

IFS believes in providing students with a well-rounded education. See table below for special activities offered:

Extra-Curricular Offerings	Special Events and Programs	Athletics
Student Council National Honor Society ACES ICTM Model UN Amnesty International MIST Students for Social Justice UNICEF Yearbook Robotics Coding Crochet Club Anime Club Green Club Newspaper Club Pep Club	Spelling Bee Arabic Spelling Bees Geography Bee Quran Competition Science Fair Essay and Poetry Contests STEAM Family Night Field Day Junior Achievement Reading Book Club Blue Stem Club Math Word Problems Club STEAM Club Coding Club Lego Club Art/Hands on Activities Club Arabic Immersion Club Building Club Looming Club Crochet Club DIY Club Origami Club Persian Club Cooking Club	<p>Basketball: Girls Varsity Basketball Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Boys Varsity Basketball Boys Junior Varsity Basketball</p> <p>Volleyball: Girls Varsity Volleyball Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball Boys Varsity Volleyball Boys Junior Varsity Volleyball</p> <p>Soccer: Boys Varsity Soccer Girls Varsity Soccer</p>

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School Profile

ISLAMIC FOUNDATION SCHOOL

AT A GLANCE

100% college acceptance

Wide variety of student activities

Many Honors & Advanced Placement courses

Male and female sports programs

Daily exposure to Mosque & Spiritual Program

3 different Quran programs

For over 30 years, Islamic Foundation School has served as the home of a community of American Muslims who care about the world around them. IFS attracts the type of people who want to see a difference in the world. Through spiritual focus, academic integrity, and a deep focus on character, our students grow to be positive contributors to society.

IFS CORE VALUES

- Islamic Morals
- Character Focused
- Challenging Academics
- Quran Rooted
- Collaborative Work
- Individually Specialized
- Leadership Oriented
- Knowledge Driven

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SCHOLARSHIP • CHARACTER • SERVICE

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Islamic Foundation School (IFS) is a private school located in Villa Park, Illinois that provides a rigorous academic program focusing on college readiness. Additionally, IFS provides comprehensive religious instruction. IFS serves students from all parts of the Chicago land area from economically and culturally diverse backgrounds. IFS is accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), now known as COGNIA. Our faculty is composed of certified teachers, many of whom hold Master's level degrees in their field.

Building a Solid Foundation

The driving force behind the IFS experience is to instill the values of Scholarship, Character, and Service within the daily lives of our students.

Scholarship	Character	Service
The academic education at IFS allows students to thrive in all grade levels with a low teacher to student ratio. Students have access to specialized attention and resource staff. This ensures positive results and growth in all grade levels. Students graduate from IFS as lifelong learners and contributing members of society.	The core focus of the Islamic education at IFS centers on the development of character. Through understanding of hadith, delving into the meaning of the Quran, and discussing faith, students learn the character of a true Muslim. This enables our students to navigate the various aspects of their spiritual identity to learn how to lead a life of success.	All students participate in two days dedicated to service-learning activities. They are provided with the opportunity to give back to the community and learn how to pay it forward through service. Lessons learned from these trips are then integrated into the classroom setting to allow students to incorporate service into their everyday lives.

Quran and Arabic

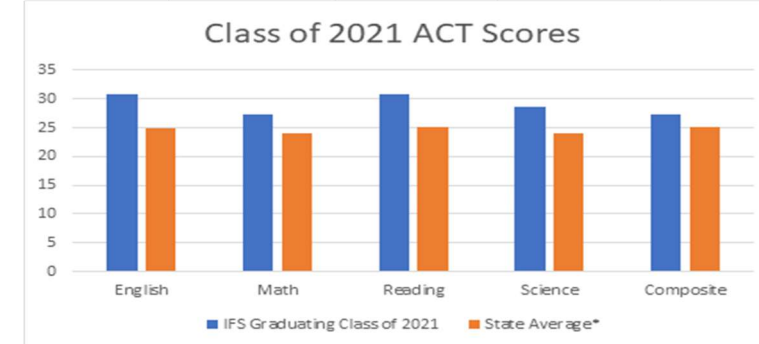
The mission of the Quran and Arabic Studies Department is to foster love for the Holy Quran by providing students high-quality Arabic language and Quran instruction. We strive to help each student build a holistic Arabic skill set. We aim to produce Arabic-literate Muslim Americans who can interact with the Quran and other primary sources of Islamic tradition at a meaningful level. At the Elementary level, both written and spoken Arabic are taught, with the initial focus on reading Quran. At the Middle School level, students have the unique opportunity to study Arabic grammar and conversation. At the High School level, 6 course options for full-year Arabic courses are offered over the course of a 4-year period. Advanced students are introduced to Arabic literature, and their language skills are put to the test with a close reading of the Prophetic Hadith.

