



**MISSION ALIGNED HOLISTIC
EDUCATION DELIVERED THROUGH
A GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE!**

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Salāmun 'alaykum,

كُونُوا دُعَاةَ لِلنَّاسِ بِغَيْرِ أَلْسِنَتِكُمْ لِيَرَوْا مِنْكُمْ الْوَرَعَ وَ
الْإِجْتِهَادَ وَ الصَّلَاةَ وَ الْخَيْرَ فَإِنَّ ذَلِكَ دَاعِيَةٌ

Call and Invite people to the truth of Islam and justice through your actions, not just words. When they see your piety, hard work, prayer, and goodness, this itself becomes an effective call and communication.

With the grace of Allah (swt) and your dedication and devotion, we were able to continue the humble efforts and noble journey of spreading the message of the Qur'ān and Ahlul Bayt ('a) through the fiscal year of 2023-2024. As we embark on our new fiscal year, we renew our commitment to taking these teachings and the message of the Noble Qur'ān to our global audience.

Alḥamdulillāh, we have received tremendous response to this responsibility, and for this we are grateful. Al-Kisa Foundation aims to be a platform that everyone can utilize to maximize their potential and reach.

Historically, our role models like Imām Ḥusayn ('a) did not limit their efforts to a local community or group. In fact, he gave various speeches, and conducted meetings to reach out to as many people as he could, in different ways. He even used the opportunity while performing 'Umrah and Ḥajj to maximize his reach. Likewise, his grandfather the Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ) chose the mountain of Ṣafā and Ghadīr Khumm as hubs to convey his messages and maximize his reach, since these were junctions where many people would converge. Learning from these examples, we too have the responsibility to reach out to the maximum number of people.

Hence, this year's focus must now be on **optimizing our reach**. There was a time when words were passed from person to person, but in the era of social media, we must use digital tools to spread our message further. Today, with open-source technologies and AI, we can reach many more people, making the message of ḥaqḥ and truth accessible and available to all.



For the fiscal year 2023-2024, we hope to focus on:

1. Nurture our children, families, and communities to be God-centric, especially with the influence of the spreading liberal agenda.
2. Take inspiration from the Noble Prophet (ﷺ) and his household on how to maximize reach through significant events, such as the peak of 'Umrah, Hajj, 'Arafah, Ghadīr,
3. Educating and creating awareness to stand up for haqq and justice globally.
4. Efficiency and Optimizing Our Reach.
5. Tapping into the power of AI to maximize our reach to a global audience.



We live in a great era where we want to take the message of Islam, Qur'ān, and Ahlul Bayt (ʿa) to the world. We must think globally and consider all children in Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, South America, and Australia as part of one ummah.

Alḥamdulillāh this year was another humbling experience of working with dedicated individuals, organizations, and community leaders. Our global community is working hard, and we are honored to be part of this ummah. May Allah increase the success of all the Muslim ummah all around the world.

Our volunteers and contributors are the gems at Al-Kisa, and they are very precious. May Allah (swt) bless and reward their efforts abundantly.

At Al-Kisa, it is important for us to send out annual updates so we can communicate with the global community about the projects we are working on, what we are prioritizing, and what our challenges are. We value your opinion, and are honored to receive input.

Please reach out to us at admin@alkisafoundation.org if you have any concerns, feedback, or advice. We welcome your feedback and collaboration.

May Allah (swt) bless you and your families, and hasten the appearance of the Mahdī (ʿaj) and make us worthy of helping his cause of justice.

With du'ās,
Nabi Raza Mir (Abidi)



**BECOME A
VOLUNTEER**

MILESTONES

NEW LAUNCHES:

- AL-KISA CONTRIBUTE
- ISLAMIC RESOURCE CORNER
- EDUCATION LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ELMS)

The Islamic Resource Corner is an open-source platform designed to serve as a central hub for Islamic educational resources. It offers a variety of content for download, while also allowing users to upload their own materials to benefit others.

Users can search for various types of content, including PDFs, videos, and interactive tools like Kahoot!. The platform aims to enhance teaching materials with interactive elements, creative art lessons, audio/visual content, and other scholar-reviewed resources, fostering a collaborative environment for educational enrichment.

The Islamic Resource Corner boasts an extensive collection with over 250 resources currently available, with more than 50 vendors already registered. The platform has seen significant engagement, with over 600 items downloaded by over 200 customers. This highlights the platform's role as a valuable and widely utilized hub for Islamic educational materials.

ELMS - PAKISTAN

Networking packages that include the Islamic Curriculum and Kisa Publications have been sent out to numerous schools and madressas. We have partnered with Prosper to launch a school in D.I.KHAN.

Al-Kisa Foundation will be partnering with Educational Leadership and Management System (ELMS) in Pakistan to launch a School Transformation Program that local schools can benefit from.



Al-Kisa Foundation and ELMS will be hosting a summit in Murree, Pakistan on June 22 - 25th, 2024 for school leadership with over 30 schools invited.



KISA EAST AFRICA

Over 7000 books were distributed to schools, Madaris and Professionals across Kenya and Tanzania.

A leadership summit was held in August whereby 80 plus leaders attended from different schools and organizations across Kenya and Tanzania.

A training was held for Admin and teachers at WIPAHS whereby over 120 teachers from Kenya and Tanzania Benefitted.

Al Kisa Foundation has signed an MOU with WIPAHS to take over Wali ul Asr School in Dar es Salaam for a period of 10 years and will be the first lighthouse school for the AKES.

