

Hope Secondary School
P.O. Box 19208
Jerusalem, Israel



(House of Hope) Boarding Section

Because of the extreme poverty of so many of our students, Hope School has had a boarding section since its beginning in 1961. Up to 30 boys sleep, eat, study, and play in safe, comfortable surroundings. Hope School provides clothing, study materials, and three good meals a day. The students have supervised study time in the evenings and activities during the day after classes. Volunteers also help at the school on a regular basis, tutoring English, teaching sports, and befriending the boarding students.

Most of the boarding boys enjoy living at the school. Some come from very difficult home environments and prefer to stay at Hope School even during holidays. Although we encourage these students to maintain family relationships, we never refuse accommodation to any boy who needs a place to stay. At Hope School we try to make the institution a home.

Support

Most students and their families cannot afford to completely pay for their children's education. Still, Hope School has never turned away any student because the family could not pay. For annual expenses, we rely on concerned individuals, churches, and other organizations around the world, many of whom maintain a personal relationship with a student. Every student at Hope School needs a sponsor, both for financial and personal reasons. When extraordinary needs arise (such as building repairs and school equipment), we look to charitable organizations and church denominations to support our work. An annual budget of the school, certified by an independent auditing firm, is available upon request.

If you would like to support the Ministry of Hope School, please send your name and address to:

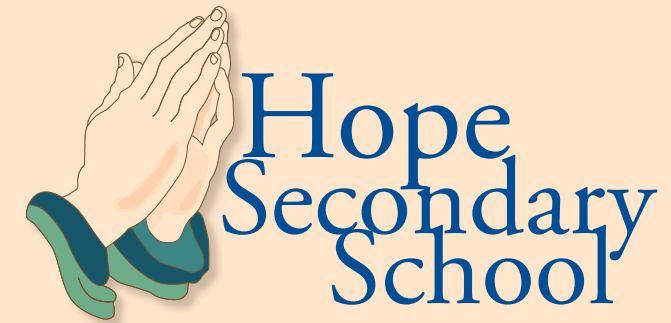
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For nearly 50 years, Hope Secondary School has been educating, nurturing, and inspiring teens to see the future some doubted would ever come.

Hope School is much more than an educational institute: it is a Christian witness in the land of Christ's birth. Our ministry provides for the spiritual, academic and physical growth of every child we serve.



The School

Founded by the Mennonites in 1961 and now governed by the Arab Charitable Society of Beit Jala, Hope School began as a preparatory school for orphaned and disadvantaged boys. Since then, Hope School has broadened its ministry to include female and disabled students. Hope School does not discriminate on the basis of religion; both Christian and Muslim students are welcome here. We encourage all of our students to learn and grow in a supportive and stable environment. Hope School's reputation as a caring and competent school continues as we provide for the needs of children on the fringes of society.



As a Christian school, Hope School attests to the presence of Christ among the people here. Every school day begins with a chapel service for each student and staff member. A Christian club also encourages students in their Christian witness and development.



Education

Hope School offers a general curriculum for grades 7-10, including Mathematics, Science, Geography, History, computers, English, Arabic, Christian Education, and Physical Education. Beginning in grade 11, specialized training in Literature or Science helps prepare our students to enter the world. Despite our students' difficult backgrounds, nearly all pass the standardized government examinations at the end of their 12th grade year. Classes have graduated every year despite regional unrest in our area.

There are nine classrooms (including computer rooms and a science laboratory), library, chapel, dining hall, kitchen, and bedrooms to accommodate 30 boys. Three outdoor playing fields for football (soccer), basketball, and other games are available for the students and community.



The Students

Christian and Muslim boys and girls from Bethlehem and other towns in the West Bank, study and live together at Hope School. Typically, 120-150 students attend the school, some with special needs. There is also a small boarding section for those children unable to live at home.

All of our students experience hardships at home. Due to limited employment opportunities, illness, and other factors, fathers are often unable to support their families. Many students come from single parent homes, usually as a result of death, desertion, or divorce. In most of these cases, the mother provides for a large family and seeks work outside the home. These incomes are rarely enough. Some of our students are orphans, with no families to care for them. At Hope School we do our best to care for each student entrusted to us, offering love and hope to those who otherwise have none.

Are you interested? Would you like to know more? Please fill out the following information

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For Thou, O Lord, art my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.