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INTRODUCTION

Islamic Center of Riverside Sunday School (ICRSS) program is designed to help students ages 5 and up to learn basic knowledge that will help them practice Islam in their daily lives. Subjects taught: Quran, Basic Arabic, Islamic Studies, Creed & Etiquette (Aqidah & Adab).

PHILOSOPHY

This school has been founded on the fundamental belief that Islam is a complete way of life. It does not only tell us the purpose of our creation, final destiny, and place among other creatures, but also shows us the best way to conduct our private, social, political, economic, moral, and spiritual affairs of life. Thus, the education of our children must comprise of these very components of our belief. However, since the time devoted to the school is very limited, we will strive to achieve the following goals.

GOALS

a. Provide an atmosphere that is most conducive for an Islamic personality development.
b. To instill in children a deep sense of belonging to Islam.
c. Teach children fundamental beliefs and basic duties of Islam.
d. Enable our children to practice and follow Islam correctly.
e. Enable our children to perform the essential acts of worship (Ibadah).
f. Teach the basic reading and writing skills in Arabic language leading toward reading the holy Qur’an correctly.
g. Help our children in memorizing some Surahs from the Qur’an.
h. Enable children to acquire basic knowledge and understanding of Islamic values, morals, manners and behaviors.

METHODOLOGY

To achieve above goals the following steps will be taken:

a. The best-qualified available teachers will be sought as volunteers.
b. The most suitable available texts and reference books will be chosen.
c. The curriculum will be reviewed from time to time and improvements will be made with the help of recommendations of teachers and experts.
d. Efforts will be made to complete the courses and accomplish the goals set in curriculum each school year.

e. The student progress will be monitored.

f. The overall performance of the school will also be constantly monitored and the high standards will be maintained.

g. When possible extra-curricular activities like games, tours, functions or various occasions will be incorporated as part of the school program.

h. Good habits like punctuality, cleanliness, hard work, and being nice to others will be promoted.

i. Parent/Teacher communications will be established.

CURRICULUM

Based on the statement of philosophy, the major thrust of the curriculum of the school will be upon the development and growth of Islamic personality instead of mere transmission of knowledge. We have ongoing consultation with local leaders and our volunteer teacher to adopt and monitor the curriculum. Parent’s suggestions are always welcomed.

RULES AND REGULATIONS (Behavior code for students)

ICR Sunday School is located within the Islamic Center of Riverside and the classes take place in the Islamic Academy of Riverside building. To allow everyone to receive the maximum benefits from this school, it is necessary that all students respect the rights of others and follow the rules set forth as below:

a. Students must consider the school building as a reverence and enter with a clean body and clothes (girls must wear scarves and long dresses). No shorts for boys or girls.

b. A student must be five years or older to enroll for any class.

NO CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF FIVE IS ALLOWED TO BE LEFT IN THE BUILDING WITHOUT AN ADULT SUPERVISION DURING THE SCHOOL HOURS.

c. Since school is once a week, regular attendance is necessary.

d. Students must pay due respects to their teachers and other adults.

e. Student must ask for teacher permission to leave the class for any reasons.

f. Every student has an obligation to keep the Center clean. The principal may assign duties.

g. Food, beverages, and playing are not allowed inside the classroom.

h. Students will bring their own supplies – notebooks, pens, pencils, etc.

i. Students are not allowed to enter the office and kitchen, or leave the building beyond the boundary.

j. Students will pay for the textbook if it is required for any class.

k. No loitering or abuse of this facility is allowed. Any one responsible of any kind of damage will be required to pay for replacement or repair.

VOLUNTEER TEACHER OBLIGATIONS TO SCHOOL

Welcome to ICR Sunday School. No one but Allah SubanawaTaa’la will reward you for the noble services you will be rendering to the school. However, by making this commitment, you, in addition to your teaching assignment, have the following obligations:
a. Arrive at school at least 15 minutes before class starts.
b. Take the roll and turn in the names of the absentees to the office staff.
c. Maintain discipline in the class.
d. Contact the parents when needed for student’s behavior, progress, etc.
e. Report any problems or concerns about students to the Principal.
f. Be a good model for students in an Islamic way of life.
g. Arrange for his/her own substitute in case of emergency. Call the Principal at least one night before if no substitute is found.
h. Assist the Principal in maintaining discipline and other administrative duties.
i. Carry out your commitment to the school at least to the end of the school year except under unavoidable circumstances.
j. Be responsible and accountable for your job.

SCHOOL HOURS

The school is open on Sundays only from 8:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. year round except during summer. There are three sessions of study with a half-hour break.

STUDENTS AGE

The minimum age for enrollment is FIVE years and there are no limits to the maximum.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Riverside Unified Schools’ calendar is followed to start and end the school semester with some exceptions.