#### FRAMEWORK

Massachusetts Early Learning Frameworks

*What your child learns.*

#### PEDAGOGY

Reggio-Emilia Inspired

*How they learn it.*

#### SCIENCE

Harvard University

*Our research home.*

#### CURRICULUM

Curated by the The Ivy, touching all aspects

*The daily journey.*

