



Islamic School of Irving

Today's Learners Tomorrow's Leaders



Welcome to 8th through 12th Grade Arabic 2021-2022 School Year

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ISI VISION

To be the Islamic school of choice in North Texas weaving academic excellence with highest morals and ethics.

MISSION

To provide our children an environment which will enable them to achieve their highest potential, founded on Islamic morals, scholastic excellence, and good citizenship.

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to my Arabic class! I'm excited about the opportunity to get to know you, and I'm looking forward to a joyful and productive school year.

The Curriculum we are using is Arabic at your hands العربية بين يديك The areas we will focus on include: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

Course objective: Arabic students will continue learning the basics of the Arabic language from 6th Grade. They will progressively acquire a working level of the language using sounds, vocabulary and grammar skills through listening, speaking, reading, and writing. They will begin their understanding and proficiency of the target language. Students then will be promoted to the next progressive level after they successfully pass all necessary requirements. Student-to-student interaction in Arabic will be encouraged during class. Students are encouraged and expected to communicate in Arabic whenever possible, to the best of their abilities, in pursuit of the goal of fluency through modeled dialogues and oral activities. Students will often be asked to present projects to class either individually or as a group. We will review grammar points, discuss texts, do "role plays" in class, and watch videos and powerpoints on Arabic culture time allowing.

Students are asked to bring the following supplies to school before 8/16/21:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_gacmNhUQum0WmJHhaBMkPn3nCgfJL-YytpRpQ_tFeM/edit?usp=sharing

My homework policy is [homework policy from handbook].

My grading policy is:

Homework: 15%

Classwork/Participation 25%

Projects 20%

Tests/Quizzes 40%

Classroom Expectations:

All students are entitled to a safe, comfortable learning environment. This can be achieved through mutual **RESPECT** and positive choices. Below are behavior expectations for class including but not limited to:

Respect Yourself.

- Bring all necessary materials to class every day.
- Once in the classroom you will stay in the classroom.
- Be in your assigned seat before the tardy bell rings.
- Come to class in dress code.
- Follow directions the first time they are given.
- Use time wisely.
- Accept responsibility for your actions.
- Have a good attitude.

Respect Others

- Keep hands, feet, and objects away from others.
- Remain quiet while the teacher or another classmate is speaking.
- Talk only when called upon.
- Speak **RESPECTFULLY** to teachers and other students.
- Keep unnecessary comments to yourself.
- Raise your hand for permission before you talk or leave your seat.
- Work together to solve problems.
- Allow others to make positive choices.

Respect Property

- No gum, food, or drinks of any kind in the classroom unless permission is given by the school or teacher.
- Keep non-educational property in your locker
- All electronic devices must be turned off and kept out of sight.
- No writing on desks, and computers.
- Pick up after yourself and put trash in appropriate containers.

Everyday Students Should:

Be Prepared- Please bring to class each day a pencil, pen (blue or black ink only),

textbook, composition book/notebook, .

Free Read Book- if you have any short stories/books, ect... in Arabic I highly recommend that, however there will be some books available in class.

Entering Class- Students are expected to enter class quietly with all necessary materials and sit promptly in their assigned seat. As soon as you are seated, you will have work to begin working on.

While in Class- Students may leave their seat during class to throw things away, get a tissue, sharpen pencils, etc., provided I am not speaking. Students must raise their hand before speaking.

Exiting the Room- The teacher will dismiss students from class when their area is clean and all students are seated quietly. The bell is a reminder of dismissal for the teacher. The teacher will always dismiss the class.

For upcoming school events, parents are encouraged to check the school event calendar. Please mark those dates on your calendar. Studies show that parental involvement in a child's education is one of the strongest indicators of student success. We hope you will make it a priority this year to attend as many school-sponsored events as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns or if you would like to visit our classroom, schedule a conference, or volunteer to help out, you can contact me at saousan.samman@islamicschoolofirving.org.

Once again, welcome to grade 8th-12th. Let's work together to make this the best year ever!

May Allah bless our time together,

SAoussan Samman