AKES Team evaluated over 10 schools across Kenya and Tanzania which will also undergo the transformation program.



AL-KISA CURRICULUM

Al-Kisa Curriculum strives to create holistic and God-centric curricula designed to cultivate critical thinking and empower our youth to view the world through an innovative and analytical Islamic lens, inshā'Allāh.

In order to prioritize academics and high achievement alongside maximum engagement, all curriculums are standards- and research-based with the goal of being accredited. With a commitment to open-source resources, we collaborate with expert teachers around the world to capitalize on the knowledge and expertise of our global community.

We aim to create resources that nurture creative thinking, encourage service-mindedness, embed akhlāqiyyat and life lessons, and are flexible to meet the needs of schools worldwide. The Al-Kisa Mission Team is involved in reviewing all components of the curriculums.

Category	Unit (programme)	Activities	Notes	Remarks
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MILES

1 - Overall

Presented to and consulted with
over 50 schools and educators and
more than 15 scholars worldwide

2 - Mission-Aligned Curriculum

- Shaped the structure of Islamic Integration for Science Curriculum
- Crafted ELA Pedagogy with feedback from Elementary and Secondary Teachers
- Aligning ELA themes with SSEL and character building topics
- Developed underlying themes for Social Studies

3 - ECE Curriculum

- Researched standards and curriculum in 8 countries
- Analyzed 11 philosophies and programs in creating an Islamic pedagogy for ECE/preschool curriculum

Wilayah - Citizenship

In Islam, we are all under the citizenship, or 'wilayah' of Allah (swt). His rules are perfect and apply to ALL aspects of our lives. So, no matter which country you are a citizen of, remember that first, you are a Muslim citizen, following the wilayah of Allah (swt), and learning from those who did it best: the Ahlul Bayt (‘a).

- Citizenship:**
- Doing the right thing
 - Service
 - Sacrifice
 - Responsibility
 - Discipline & Organization

- Mercy:**
- Compassion
 - Forgiveness
 - Generosity
 - Flexible
 - Mercy toward parents

Rahmah - Mercy

Rahmah means to forgive someone for their mistake with all your heart. For example, Allah is the All-Merciful and forgives us when we make mistakes and ask for forgiveness. The doors of His Mercy are always open.

Amānah - Trust

Amānah is a beautiful and multifaceted word. Allah (swt) trusts us, and gives us the ability to make choices. We owe it to ourselves, our faith, and our Creator, to trust Him, to trust our family and friends, and to trust ourselves! Allah has given us the ability to be perfect, so let's not settle for less! We can, and we should, and inshā' Allāh, we will.

- Trust:**
- Honesty
 - Communication
 - Teamwork
 - Being accountable

- Justice:**
- Courage/Bravery
 - Fairness
 - Muwaddat
 - Social Justice
 - Leadership skills

‘Adalah - Justice

Justice means to be fair, NOT to be equal. It means putting everything in its rightful place and thinking about our actions and choices from a long-term lens, both for this world and the afterlife. When deciding how to behave with justice, we should also think about the results our actions will have in the hereafter, the true life, in front of the true Judge, Allah, and His Ultimate Justice.

Ṣabr - Patience

In all moments, the path of a Muslim is always to follow Allah's guidelines and have the right level is to not get angry or to observe our

- Patience:**
- Sincerity
 - Contentment
 - Persistence
 - Being good-natured

- Gratitude:**
- Blessings & their recognition-basirah
 - Using blessings properly
 - Taqwa
 - Detachment

Shukr - Gratitude

How do we thank Allah (swt) for His innumerable blessings? The first step is to say 'thank you' to Allah (swt) and be grateful for His immense mercy on us. It is also important to thank Allah (swt) for His blessings appropriately—that is the meaning of gratitude.

- Respect:**
- Respect for the Muslim
 - Respect for all human beings
 - Bullying prevention
 - Respect for the status (maqam) of the Ahl al-Bayt and particularly the Imam of the Time (aj)
 - Knowing when and how to speak

Ihtirām - Respect

There are different types of ihtirām, or respect:

1. Respect for yourself, as a human being—the best of creation.
2. Respect for other human beings and humanity at large.
3. Respect Allah (swt), and know that He is always watching you and is aware of your actions and that you are of great value (karāmah) to Him.

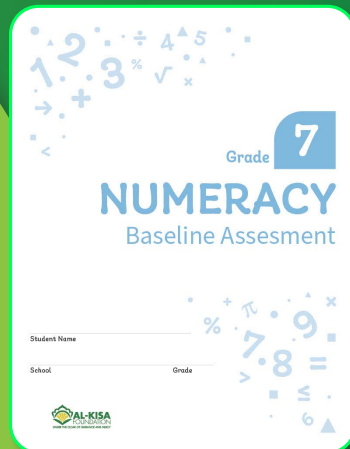
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4 - Character Building Curriculum

- Researched SEL standards and curriculum from the 50 US States as well as several countries (currently 4, in the process of adding more)
- Developed scope and sequence for grades K-12
- Addressing mental health issues and providing resources to support teachers in classroom discussions

5 - Literacy/Numeracy Curriculum

- Aligned standards from East Africa (Tanzania and Kenya, Uganda is next)
- Created literacy and numeracy assessments for the School Transformation Program - in the process of reviewing based on feedback from piloting in more than 15 schools
- Creating mission alignment for Let's Read Literacy Program

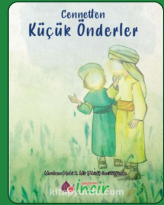
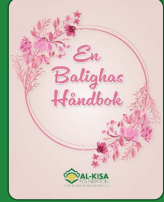


AL-KISA TRANSLATION

We are dedicated to ensure that all of the Al-Kisa books, curriculum and other resources are available globally, in the languages of each region.