Accolades: Islamic Foundation School graduates have gone on to receive not only admission to some of the nation's most prestigious universities and programs, but also earned scholarships totaling over \$2,000,000 each year. Through proper guidance and support from faculty and families, the **graduating class of 2021** has accomplished the following:

- Gained acceptance to Guaranteed Medical Programs, such as the University of Illinois at Chicago GPPA (Business) and Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) programs
- Earned the title of College Board National Scholar, scoring in the top 2.5% nationally on the PSAT/NMSQT Test
- 50% of the graduating class earned the title of AP Scholar, AP Honors, or AP Distinction from the College Board
- 30% of the graduating class are Illinois State Scholars, ranking in the top 5% on standardized tests
- 60% of the graduating class have earned the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence, maintaining a high GPA and scoring high on standardized tests
- 25% of the graduating class are Hufaz
- Received a full Athletic Scholarship

ACT Test Scores:

	IFS Graduating Class of 2019	State Average *www.act.org	IFS Graduating Class of 2020	State Average *www.act.org	IFS Graduating Class of 2021	State Average *www.act.org
English	26.6	24.5	26.8	24.9	30.8	24.9
Math	23.6	23.8	24.2	24.1	27.3	24.1
Reading	26.4	24.7	25.4	25.1	30.8	25.1
Science	24.2	23.7	24.5	24.1	28.6	24.1
Composite	25.4	24.3	25.4	24.7	27.4	25.2





Through an advanced curriculum and thoughtful attention from teachers, our high school program offers a strong learning base for students to advance into college. The program provides honors courses, electives, and a plethora of Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Our college counselor provides students and their parents with the guidance needed to make informed decisions regarding their academic and professional future. Our alumni have secured admission to renowned universities such as Yale, John Hopkins, Duke, Stanford, Northwestern, Madinah, Brown, UC Berkeley, and University of Chicago, as well as IIT, Benedictine, George Washington, Loyola, and DePaul, to name a few.

Academic Offerings: IFS focuses on a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum. A majority of classes are weighted since most courses offered are Honors and Advanced Placement. The GPA scale is 4.0 scale and is a weighted GPA. IFS does not report class rank.

AP Courses	Honors Courses	Dual Credit
Biology	Algebra II	Biotechnology
Calculus AB	American Literature	Introduction to Education
Calculus BC	Biology	Physics
Chemistry	Chemistry	Sociology
Geography	Conversational Arabic	
Environmental Science	Elements of Reading	
Language and Composition	Foundations of Science Geography	
Literature and Composition	Geometry	
Macroeconomics	Physics	
Microeconomics	Pre-Calculus	
Physics	Statistics	
Psychology	US History	
US History	World History	
World History	World Literature	

National Honor Society: Being a member of the IFS Chapter of the National Honors Society (NHS) allows our highest-achieving students the opportunity to hone their leadership skills. Membership in NHS demands that a student demonstrate the pillars of scholarship, service, leadership, and character on a daily basis. The Islamic Foundation School NHS members have provided aid to victims of natural disasters, held fundraisers to support students in need across the Chicagoland area, dedicated their time to our firefighters and police officers, and many other events that have left a lasting impact on their community at large.

School Student Council: IFS High School Student Council members are elected officials who work together within a framework to provide a means for student expression. This form of collaboration gives opportunities for our students to experience leadership roles, interact on a deeper level with their teachers, peers, and community, and learn strategies to impact society and change the world. Student Council members have contributed towards team building amongst their peers, leading in the recognition of teachers, supporting the needs of the larger community through potlucks, pep rallies, and fundraisers.

Islamic Studies Integration: The Islamic Studies Department at IFS is committed to enrich the lives of students by fostering an environment of proactive learning and spiritual growth. The curriculum focuses on the moral teachings, beliefs, and practices of Islam and on developing each student’s understanding and commitment to their faith. Our connection to the mosque allows our students to develop a unique spiritual commitment. With the ability to ask faith-based questions and receive deep, meaningful answers through our Islamic Studies program, our students engage in a journey of understanding the religion with a heightened awareness. We aim at developing each student’s ability to navigate being Muslim in the social, moral, and intellectual milieu of contemporary society.

Social Emotional Education: The school counselors and teachers work together to integrate Islamic education and character development into the students’ social, emotional education to create a truly unique enrichment program for all students. Our social emotional education program focuses on behavioral enhancement and emotional well-being through Positive Behavioral Interventional and Support (PBIS). PBIS is a model that is utilized nationally in schools and has proven increased success amongst students and created positive school cultures and climates nationwide.

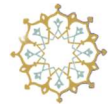
School-Wide Writing Initiative: At IFS, we realize that in order to prepare students to be effective communicators for college and beyond, students must be able to express their ideas effectively. In 2020, Islamic Foundation School has launched a campus-wide writing initiative to make writing meaningful and relevant for each individual learner. Students are equipped with techniques and styles of writing in their Writing classes twice per week, then are encouraged to write more and with a purpose in all other subjects.

