

In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

Islamic School of Stanford

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Curriculum

Objectives

The primary academic objective of the school is to introduce and instill the main teachings of Islam into our students by the time they are ready to enter high school. We use a very structured approach to teach Islam as a religion, and not as a set of cultural practices. A student who has attended 8 or more years of this weekend school should be competent in the following areas:

- (a) Recitation of Quran: The objective of the school is to facilitate students in the reading of the Quran (not learning Arabic language). This however requires very active follow-up by parents at home. Most parents who are serious about this but don't have the time, are advised to also send their children to a supplementary class dedicated exclusively to the teaching of the recitation of the Quran. Children in 4th grade and higher are expected to be able to read Quran. Basic introduction to Quranic Arabic terms/phrases also provided.
- (b) Memorization of Surahs & Duas: Memorize 15-20 Surahs (Audio CDs are provided for this purpose) and Duas related to Salaat and everyday affairs.
- (c) Salaat: Goal is to make sure children know how to perform the Salaat before they get to an age when it becomes mandatory. Children in 6th grade and higher are expected to know how to perform Salaat.
- (d) Quranic Studies: Basic Quranic Teachings. Study about Quran (Tafseer & Uloom-ul-Quran) at higher levels.
- (e) Islamic Morals & Manners in the light of the Quran & the Hadith.
- (f) Faith & Worship: Articles of Faith, Five Pillars and Worship of Allah (SWT).
- (g) Introductory Fiqh: Basic Fiqh, Shariah & Usul-Fiqh.
- (h) Seerah: Life history and Shama'il of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) - taught at various levels.
- (i) Introductory Islamic History: Brief overview of the Islamic history (Khulfa-Rashidun, Omayyad & Abbasid periods, Muslims in Spain, Ottoman Period, Crusades, Islam in Africa & Islam in America).
- (j) Introduction to Prophets: Stories of Prophets for smaller children.
- (k) Introduction to Hadith: Introduction to the science of Hadith and some important Ahadith.

(I) Islam's contributions to civilization - taught at the High school level.

General Daily Schedule

At each grade level, four subject areas are covered - two in the morning session (Quranic Studies) and two in the afternoon session (Islamic Studies):

1. Quran
2. Faith & Worship
3. Seerah/Islamic Social Studies
4. Morals & Manners

The morning 'Quranic Studies' session focuses on learning how to read the Quran, memorization and teachings of the Quran. This period is broken into 2 sections - each approximately 35 minutes long with a 5 minute break in between. Students are not allowed to leave the room during this mini-break.

At the end of the morning session, there is a 30-minute recess for snacks, games and socialization.

The afternoon period is also divided into two parts: Seerah/Islamic Social Studies and Faith/Worship or Morals/Manners. Each section lasts for approximately 35 minutes with a 5-minute break in between. Again, students are not allowed to leave the room during the mini-break.

At the end of the second session students prepare for, then assemble for Dhuhr Prayers.

Curriculum Specifics

For children in lower grades (KG & 1st Grade), teachers make extensive use of hands-on activities, story-telling and play-based activities.

For higher grades, more emphasis is placed on Teachings/Meaning of Quran (as opposed to recitation) and general Islamic History (in addition to the Seera of the Prophet - SAW). Advanced subjects - including Fiqh, Science of Hadith and Islamic Akhlaq/Adab - are introduced at the Middle/High School level. Though the advanced classes use the same structured approach as the rest of school, they tend to be more discussion-oriented and deal with current events and topics of general interest to the older students.

Kindergarten

Quranic Studies

Finish 2 textbooks:

- “My First Book of Arabic” by Mai Abdelsalam
- Easy Quran Reading – Workbook 1 (Elgindy)”

Memorization: Tasmia, Tuadh, Shahada, Fatihah (1), Ikhlas (112), Al-Nas (114)

- Use Tape/CD provided by school
- Video: Alif is for Asad, Alif for Allah

Islamic Studies

Lecture for 20-30 minutes

- “Iqra KG Curriculum for Fiqh & Ibadaat”

Coloring & discussion (~ 20 minutes)

- Let’s Learn from Holy Quran
- Life and Sayings of Rasullulah

Stories of Prophets and other stories (~30 minutes)

{Cover Prophets Adam (AS), Nuh (AS), Salih (AS), Ibrahim (AS), Ismail (AS)}

Grade 1

Quranic Studies

Revise Letters, Start Joining, Teach Fathah, Kasrah and Dammah

- “Easy Quran Reading – Part 1” by Moustafa Elgindy

Memorization

- Fatihah (1), Al-Falaq(113), Al-Asr (103), Kawthar (108), Al-Masad (111).
- Use Tape/CD provided by school

Islamic Studies

Finish “We are Muslims – Grade One” Textbook

Coloring & discussion (~ 20 minutes)

- Our Religion is Islam

Stories from the Lives of Prophets (~30 minutes)

{Cover Prophets Yusuf (AS), Musa (AS), Dawud (AS), Sulaiman (AS), Isa (AS)}

Grade 2

Quranic Studies

Tashkeel

- Revise Fathah, Kasrah and Dammah
- Continue with Sukun & Tanween

Finish “Let’s Read and Write Arabic Book 2”

Finish “Easy Quran Reading – Part 1” by Moustafa Elgindy

Start “Easy Quran Reading – Part 2” by Moustafa Elgindy

Memorize/Study

- Fatihah(1), Al-Feel (105), Nasar (110), At-Takathur (102), Al-Qariah (101).
- Use Tape/CD provided by school

Duas: “Our Book of Dua” (Waking Up, Sneezing, Eating)