MILESTONES

- 1 - The Hakima and Hadi series have been translated into Urdu.
- 2 - The Islamic Curriculum has also been translated into Urdu.
- 3 - The Balighah Handbook has been translated into both Norwegian and German, and is now accessible for download as PDF files through the Al Kisa website.
- 4 - Great Prophets & Ahlul Kisa series and Little Leaders have been translated into Turkish and physical copies are available for purchase within Turkey.
- 5- Furthermore, an array of resources are currently undergoing translation into diverse languages; for instance, the Art curriculum is being translated into French, Blessed Names into Dutch, and Sirat link into Spanish.



AL-KISA OUTREACH

Library Initiative

14,500+

Books to 942 Libraries

Al-Kisa Network

211+

Organizations

Scholar Network

140+

Scholars

ORGANIZED BOOKFAIRS

In Canada, Al-Kisa Foundation had tables set up at Mosques, Centres, Events:

**OCT & DEC 2023
FEB, APR, MAY & JUN 2024**

AL-KISA EDUCATION SYSTEM

A high quality education helps nurture successful communities. AKES strives for global education transformation, focusing on underserved communities. It aims to uplift schools to internationally recognized standards through quality education grounded in Islamic values, fostering well-rounded future generations.



Over 10 schools
evaluated in East
Africa



KEY INITIATIVES & SERVICES

Cognia Accreditation

Accreditation by Cognia aligns with U.S. regional accrediting agencies such as NCA CASI, NWAC, and SACS CASI.

Offers globally recognized accreditation ensuring quality and adherence to rigorous standards. Access to (Authentic transcripts, Robust PreK-12 curriculum, American Diplomas enhancing student opportunities for further education and workplace credentials)



Transformation Journey

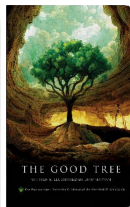
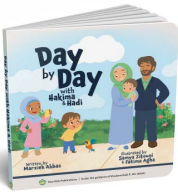
AKES guides schools towards implementing high-level quality Education through:

- 1 - Educational and academic support
Resources and services that meet the individual needs of the school
- 2 - Mentoring, coaching, training and professional development
- 3 - Student assessment guidance
- 4 - Operational support and policy development
- 5 - Leadership capacity



Kisa Publications aims to empower the community through a diverse range of Islamic literature, including books for all ages, educational materials, and resources. Our mission is to support educational growth by providing tools for nurturing minds and souls.

NEW PUBLICATIONS



UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Hajj & 'Umrah Guide
How to Take Care of You (Girls Edition)
Islamic Timeline Game
Mothers of the Ma'sūmīn
Prophet Sequence Game
Theater Curriculum
Wheel of Wilāyah Board Game

PROJECT BOOKLETS



This fiscal year we published 8 project booklets based on the different Islamic seasons/occasions



The Al-Kisa Media team strives to supplement the message of Al-Kisa Foundation and its entities through artistic expression and visual elements. Our aim is to generate content that can be easily dispersed across various media platforms, effectively conveying the message through innovative and creative approaches.

AL-KISA MEDIA

Animation and Script Writing continue for future release:

- Kisa Read-Along Intro Animation
- Hakima & Hadi Series Intro Animation
- Global Anthem for Schools
- Hakima & Hadi Ramaḍān Series (5 Ep.)

Studio

- Journey to Justice Series - Ramaḍān 1445
- We continue to audition for Nursery Rhymes and various roles in the Hakima and Hadi Ramaḍān series.

Audio Books

Narrators continue to record English books for the Islamic Beliefs Spiritual Ladder

- Mary, Jesus and Christianity by Dr. Shomali
- Tell Me About: Ramaḍān
- Tasbih of Lady Fatima by Dr. Shomali

UI/UX - 2nd Chance website Redesign, Kisa Therapy website redesign

- Sakeena Matchmaking, 2nd Chance and ABSA Network website redesign in progress

Graphic Design, Illustrations & Layout:

- Seasonal Project Booklets have been released for various seasons.
- Islamic Studies Curriculum 'Steps to Perfection' Grades K-6 were redesigned and updated for reprint.
- Islamic Studies Curriculum 'Steps to Perfection' Grades 7-9 lesson designs were updated and submitted for official print and release.
- Elementary Theatre Arts Curriculum
- Illustrations continue for 'Girl's Health Nutrition Book' and other future publications as well as an upcoming board game.
- Working with several entities to release publications:
 - 2nd Chance and Islamic Beliefs - Şirāt Link, Occasion Cards, The Whispers of Ḥusayn
 - Kisa Family - Mommy and Me Diversity Curriculum along with other digital publications. Special adaptations designed for existing publications.

Motion Graphics Storyboarding for Qur'ān Quest Digital Teacher's Resource



KISA THERAPY CLINIC

Our mission is to serve the community with faith-based, accessible, and affordable mental healthcare globally, in partnership with scholars and therapists, that aligns with the teachings of Qur'ān and Ahlulbayt (‘a).

