School Financial Planning Application – Blueprint Document

1. Purpose & Vision

A modern, web-based **School Financial Planning Application** built for strategic and operational forecasting over a 25-year horizon. The app enables: - Dynamic financial modeling (P&L, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow) - Version management and benchmarking - Built-in financial controls and reconciliations - Professional-grade reporting (PDF & Excel) - Executive dashboard with KPIs and growth insights

Objective: Replace static Excel/SAC models with a scalable, data-driven, and user-friendly planning environment.

2. System Overview

| Layer | Description | Technologies |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Frontend | Modern, responsive SPA for assumption input, reports, and visualization | Next.js 15 (React 19), Tailwind, shadcn/ui, Framer Motion |
| Backend / Engine | Performs calculations, stores versions, generates outputs | Node.js (NestJS) or Python (FastAPI) |
| Database | Stores assumptions, model results, and versions | PostgreSQL with JSONB |
| Auth | Secure multi-user access with audit trails | JWT / OAuth2 |
| Export Engine | xport Engine Generates board-ready outputs Puppeteer (PDF), XLSXWriter (Ex | |
| Formatting | All UI values displayed in M SAR (1M = 1,000,000 SAR) | UI-level formatting |
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3. Functional Modules

3.1 Assumptions Workspace

Structured panels for all planning inputs:

- **General Setup** School name, planning horizon, currency, and display units.
- Strategic Near-Term (2025–2027) Students, tuition, growth %, staff %, opex %, rent model.

- Strategic Long-Term (2028–2052) Multi-year enrollment and tuition trends.
- CAPEX Table Year, Amount (SAR), Depreciation period, Description.
- Working Capital AR days, AP days, Deferred income, Inventory days.
- Opening Balance Sheet (2024) Full asset, liability, and equity listing.

Features: Inline validation, autosave, conditional field display, draft states.

3.2 Calculation Engine

When user clicks **Run Model**: 1. Computes Revenue Streams (French, IB, Other) 2. Builds Profit & Loss from cost ratios and depreciation 3. Reconciles Cash Flow (Operating, Investing, Financing) 4. Rolls forward Balance Sheet from 2024 opening values 5. Executes control checks (Balance Sheet & Cash Flow) 6. Saves a complete version snapshot

Stored version structure:

```
"id": "ver_2025_base_001",
    "name": "Base Case - Sep 2025",
    "created_by": "Faker",
    "assumptions": { ... },
    "results": {
        "revenue_streams": [...],
        "pnl": [...],
        "balance_sheet": [...],
        "cash_flow": [...],
        "controls": {...},
        "ratios": {....}
}
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4. Reporting Views

| View | Purpose | Key Data | Unit |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------|
| Revenue Streams | Show each tuition and income source | Tuition French, IB, Other | M SAR |
| Profit & Loss | Operational profitability | Revenues \rightarrow Opex \rightarrow EBITDA \rightarrow Net Result | M SAR |
| Balance Sheet | Financial position | Assets, Liabilities, Equity | M SAR |
| Cash Flow | Liquidity tracking | Operations, Investing, Financing | M SAR |
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| Controls – BS | Parity validation | Assets = Liab + Equity | M SAR |
| Controls – CF | Cash reconciliation | Ending Cash (CF) = Cash (BS) | M SAR |
| Ratios & KPIs | Strategic metrics | Profitability, Liquidity, Growth | % / M SAR |
| Version Comparison | Scenario benchmarking | Variance between versions | % / M SAR |

5. Control Pages

5.1 Balance Sheet Control

Purpose: Ensure parity between Assets and Liabilities + Equity.

| Year | Total Assets | Liab + Equity | Difference | Status |
|------|--------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| 2024 | 50.497 | 50.497 | 0.000 | / ОК |
| 2025 | 54.233 | 54.231 | 0.002 | 1 |

- **Difference:** Δ = Assets (Liab + Equity)
- Tolerance: ±0.001 M SAR
- Chart: Asset/Liability composition (stacked bar).

5.2 Cash Flow Control

Purpose: Verify ending cash matches balance sheet cash.

| Year | Ending Cash (CF) | Cash (BS) | Difference | Status |
|------|------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| 2024 | 21.581 | 21.581 | 0.000 | / ОК |

- Formula: Difference = CF_ending_cash BS_cash
- **Sub-table**: Movement summary (Net result, Dep, WC, Capex, ΔCash)

6. Ratios & KPI Dashboard

Profitability

- EBITDA Margin (%)
- Net Margin (%)
- Staff Cost % of Revenue

- Opex % of Revenue
- Rent % of Revenue

Productivity

- Revenue per Student (M SAR)
- Operating Cost per Student (M SAR)
- Students per Teacher (optional future)

Liquidity

- Operating Cash Flow / Revenue
- Cash Balance (M SAR)
- Deferred Income / Revenue

Balance Sheet Health

- Current Ratio
- Cash / Current Liabilities
- Provisions / Total Liabilities

Growth

- Revenue CAGR (5 years)
- Student CAGR (5 years)
- Capex / Revenue (%)

Display: Cards (latest year), tables, line charts for key trends.

7. Versioning & Benchmarking

- Each run saved as a **version** with full metadata and results.
- Supports comparison across versions (Base, Optimistic, Downside).
- Benchmark view: variance % and M SAR difference.
- Ability to reload historic versions into the latest engine.

8. Export Engine

PDF Export

- High-resolution, board-ready, generated via Puppeteer.
- Includes:
- Cover page (logo, title, date, author)
- Summary KPIs (Revenue, EBITDA, Cash)
- Key statements (10-year horizon)
- Ratios and control highlights

• Footer: page numbers + confidentiality note.

Excel Export

- Sheets:
- Assumptions
- Revenue_Streams
- P&L
- Balance_Sheet
- Cash_Flow
- Controls
- Ratios
- Includes metadata tab (version ID, date, author)
- Raw data stored in SAR, label: Displayed in M SAR in app.

9. UI/UX Framework

- Design System: shadcn/ui + Tailwind
- Layout: 3-panel (Navigation / Workspace / Context)
- Interactions: Inline validations, smooth transitions, auto-save
- · Accessibility: Full keyboard support, dynamic scaling
- Visual Design: Modern minimalist (neutral backgrounds, teal/blue accents)
- · Light/Dark modes

10. Key Design Rules

- 1. Display Unit: M SAR in UI, SAR in backend.
- 2. Base Year: 2024 (for BS & CF roll-forward).
- 3. **Parity Enforcement:** BS and CF reconciliations mandatory per version.
- 4. Version Integrity: Immutable record per run.
- 5. **Scalability:** Ready for multi-campus and role-based access.

11. Deliverables Summary

| Deliverable | Description |
|---|---|
| App Architecture Frontend, backend, DB, and calc engine integration diagram | |
| Data Model Schema Entities: Assumptions, Results, Versions, Users | |
| API Contract | <pre>/run-model, (/get-report/{version}), (/compare-versions)</pre> |
| UI Mockups | Panels (assumptions, controls, ratios) |

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|------------------|---|
| Export Templates | PDF and Excel format specs |
| Validation Rules | Business logic and tolerance thresholds |
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12. Future Extensions

- Multi-school consolidation
- Integration with ERP / HR feeds
- Arabic language toggle
- Scenario automation (sensitivity slider)
- Embedded analytics (Power BI, Metabase)

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