Service Learning: Service Learning is a teaching and learning methodology that connects classroom curriculum with identified community issues and needs. Service Learning engages students in projects that serve the community and build their social and academic capacities. Islamic Foundation School students dedicate two days per year to the community. In previous years, some of our destinations have been Beacon Hill Nursing Home, Schiller Woods, Islamic Relief, Food Banks, and Habitat for Humanity.

Sacred Link Programs: IFS offers 3 unique programs that allow its students to work towards their goal of memorizing the Holy Quran. The full-time option concentrates on solely Quran memorization in a safe and social setting with personalized attention in a small classroom setting. The part-time option gives both IFS and non-IFS students a chance to complete their regular school day and begin Quran memorization afterwards. The last option, dual hifdh, allows students to take core classes at IFS with their peers, use their Quran, Arabic, and Islamic Studies periods to memorize the Quran, then return to a concentrated setting to continue memorizing at the end of a typical school day.

Athletics: With multiple gyms, one full-size basketball court with state-of-the-art features, IFS students have access to a competitive athletic program for boys and girls, as well as numerous extra-curricular activities.





*Elementary
and Middle School*

Elementary School Our program offers a curriculum where academics is integrated with Islamic education. It aims to nurture the holistic development of a child. We emphasize learning through play with a heavy emphasis on the use of manipulatives, arts and crafts, and dramatic play. Our elementary curriculum provides the foundation of learning the core concepts for reading, writing, language arts, math, social studies, science, Islamic Studies, Quran, Art, and Physical Education.

Academic Offerings: Elementary curriculum consists of holistic, engaging and academically challenging courses. Teachers use the common core standards as a guide in planning their lessons. Math is taught with a focus on the mastery of skills. Language Arts and Reading curriculum is differentiated according to student’s abilities and Lexile scores. Along with the core curriculum, students take Arabic, Islamic Studies, Qur’an, Physical Education, Art, Computers, and Library.

Early Childhood Program: IFS’s early childhood preschool and prekindergarten programs follows the Illinois Early Learning Standards and focuses on the social-emotional, physical, cognitive and language development of the child. Children learn how to develop relationships with others, positive social interactions and responsibility towards self and others.

Middle School is where education, social, and personal skills are solidified. Students are prepared in middle school for the advanced education they will experience in high school. Through a more rigorous educational experience and increased attention to emotional well-being, middle school students are provided with an environment conducive to personal and academic development.

Academic Offerings: Middle School students are instructed in the following academic subjects: Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Quran, Arabic, and Islamic Studies. Middle School students also participate in Art, Physical Education, Library, and Computers.

Middle School Student Council: The purpose of the Middle School Student Council is to give motivated students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills. Acting as the voice of the student body, Student Council members raise school spirit and plan activities that contribute to the overall welfare of the community. Projects of the past include fundraisers for cancer research, walks to increase autism awareness, and service projects to show support for war-affected refugees.

National Junior Honor Society: Membership in the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is one of the *highest* honors that can be awarded to a Middle School student. The IFS chapter strives to give practical meaning to the Society’s standards of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. These five ideas will be considered as the basis for selection, as well as a fundamental part of our chapter activities. The NJHS strives to recognize the total student – one who excels in all these areas. In past years, the Chapter has raised and donated funds towards Diabetes research, worked towards constructing water wells in third world countries, and hosted annual Iftar and Eid celebrations for the community at large.

MAP Testing

IFS utilizes the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests for KG - 8th grades. MAP is a formal assessment described as "a computer adaptive test, which means every student gets a unique set of test questions based on responses to previous questions. As the student answers correctly, questions increase in complexity. If the student answers incorrectly, the questions get easier. By the end of the test, most students will answer about half the questions correctly." This helps to determine what skills a student is proficient in and what skills he or she is ready to learn next. The subject areas tested are Reading, Language Usage, Mathematics, and Science. The test is taken three times per year and progress is monitored at each quarter. The results are analyzed to differentiate instruction, tailor lesson plans, and set individual and classroom goals

MAP Test Scores Fall 2021

Reading MAP Scores - Fall 2021			Language MAP Scores - Fall 2021			Math MAP Scores - Fall 2021		
Grade	IFS	National Norm	Grade	IFS	National Norm	Grade	IFS	National Norm
KG	144.0	137.0				KG	148.0	140.0
1st	164.0	156.0				1st	166.0	160.0
2nd	187.0	172.0	2nd	187.0	174.0	2nd	185.0	175.0
3rd	197.0	187.0	3rd	194.0	188.0	3rd	192.0	188.0
4th	209.0	197.0	4th	209.0	197.0	4th	204.0	200.0
5th	213.0	204.0	5th	213.0	204.0	5th	211.0	209.0
6th	219.0	210.0	6th	216.0	209.0	6th	218.0	215.0
7th	224.0	214.0	7th	221.0	213.0	7th	225.0	220.0
8th	226.0	218.0	8th	224.0	216.0	8th	232.0	225.0