UPCOMING EVENTS

We will also have our therapists participating in the following events to promote Kisa Therapy Clinic:

- Event #1: As Sadiq School Carnival
- Event #2: Al-Wahda Sports Festival



Our vision is to continuously provide faith-based, professional, accessible, and affordable mental healthcare globally. Kisa Therapy Clinic aims to provide services and resources to educate, empower, and build awareness around the mental health needs of the muslim community.

MILESTONES

1 - Clinic Expansion & Therapist Recruitment

We officially launched Kisa Therapy Clinic and welcomed 15 talented therapists to our team. With a vision to extend our reach and impact, we expanded our operations to California, Michigan, Georgia, New Jersey, and across Canada. This expansion initiative allowed us to broaden our service offerings and cater to the diverse needs of our growing client base.

2 - Onboarding of Clinical Supervisors

Recognizing the importance of mentorship and professional development, we onboarded two experienced clinical supervisors, one in the US and one in Canada, to provide guidance and support to our team of therapists.



3 - Holistic Training Sessions with Dr. Khan

In alignment with our commitment to continuous learning and holistic well-being, we initiated weekly holistic training sessions led by Dr. Kauthar Khan this year, focusing on various aspects of mental health. These sessions provide our therapists with valuable insights and tools to enhance their clinical skills and promote holistic healing approaches.

4 - Establishment of Marketing Team

To strengthen our brand presence and effectively communicate our mission and services, we created a dedicated marketing team. This team is working to foster community engagement and amplify our outreach efforts across multiple channels.

5 - Promotion at IMI Canada National Conference 2023

On October 8th, 2023, Kisa Therapy Clinic participated in the IMI Canada National Conference in Toronto. This initiative aimed to raise awareness about our services and engage with professionals in the field of mental health.

6 - Grief Support Circle for As Sadiq School Teachers

In response to the unique needs of our community, we organized a grief support circle for the teachers at As Sadiq School. This initiative provided a safe and supportive space for educators to process their grief, share their experiences, and access valuable resources for coping and healing.

7 - Success at AEMS Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students Eid Dinner

On April 28th, one of our therapists represented Kisa Therapy Clinic at the AEMS Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students Eid Dinner. Her interactive activities were well-received, and attendees thoroughly enjoyed the engaging and insightful experience she provided.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES

In the coming year, we are excited to introduce several innovative initiatives, including:

“Ask a Therapist” on Instagram: A

platform where individuals can submit their questions anonymously, and our therapists will provide insightful responses within the scope of their practice and expertise.

Workshops: Our therapists will lead interactive psychoeducation sessions on topics of their choosing, leveraging platforms such as Instagram Live or Zoom to engage with a wider audience and foster meaningful dialogue.

Launch of Kisa Therapy Connect

We are currently in the process of launching Kisa Therapy Connect, a comprehensive directory listing Shia therapists in various regions. This platform facilitates easy access to qualified therapists and empowers individuals to find the support they need within their communities.



AHLUL-BAYT STUDENT ASSOCIATION NETWORK

Condensed Mission - ABSA Network strives to cultivate Shi'a student identity, personal development, & religious literacy within an Islamic framework on university campuses & beyond.

Detailed Mission - ABSA (Ahlul-Bayt Student Association) Network is a student organization that strives to provide professional growth and spiritual development opportunities to Shia youth across the globe under the guidance of scholars, educators, and industry professionals. Through ABSA Network, we hope to facilitate a network of future leaders and Muslim ambassadors through professional development events, student internship programs, educational learning tracks, and opportunities to spread Islamic awareness and the teaching of the Prophet (SAW) and Ahlul Bayt (AS) into high school and university campuses around the world. ABSA Network aims to shape future leaders through our core values of Professionalism, Networking, and Community.





MILESTONES

- ABSA Alumni Committee Fundraised \$20,000+
- Supported 90+ ABSA Chapters & Shi'a Student Groups
- Donated 10 Networking Packages to ABSA Chapters
- Established 8 New ABSA Chapters
- Collaborated with 15 Muslim Student Organizations
- Engaged with 2,000+ Students Across 3 Countries
- Grew Instagram Following from 700 to 2,000+

ABSA Summit:

- 85+ Attendees from 25+ ABSA Chapters across 10+ States
- 5+ New Chapters formed

'Building & Becoming' Religious Literacy Conference - ABSA Network x ICNYU

- 125+ Attendees from 10+ ABSA Chapters across 18+ States
- 3+ New Chapters formed

Regional Chapter Events

Sponsored 6+ Regional Events across 35+ ABSA Chapters

ABSA Network Collaborations

Engaged with 1,000+ students through partnerships with SPACE Conference, Ma'rifa, Imamia Medics, Unified Muslim Network, UMAA, MSA National, National Students Justice for Palestine, Who is Hussain, The Sacred Door Project, Camp Noor, Help Aid Africa, Islamic Center of New York, & Stanford MSU





SALAM INSTITUTE

Salam Institute strives to promote access to Qur'ānic and Islamic education for every child so as to increase knowledge and the application of Islamic History, Akhlāq, Fiqh, 'Aqāid and the Noble Qur'ān, in a holistic way which covers social, spiritual and physical aspects of development. It is our mission to guide and nurture students who will carry this knowledge forward and adopt through it, God-consciousness.