Islamic Studies

Seerah

- **Finish** “Our Prophet - Life in Makkah & Life in Madinah”
- Stories from Seerah of the Prophet/ Sahabah

Faith & Worship

- **Follow** “ We Are Muslims – Grade 2” Textbook

Grade 3

Quranic Studies

Students are expected to read fluently by the end of Grade-3

Finish “Let’s Read and Write Arabic Book-2”

Cover “Quran Made Easy - Lessons 81-134”

Practice reading from “Short Surahs”

Memorize/Study

- Revise Fatihah(1), Ikhlas (112), Al-Nas (114) and Al-Falaq (113), Kaferoon (109), Quraish(106), Ma-oon (107)

Duas: “Our Book of Dua” (Going Outdoors & Traveling)

Islamic Studies

Seerah

- **Finish** “Mercy to Mankind - I (Makkah Period)

Faith & Worship

- **Cover** “Our Faith & Worship - Vol 1” Lesson 1 to Lesson 14
- **Cover** “Teachings of the Quran, Vol 1”

Grade 4

Quranic Studies

Follow “Juz Amma: 30 - Vol-1”

Memorization

- Tashahud & Darood (Salaat)
- Qanoot
- (Memorize/Study) Al-Adiyat (100), Humaza (104), Ad-Dhuha (93)

Study

Al-Lahab (111), Al-Kawthar (108), Al-Bayyinah(98), Al-Tin (95)

Duas: “Our Book of Dua” (Anger, Using the Restroom, Sadness, Going to Bed)

Islamic Studies

Seerah

- **Finish** “Mercy to Mankind - II (Madinah Period)”

Faith & Worship

- **Cover** “Our Faith & Worship - Vol 1” Lesson 11 to Lesson 26
- **Cover** “Teachings of the Quran, Vol-2”

Grade 5

Quranic Studies

Follow book “ **Juz Amma: 30 - Vol-1**”

Memorization/Study

- Al-Qadr (97), Al-Zalzala (99), Al-Alq (96), Al-Baqarah – Ayat 255 (Ayat-ul-Kursi), Al-Baqarah – Ayat 286

Study

Al-Asr (103), Al-Lail (92), Ash-Shams (91)

Duas

- Duas related to Salaat

Quranic Teachings

- **Finish** “Teachings of Quran Vol 3”

Islamic Studies

History

- **Finish** “The History of Al-Khilafah Ar-Rashidah”
- **Finish** Stories of Sahabah “Those Promised Paradise - Vol 1”

Faith & Worship

- **Revise Salaat**
- **Finish** “Our Faith & Worship - Vol 2”

Grade 6

Quranic Studies

Finish “Seven Surahs”

Finish “Islamic Tahdib & Akhlaq”

Islamic Studies

Finish “Islamic Aqidah & Fiqh”

Hadith: “A Study of Hadith” (Chapters 1 – 10)

Grade 7

Quranic Studies

Tafseer Soorah Al-Hujaraat (Abu Aminah Bilal Phillips)

Finish: “A Study of Quran & its Teachings”

Finish “A Study of Hadith” (Chapters 11 – 27)

Duas/Dhikr: from “Selected Prayers” (Chap One, Secs II – VI)

Islamic Studies

Seerah: **Finish** “Raheeql Maqtum (The Sealed Nectar)”

Grade 8

Quranic Studies

Finish Uloom-ul-Quran (Ahmad von Denffer)

Finish “Purification of the Heart” (trans. Hamza Yusuf)

Finish “Islamic Manners” by Shaykh Abu Ghudda

Duas/Dhikr from “Selected Prayers” (Chap Four, Secs I – V)

Topics on Adulthood in Islam (tahara, gender relations, etc.)

Islamic Studies

Social Studies

- **Cover** A History of Muslim Civilization

Youth Group (High-School – Grades 9 & 10)

Youth Group (High School Students) spends two years in the school. The following topics will be covered.

(Curriculum A): Offered 2007-2008

Cover "Alif Lam Mim: Juz One"

Cover "The Complete 40 Hadith – Nawawi"

Cover "A Young Muslim's Guide to the Modern World"

Cover "The Evolution of Fiqh by Abu Aminah Bilal Phillips"

Cover "The Lawful and Prohibited in Islam by Qaradawi"

(Curriculum B): Offered 2008-2009

Cover "Sa Yaquul – Juz Two"

Cover "Hadith for Beginners – M. Zubayr Siddiqi"

Cover "In the Early Hours – Khurram Murad"

Cover "Muslim Heritage – Ahsan"

Cover "Gender Equity in Islam – Jamal Badawi"

Cover "Living Skills" {Leading Friday Prayers, Leading Janaza Prayers, Washing Dead Body, and topics in Tahara }

Following is a list of activities that the Youth Group can organize and implement. Teachers are highly encouraged to incorporate some of these activities into their curriculum.

1. Writing Letters to newspapers & political leaders
2. Publishing school newsletter (once a quarter)
3. Visit to Soup Kitchen, Children's hospital, Nursing/Senior Home (once a year)
4. Arrange a fundraiser
5. Morning Assembly (twice a year)
6. Improve School Web Page Content & Links
7. Organize Islamic activities at your regular school (Juma, MSA, etc)
8. Put Islamic literature in public/school library
9. Create curriculum for Islamic School High School students
10. Have students conduct a mini-conference for themselves, where they each do presentations/lectures

Notes on Youth Group instruction:

- Make it discussion oriented, like a halaqa rather than a lecture
- Definitely incorporate activities/projects to engage the students