



Al-Furqan School

An Ontario Private School
with a focus on
Full-time Quran Memorization in 3 Years
and
Ontario's Curriculum in Math, Science, Social Studies,
Language Arts Curriculum
for
Grades 5-7

***Admissions By Special Application and Selection
Only***

Program Background:

Our small Full-Time Quran Memorization Program started in September 2011 with five students, and grows from strength to strength MashaAllah. The first class completed memorization of the whole mushaf by the age of 13 Alhamdulillah. In addition to being taught the Quran with tajweed, they have also been given a superb education, covering Math, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies according to the Ontario curriculum. In 2014, we had a further 11 students that have joined our full-time program for Grade 5 and we are blessed to have hired dedicated staff to help them succeed in their mission once again. Currently we have almost 30 students enrolled in the various levels of the program.

Our class sizes are intentionally small because it is a very focused project, the students memorize a page of the mushaf daily, and the demands upon them are high. Accordingly, we test students for their aptitude carefully before entry.

Our program is licensed by the Ministry of Ontario, and our school sat the EQAO test last year. All exceeded provincial standards in Reading, and all students met or exceeded provincial standards in Writing and Math.

If you think your child has demonstrated an ability to memorize the mushaf in a short amount of time, and that they can cope with a challenging academic program, they may be eligible for entry.

Management of Al-Furqan Schools:

Program Director: Houcine Cherif

Principal - Full Time Memorization Ontario Secondary School Program: Dr. Aisha Sherazi

Principal - West, East, & After-Abraar Program: Sheikh Khaled Masoud

Admin: Farah Amir

We also have over 20 part-time teachers and support staff, and volunteers helping us to deliver the programs.

Admission Criteria: Is your child suited to this rigorous program?

This is a highly competitive program with limited spots. All students must meet the admission criteria* listed below:

1. Have an A grade average in their academic studies in current and the last 2 years.
2. Have a strong interest in learning and memorizing the entire Quran
3. Have a strong footing in Quran tajweed and reading
4. Enrolled in and successfully completing Al-Furqan Program in East, West, or After-Abraar locations
5. Successfully complete the Student Suitability Assessment interview with the program administration and qualified teachers
6. Will have memorized the last three juz' of the mushaf by end of June before they start grade 5

*Exceptions are rare and decided on a case by case basis, with no guarantees. Please talk to the Program Director.

Parents & Guardians Requirements:

All parents or guardians who are interested in this program, must agree to the following terms:

1. Parents or guardians must be willing to provide daily support for the student to complete all academic targets.
2. Parents or guardians must be willing to work with your child daily on Quran revision. If your child works well independently, your child may need less assistance from you
3. This program may require up to 4 hours of daily homework and / revision work after-school. The entire family is responsible for providing a structured and calm environment to help the student achieve their daily memorization and academic goals.
4. The fees for the current academic year are set at \$550/month paid in advance and a resource fee of \$350. Fees are subject to change depending on the number of students accepted. The parents or guardians are responsible for all fees of this Ontario Private School program

How to Apply:

Fill in the online application by following the details given at www.alfurqan.ca or contacting the Director, Br. Houcine Cherif for further information. The application and testing process generally starts in late November for the following Fall entry and may take several months to complete. The testing generally occurs for students who have met all the admissions criteria,

and is conducted with an in-person interview with the Sheikh and Administration in February.

For questions, you can read the answers to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) provided in this brochure or visit our website www.alfurqan.ca for information or e-mail alfurqan.ca@gmail.com - all inquiries must include your full name, e-mail, phone.

We look forward to receiving your application online if your child meets the requirements listed. If you apply online, you will be contacted accordingly. Please feel free to contact us if you require further information.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. How do the students learn Quran and regular school material?
 - a. Each student studies Quran for three hours in a school day, and uses the remaining time to study the Ontario curriculum. The three hours for Quran consists of memorization, as well as review.
 - b. Students are responsible for completing daily homework in each segment.
 - c. Homework may take upto 4 hours each day depending on student habits
2. Do the students take the EQAO test?
 - a. Students sit the EQAO test for Reading, Writing and Math
 - b. Students participate in all the required Ontario curriculum practices.
3. Is the program recognized by the Ministry of Education?
 - a. Yes, Al-Furqan School is an Ontario Private School.
4. How much do students memorize in one day?
 - a. Students who enter the program have already memorized the last 3 Juz (parts) of the Quran.
 - b. Each day the student is expected to memorize 1 page of the Quran.
5. How much homework do they get daily?
 - a. The students are expected to complete homework daily
 - b. Quran homework includes revising and practicing the new material learned
 - c. Review material from previous days as explained in class
 - d. Completing any additional homework from the Ontario Curriculum in English, Math, Science, Social Studies etc. at the weekends only.
6. How much do I (as a parent) have to help my child?
 - a. The success of the student depends on the support provided by the parents.
 - b. Students are expected to memorize the Quran themselves in independent study.
 - c. Parents are expected to help students as needed to complete the Ontario Curriculum homework
 - d. If a student needs extra help, the parents may need to hire a tutor.
7. What are your expectations from my child as a school?
 - a. Students are expected to adhere to the Students Code of Conduct for Al-Furqan School which includes respect, punctuality, attendance, attentive learning, determination and a positive attitude.
8. Is there an additional fee for textbooks and supplies?
 - a. The resources fees are \$350 paid in the beginning of the year. The fees may increase as required to support this non-profit program.
9. What about the social aspect?
 - a. Students are able to socialize during class in a collaborative learning environment.
 - b. Students may need to limit or balance outside socializing events to reduce interference with their expected study goals.
10. Do you teach Islamic Studies?
 - a. Islamic Studies is not taught as a subject.
 - b. There may be special class projects related to Islamic arts or history.

11. How long does it take for my child to memorize the whole Quran?
 - a. A student who enters the program with 3 juz memorized and memorizes 1 page daily is expected to complete the program in 3 years insha Allah.
12. What happens after the students have completed the program?
 - a. The students continue their studies in a regular Ontario school.
13. How is my child tested for suitability?
 - a. The administration and teacher will test the child.
 - b. We also require old report cards
 - c. You will get more details if you are selected.
14. What is the selection process for my child's teacher?
 - a. Teachers are highly qualified, caring, and knowledgeable
15. Do you hire qualified teachers for your academic program?
 - a. We aim to provide the best education and hire the most suited teachers to the program
16. Are there any online resources for practicing?
 - a. www.quranexplorer.com
 - b. There are many other free resources available online
17. Why do you start in Grade 5?
 - a. We start the mission of helping children to memorize the entire mushaf by from Grades 5 to 7 because by Grade 5, children have developed a level of independence in their reading of the mushaf, their ability to understand it's concepts, and also, an ability to work independently for academic work.
18. Why don't you allow for mixed grades?
 - a. We feel strongly that students in small groups work at the same pace and level. We also feel that the children are given social opportunities to work in groups if they are all studying the same material from the curriculum.