Learn more about our vision at <https://salamonline.education/>

Salam Online Schools: 300+ students

North America (Grades PreK-9)

Students across USA, Canada, England

MENASA (Grades KG-9)

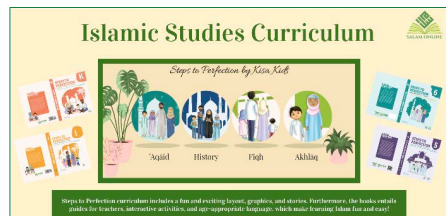
Students across UAE, Pakistan, Kenya, Qatar, India, Iran, Kuwait, UK, Egypt

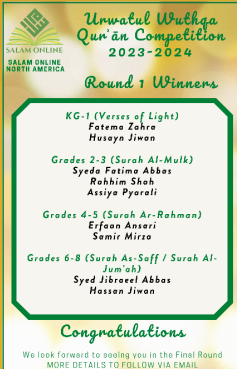
NZ/AUS (Grades PreK-7)

Students across New Zealand and Australia

Youth Classes (Grades 7-12)

Students across USA, Canada, India, Australia





MILESTONES

- **SALAM Institute Collaborating Schools Globally!** Across USA, Canada, India, Pakistan, UK, New Zealand, Australia
- **Learning Management System (LMS)** Provided LMS (Canvas and Google Classroom) to collaborating schools with full access to all content for curriculum, presentations, quizzes, & games.
- **Curriculum Salam Institute** has served students with age appropriate curriculum. Created supplemental curriculum classroom content for each lesson, including presentations and games.
- **Content Creation** (presentations, games and quizzes) for grades 7th-12th. School-Wide
- **Programming Qur'an Memorization Competition** with cash prizes and certificates provided to 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place winners from each category.
- **Parent Workshops**
- **Professional Development** Provided professional development training to all staff throughout the year.
- **Website** All curriculum and supplemental resources provided on the website.



A section of Al Kisa Foundation dedicated to creating resources that are Research Backed, Holistic, Guided and Vetted by Scholars. We start all our research with questions that come from the global community.

KISA FAMILY

Our Mission: The archetype of the perfect family is embodied by the Ahl al-Bayt (‘a), who have provided timeless foundational tools on how to maintain a strong and healthy family structure. Al-Kisa Foundation aspires to teach and help implement these fundamental principles, thereby strengthening the family unit. We strive to provide holistic knowledge, guidance, and support on how to actualize every family’s innate potential to succeed.

NEW RELEASES

- Proactive Faith in Illness: How to Live Well with a Chronic Illness or Disability
- Flying Anxiety
- Embracing Special Needs in our Masjids/Islamic Centers
- Should I “name their private parts”: Preventing Abuse of Our Children Using an Islamic Approach



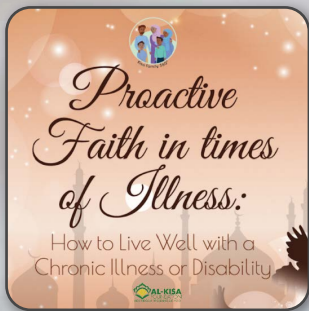
INSTAGRAM POST SERIES

- Nursing & Weaning
- Miscarriage & Stillbirth
- Justice
- School & Schooling Options

DEAR KISA SERIES

A blog series that answers your questions from a holistic, scholar approved perspective

My 9 year old Daughter Struggles with Prayer
 How do I Handle Negative Influences from My Kids School?
 Weaning a Toddler
 My Daughter’s Crush
 Feeling Stuck with My In-Laws
 I am yelling all day long!
 Losing my Spouse
 Constantly Fighting!



BLOGS

Creating a Culture of Selflessness

Attaining Spiritual Growth in this Holy Month of Ramaḍān

10 Ways to get your Grandparents or Elders Involved!

Celebrating Non Islamic Holidays

Raising a Socially Conscious Child

Educating a Muslim Child in the Western World

Strengthening Shī'ah Muslim Communities in Preparation for the Arrival of Imām Muḥammad al-Mahdī (ʿaj)

A Momma's Guide to Self-Care when Weaning from Breastfeeding

The Key Tool in Navigating Family Relationships

7 Tips to Improve Your Relationship With The Qur'ān

Gentle Parenting Starts with a Regulated Parent

Strengthening your Marriage: How to Navigate your Child's Special Needs Diagnosis

Coping with a Diagnosis of a Fetal Condition

Advice for Mothers and Children

Shawwāl: The Forgotten Month



RISE EDUCATION SYSTEM

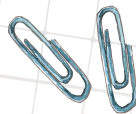
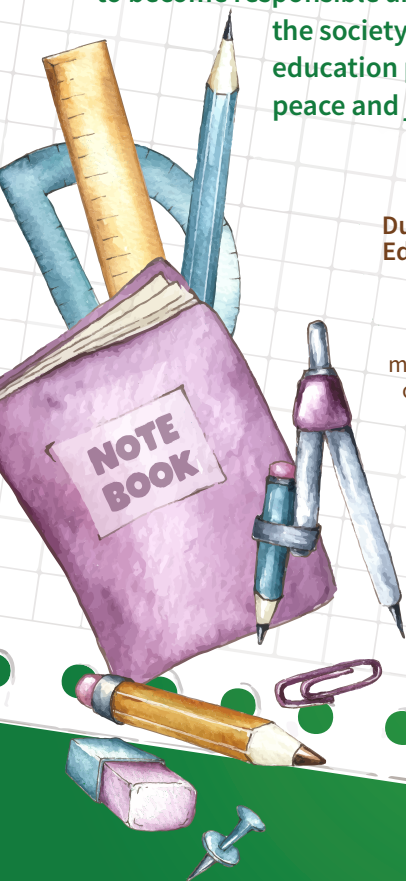
The mission of RISE Education System is to promote the holistic development of the child covering the psychological, emotional, spiritual, physical, intellectual and social well-being. This is accomplished by educating the child in the formation of faith, family and community. Rise Schools students will learn to become responsible and productive members of the society through a faith-based education promoting tolerance, peace and justice.

