

Afghanistan Math and Science Curricula

Guide to Publication Year of Student Textbooks and Teacher Handbooks

Please Note:

--All teacher handbooks and student textbooks have been published **before** August 2021.

--Since 1957, Afghanistan uses the Hijri Shamsi (Solar Hijri) calendar, which starts with the migration (*Hijrah*) of the Islamic prophet Mohammad from Mecca to Medina in 662 CE. The first day of the new year falls on the spring equinox in March. All student textbooks and teacher handbooks in the Afghanistan curricula have been originally published with the Solar Hijri publication date and can be converted to the Gregorian calendar date using tools such as:

<https://www.moore.af/resources/taxation-resources/date-converter>

For example, January 25th, 2023, is the 5th of Dalwa (11th month) of the Solar Hijri year 1401.

There is also a possibility that the Gregorian converted dates may differ by a year, since the months of publication are not indicated in the curricula resources; this importantly determines if it was published before or after the spring equinox in March (start of the new Solar Hijri calendar year). For more information on the Solar Hijri calendar used in Afghanistan and Iran, please see:

<https://urbanpolicy.net/hijri-shamsi-anno-domini-calendar-reference/>

<https://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/persian-calendar.html>

Reference: Afghanistan Ministry of Education. (2023). Retrieved from <https://moe.gov.af/index.php/dr/کتب-نصاب-تعلیمی> and <https://moe.gov.af/dr/کتب-رهنمای-معلم>

Student Textbooks:

Subject	Grade	Publication Year (Gregorian Calendar Year)
Math	Grade 6	2020
	Grade 7	2019
	Grade 8	2021
	Grade 9	2019
Science	Grade 6	2020
Biology	Grade 7	2020
	Grade 8	2019
	Grade 9	2019
Chemistry	Grade 7	2019
	Grade 8	2020
	Grade 9	2021

Physics	Grade 7	2021
	Grade 8	2021
	Grade 9	2021

Teacher Handbooks:

Subject	Grade	Publication Year
Math	Grade 6	2017
	Grade 7	2018
	Grade 8	2018
	Grade 9	2012
Science	Grade 6	2017
Biology	Grade 7	2018
	Grade 8	2018
	Grade 9	2012
Chemistry	Grade 7	2018
	Grade 8	2019
	Grade 9	2019
Physics	Grade 7	2018
	Grade 8	2018
	Grade 9	2012