

Dr. Sally Alturki

Co-founder: Dhahran Ahliyya Schools Foundation (Waqf)

Dr. Sally Alturki has spent more than fifty years working on various projects for the development of education in Saudi Arabia. In 1975, she founded the Early Childhood Center to prepare pre-school teachers and instructional materials. In 1977, she and her husband, Mr. Khalid Alturki, established Dhahran Ahliyya Schools (DAS), a not-for-profit, preK-12 dual-language, IB school, which provides high quality, dual-language education for Saudi and other Arab students. Students often win international competitions for science and math. All students participate in community service projects, Model United Nations and also in the Model Arab League, organized in collaboration with NCUSAR.

In 1995, the Alturki's founded The Educational Book House (Dar Alkitab Atterbawi), a project to publish the best current international educational literature in Arabic so it can be used for pre-service and in-service professional development of Arab educators. Of particular pride to them is the publication of a series of books on the teaching of reading in Arabic and provision of Arabic children's literature to encourage reading. They also assisted Dr. Hanada Taha in founding Arabi21 for enhancement of the teaching of Arabic reading and writing to K-12 students.

In 2019, they founded Numou Center for Education in order to provide training and consulting for educators and schools. Dhahran Ahliyya Schools, the Educational Book House, and Numou Center for Education are now all part of a foundation aimed at being of service to education in the Arab world.

DAS is a founding member of TAMAM at the American University of Beirut and committed to its pillars to support school-based educational development in the Arab world. Currently, Numou, TAMAM and Arabi 21 are collaborating to provide new models for continuous improvement in school culture and literacy.

Dr. Alturki has served on many advisory boards including, among others, the National Institute for Educational Professional Development, the Human Capacity Development 2030 Realization Program, the King Abdullah Project for Development of Public Education (Tatweer), MiSK Schools, MADAC Schools, KAUST Schools, the Harvard Graduate School of Education, the Royal University for Women in Bahrain, and the American University of Beirut. She also served as a member of the Saudi National Dialogue for Education.



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