During the past fiscal year, RISE Education System has done the following:

Developed and implemented an administrative manual to align the policies and procedures at each of its schools (RISE Academy, RISE Institute, RISE East Bay, and Microschools)

Oversaw the annual budget for all schools

Streamlined processes for finance, human resources, and admissions



RISE ACADEMY

RISE Academy, a private faith-based institution operating within the RISE Education System in San Jose, California and has been a pillar in the community since its establishment in 2009. Our institution caters to students from Toddler to 12th grade and holds accreditation from

both the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and Cognia (International accreditation). RISE is one of 15 Islamic schools in the entirety of the San Francisco Bay Area and only one of three that offers a high school program. The Academy is completing its 16th school year with an enrollment of more than 230 students across its Early Childhood Education (ECE), Elementary, Middle, and Secondary programs.

MILESTONES

In May 2024, RISE Academy hosted three members of a Western Association for College and Schools (WASC) Visiting Committee for a duration of three and a half days. The purpose of the Committee's visit was to conduct a thorough review of all areas of the RISE Academy and RISE Institute's academics, policies, leadership, governance, programs, and future plans. The accreditation visit involved classroom observation, staff/student/parent/board interviews, and the evaluation of a 94-page self-study document. Alhamdulillah, the visit was very successful. RISE has achieved maximum accreditation recommendation and an overall ranking of "highly effective" in the vast majority of all focus areas! The WASC accreditation has been renewed for the next six years.

In June 2024, our 15 12th graders will insha'Allah join the ranks of our alumni as the fourth class to graduate from the Academy. All students in the official graduation stream have secured admission to universities and college, including institutions such as University of California - Berkeley, University of California - Davis, University of California - Los Angeles, San Jose State University, and St. Mary's, including one student who received a \$116,000 scholarship to St. Mary's.

In the academic year of 2023-2024, one of our students achieved the distinction of becoming a finalist and ultimately won the National Merit Scholarship. This prestigious award was a result of his exceptional performance on the PSAT/NMSQT, where he scored in the 99th percentile, showcasing his outstanding academic talents and dedication.

RISE Academy students placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd across various age categories in the international annual Urwatul Wuthqa Qur'an competition that took place in April, 2024.

RISE INSTITUTE



RISE Institute is a US-based, nationally accredited online school that strives for the development of the whole child by providing excellence in academic preparation in a faith-based environment. This means that in addition to the core subjects of Reading, Writing, Math, Science and Social Studies, we integrate Qur'an, Islamic Studies, and Mentorship to develop students towards high levels of God-consciousness, professional excellence and civic leadership by serving the larger society around them.

RISE Institute offers a holistic education that incorporates the teachings of the Ahl al-Bayt, where teachers utilize critical thinking that allow students to find creative solutions to real world issues. RISE Institute gives a voice to all students with small class sizes, personalized learning experiences, and leadership opportunities.

MILESTONES

- 1 RISE Institute creates a holistic learning environment through Islamic, academic, enrichment, and social opportunities for every student, through our daily assemblies, after school clubs, school-wide competitions and events, and facilitation in-person gatherings in large cities.
- 2 RISE Students participated in a variety of competitions including a school-wide Spelling Bee, Urwathul Wuthqa Quran Competition, and WISE Talks International Speech Competition.
 - For the WISE Talks Competition, two RISE students joined their peers from 27 schools competing in Karbala, Iraq. Our 5th grade student placed 3rd in the 10-14 age group in the competition presenting her topic about water conversation.
 - During the Urwathul Wuthqa Quran Competition RISE Institute competed alongside 11 other registered students from across the globe for the second annual Qur'an Competition. RISE had 7 students placed as finalists, and the school was recognized as one of the two top schools in the competition.

3 RISE Institute students showed scholastic and academic success in our school assessments and presentations.

- In our NWEA MAP Benchmarking Assessment, RISE analyzed the student data and 100% of the classrooms are achieving at or above grade level.
- STREAM Fair: A Celebration of Learning is an annual program where students submit proposals for projects they have done during the year, and present to the school their project, sharing what they learned, and making Islamic connections to their work.
- RISE hosts Student-Led Conferences twice per year to give students the opportunities to share their personal goals with their parents and progress towards those goals. Learning Coaches (parents) shared 100% satisfaction rate that Student-Led Conferences are both beneficial to them and to their learners.



4 RISE Institute has a fully Muslim Teaching Staff that shares a collective 75+ years of experience, 100% of the staff have Bachelor's Degrees and/or educational certifications, 100% of the staff are Project Based Learning Certified, and 50% of staff have obtained Graduate Degrees.

5 RISE Families shared their overall satisfaction rate with our school is 9 out of 10, highlighting the nurturing of future Muslim leaders, creating a safe and Islamically aligned environment, notable student growth while at RISE, and compassionate and dedicated teaching staff.



RISE MICROSCHOOLS

RISE MicroSchools are an opportunity for our RISE Institute families to gather on a regular basis to provide the students with religious, social, and academic enrichment. The RISE MicroSchools will be using programs created by the RISE team and in line with the mission and vision of the school. MicroSchools are established in communities of our RISE Institute families who are interested in providing this program for their children.

A RISE MicroSchool benefits the whole community! RISE students can spend time together while sharing their love of learning and the Ahl al-Bayt. RISE MicroSchools located in Islamic centers will encourage students to participate in local programs while enjoying time with their friends. RISE MicroSchools are building blocks for community schools.



MILESTONES

- 1 RISE Institute and the MicroSchools hosted several hybrid events this year including games day, annual school-wide majlis, and the school showcase.
- 2 At Phoenix and Simi Valley MicroSchools students take their core classes online with RISE Institute teachers and have recess, lunch, extra curricular activities, Islamic celebrations & commemorations with their peers at the in-person facility. MicroSchools are a unique place where students receive the high quality education from credentialed and experienced RISE Institute teachers and enjoy the social aspect of in person schools.
- 3 RISE Phoenix in Arizona launched this year with 25 students with 15 families. The facility has 2 classrooms designed with the RISE students in mind. There are 4 learning coaches on staff that work with the students while at the MicroSchool.
- 4 RISE Simi Valley MicroSchool program is in their second year and doubled their enrollment from last year to this year, there are currently 12 students in Kindergarten to Grade 4.



- 5 RISE Seattle in Washington continued their third year and is looking forward to continuing to expand their program next year. RISE Institute has 19 students living in the Seattle area who have access to their program. The Seattle Program students are engaged in a diverse range of activities including science experiments focusing on macromolecule identification, crafts such as decoupage rocks and creating thank you cards, life skills like food preparation and safe can opening, and physical education involving circuits, team building activities, soccer, yoga, and various fun games to conclude the school year. Next year the team has secured a facility that can be open to RISERS 3 days a week!

Interested in starting a full time MicroSchools or part time Hub near you? Complete the Hub Interest Form on our website!

<https://www.riseinstitute.education/hubs/>



RISE East bay, a private faith-based institution operating within the RISE Education System in Hayward, California is a branch of the Academy campus and caters to young learners in grades ECE-2nd. RISE East Bay has a beautiful campus and yard, and the curriculum emphasizes nature-based learning and play.



MILESTONES

We have expanded our academic offerings by adding new grades up to 2nd grade, providing a broader educational scope.

The completion of Phase 2 of playground renovations marks a significant milestone, with the introduction of new play structures enhancing recreational facilities.

We have commenced horseback riding classes for Elementary kids, enriching our extracurricular program with diverse activities.

Our students continue to excel academically, consistently outperforming national scores on the MAP Growth NWEA assessment for grades 1-2.

In addition to academic achievements, we have introduced Lego engineering classes on a weekly basis for grades 1-2, fostering hands-on learning experiences.

We are proud to announce the successful implementation of a fully project-based learning curriculum, encompassing various enriching activities:

- Weekly Lego engineering classes tailored for grades 1-2.
- A revitalized gardening program offering weekly classes focused on planting and growth from seed.
- Engaging hands-on science units covering diverse themes such as Ramadan and water conservation.





RISE UNIVERSITY

RISE University offers a Doctorate Educational Leadership and three Masters of Education degree programs with fully online courses. The University also offers graduate level certificates for completion of 18 hours within each concentration. Students that complete the certification can continue their studies to complete their master's degree.

MILESTONES

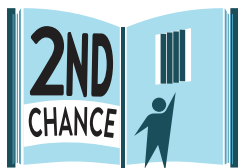
RISE University offered its seventh graduate course this Spring semester.

The 4th member of the team, Dr. Taymaz Tabrizi, joined the graduate faculty.

Graduate students are currently enrolled in the Practicum course. The course is co-taught by Dr. Nooh Kasraie and Dr. Taymaz Tabrizi. In the practicum course the students will be working in an organization for 60 hours and applying the theories and concepts they have learned into practice.

In this course, enrolled students are volunteering their expertise in six different non-profit organizations with an economic impact of more than \$12,000.

RISE University is planning an open house to recruit its first batch of international students for the Fall 2024 semester.



2ND CHANCE BOOKS



At 2nd Chance Books, we support the journey of Muslim inmates in and outside of prison walls. We hope to impact the lives of our participants through our letter correspondence, quarterly magazines, postcards, Islamic books and curriculum guides, personalized scholarly guidance, and other critical tools for rehabilitation

“They feed the needy, the orphan, and the prisoner, out of love for Him.”

[Qur’ān, Sūrah al-Insān (76), Verse 8]

We are an Islamic non-profit organization dedicated to the legacy of the 11th Imām, Ḥasan al-‘Askarī (‘a), who spent the majority of his life in prison and under house arrest by the corrupt ruler of the time. Imām al-‘Askarī (‘a) is the great grandson of our beloved Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ) and father of the 12th Imām, Muḥammad al-Mahdī (‘aj)

The USA has the highest incarceration rate in the entire world. Americans only represent 5% of the entire world’s population, but its inmates comprise nearly 25% of the entire world’s incarcerated population. That is 2.3 million inmates.

Without proper access to educational resources, most of these individuals will fall victim to the cycle of the revolving door and become repeat offenders.

2nd Chance seeks to provide the proper tools for change. Our initiatives aim to promote awareness of the true teachings of Islam through the moral and ethics teachings of the Noble Prophet (ṣ) and his divine household (‘a) in our program.



MILESTONES

Our 2nd Chance team completed revamped our entity's website: 2nd Chance Books

We are currently working on revamping our social media presence and have created flyers

We created two du'ā' focused pamphlets:

- Daily Du'ās of Shahr Ramaḍān Pamphlet
- Du'ās of the Week Pamphlet

We sent a Shahr Ramaḍān gift: Beginners Guide to Fasting Pamphlet and Images

We created a poetry photography book to send as a Muharram gift:
The Whispers of Ḥusayn

We sent out several issues of Sirat Link:

- Şirāt Link Special Edition Winter 2024 | Vol. 4 (April 2024)
- Şirāt Link - Vol 5, Issue 1 (Draft in progress, June 2024)

We created multiple occasion cards:

- Ayyām Fāṭimiyyah
- Mīlādun Nabī Mubārak
- 15th of Sha'bān
- Ramaḍān / Eidul Fiṭr
- Ḥajj & Eidul Aḍḥā
- Eidul Ghaḍīr
- Muḥarram & 'Āshūrā'

Milestones Data: Statistics as of Feb 1st, 2024

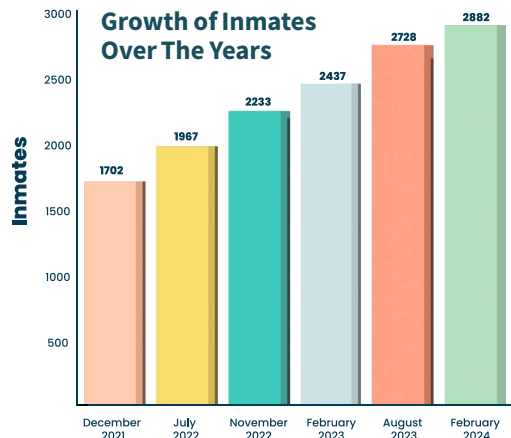
- We serve 2835 active members (16.4% increase from Feb '23)
- We answered 619 letters from inmates from Aug '23 - Jan '24
- We have sent 541 packages from Aug '23 - Jan '24
- We have sent 2,121 books from Aug '23 - Jan '24
- We serve 511 prisons nationwide

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Letters received in
Jan 2024 from inmates
and responded to!

Current Percentage of Inmates by Region:

Texas - 23.8%
California - 18.0%
North Carolina - 18.0%
Florida - 8.5%
South Carolina - 5.8%
Indiana - 4.4%
Heartland Region - 3.1%
Pennsylvania - 2.9%
Great Lakes Region - 2.6%
New York - 2.2%
Great Plains Region - 2.4%





ISLAMIC BELIEFS

Islamic Beliefs is about learning, exploring, and connecting with others based on the teachings of the Noble Prophet (ﷺ) and his divine household (a). We take inspiration from the following verse:

Say, “My Lord, increase me in knowledge.”

[Qurʾān, Sūrah Ṭāhā (20), Verse 114]

Islamic Beliefs is a website launched in July 2021 to provide education and community support to anyone who is looking to build their Islamic knowledge.

Our goal is to cater equally to all knowledge levels and backgrounds.

MILESTONES

In partnership with 2nd Chance, Islamic Beliefs has established a Curriculum Ladder, a self-guided learning system with books, materials, and curriculum guides to aid members in achieving their learning goals. Our Curriculum Ladder is thorough and contains 12 subjects ranging from ‘Aqā’id, Fiqh, History, Mahdawiyyah, Akhlāq, Ḥadīth, Worship, Shīʿah/Sunnī, Qurʾān, Tafsīr, Recitation, to Arabic. The Curriculum Ladder consists of the Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced levels, with levels for growth within each learning tier.



Literacy International

Raabta: A school transformation program) is engaged with 30 schools to enhance instruction quality

STEM Improvements: Established 4 Computer Labs, 4 Science Labs and 3 Libraries

Innovation Challenge: A flagship program where schools go through a design thinking process was conducted for 20 schools. Four Innovation projects in progress related to Mental Health, Robotics, etc.

School Enhancement: Supported 2 remote schools with buses, 1 school with Hall for school activities and another school with 4 classrooms to increase their capacity

Raabta Model School Program: Established the program with evolve a remote Kashmir school to become a model school and beacon for other schools to follow

Buniyaad After School: Established a new after school community center in Pune

Raabta Teachers and Leadership training conducted across

- 500+ Teachers
- 150+ School Leaders
- 1000+ Parents

Student Support: Helping 250+ high school and pre-University students with tuition support

Partnerships with some of the leading Shia organizations in India like TMT in Uttar Pradesh and IKEMT, Jamiat-e-Ulama in Ladakh

Onboarded Mission Director to facilitate Islamic mission alignment for the programs

Overall reach crossing 10,000+ children across Kashmir, Ladakh and Uttar Pradesh



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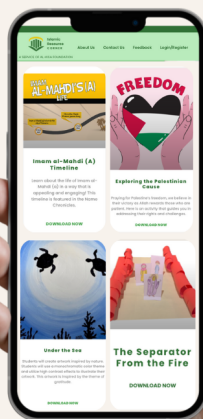
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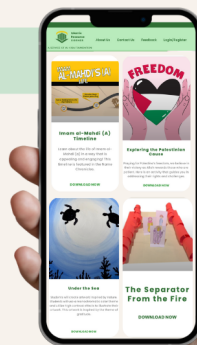
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