

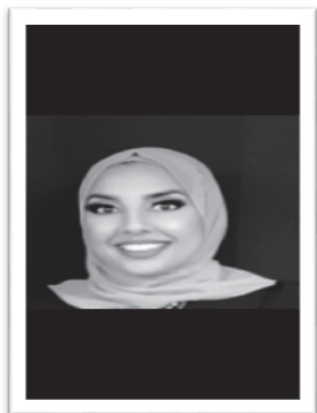
ISLAMIC FOUNDATION SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TEAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

Principal-Shereen Hussain



Shereen Hussain obtained a double Masters in Technology in Education and school Leadership and Administration from National Louis University and Northeastern Illinois University and is a licensed school principal in Illinois. Additionally, Ms. Hussain holds Illinois state certifications in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Teaching Technology, and School Administration. She is also a National Board-Certified Teacher in Library Media. Ms. Hussain recently achieved Google Level 1 and Level 2 certifications. For the past 20 years, she has worked in the Chicago Public Schools as a Teacher, Technology Coordinator, and Assistant Principal. At Mozart Elementary in Chicago, she led the school's Instructional Lead Team in analyzing Continuous Improvement Work Plan data, identifying problems, developing action plans, setting goals, and assessing the plan. Her background includes extensive knowledge of child development, strategies for Multi Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), differentiation in Tier 1 instruction, and data analysis of student assessments to improve instruction. Additionally, she applied for and received the STEM IIMSA Fusion program support from the Illinois Bicentennial Commission. During the 2022-2023 academic year at IFS, Mrs. Hussain introduced and implemented new programs that promoted student growth and achievement, focusing on STEAM concepts. Her passion for the subject area enabled her to secure a \$5,000 BOSCH Grant to supplement the IFS STEAM program and establish a long-term partnership between IFS and BOSCH.

Mrs. Lyla Abdallah– Assistant Principal



Mrs. Lyla Abdallah holds a Master's degree in Educational Leadership, which she obtained from Wayne State University in Michigan (M. Ed). She also holds 2 Bachelor's degrees in Childhood Education and Special Education, which she earned from a private college, Daemen University, in New York (BASPEE). Mrs. Abdallah holds a Master's certification in Teaching and Special Education through ISBE and certification in Administration and Principalship through Michigan and Illinois. She has hosted professional developments and coursework on differentiated instruction at Wayne State University. Mrs. Abdallah is thrilled to start her first year at Islamic Foundation School as our new Assistant Principal. This will be her 12th year in education, working with students in kindergarten through 12th grades with an emphasis in leadership and administration for the last 4 years. Although she has always felt at home in the classroom, it is in her position as an educational administrator where she has been most fulfilled in her life's work. Mrs. Abdallah has led and served as a Special Education Administrator and Director in the State of Michigan and Illinois for the last 4 years with a focus on differentiated instruction, data analysis, student growth, and behavior. She has worked in public, charter, and private Islamic Schools. She is looking forward to working with the staff and community at IFS as a partner in education, facilitating the growth of all. She is eager to bring her child-centered approach to support our students through the lens of Islam and the Sunnah.

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Ms. Shabana Malik – Assistant Principal & STEAM Department Head



Ms. Malik holds M.Sc. in Biology, M.Phil. in Microbiology. She has an M.S. in Biology (Biotechnology) from Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) Chicago. Ms. Malik's terminal degree is Ed. S Educational Leadership with a Principal Endorsement (ISBE) from National Louis University (NLU). Ms. Malik holds the Masters Teaching Certificate from ISBE. She also holds an ESL endorsement from the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC). Ms. Malik is a certified Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Instructor for courses like Principles of Biomedical sciences (PBS), Human Body Systems (HBS) and Medical Interventions (MI). Ms. Malik has also done course work on Differentiated Instruction at Humboldt State University, CA. Ms. Malik is an experienced educator and an administrator with proven expertise in curriculum development, instruction, assessment, professional development, school budgeting and School Improvement Plans (SIP). She has been involved in establishing partnerships with community organizations, school initiatives, developing school-wide policies and protocols, school career pathways evaluation and assessment, team building, data analysis, Equity, Internet & School Safety, PBIS & Restorative Justice practices. Ms. Malik has worked as a Science Department Head for the past four years. She is an Adjunct Faculty member and a Dual Credit Instructor at College of DuPage (COD). She has taught College and University courses at various institutions including East West University, South University Online, Western Governor University, Robert Morris University, City Colleges of Chicago etc. She has worked as a summer school Instructional Coach for TFA (Teach for America) for the past two years. She is determined to use her leadership skills to foster a collaborative community to improve student achievement and school success. Her goal is to develop the staff to provide the best instruction, behavior management, and assessment practices including STEAM incorporated initiatives to help build consensus by effective communication and collaboration. She is looking forward to creating a positive school culture and developing student-centered classroom to ensure the success of our IFS scholars!

Imam Zaid Abdelrahim – Director of Tarbiyah & Community Engagement



Zaid Abdelrahim has earned a Master's Degree in Educational Management & Leadership, complemented by an Associate Degree in Electronics. Mr. Abdelrahim also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry from the University of Puerto Rico. In addition, he pursued Studies in the Islamic Sciences under esteemed scholars from Al-Azhar, Syria, and Mishkah University in the US. His journey in education includes roles in various Islamic Schools where he taught regular and AP courses such as Theory of Knowledge and Spanish, QAIS subjects—Quran, Arabic, and Islamic Studies, in addition to serving as a Tarbiyah Director. As an Imam at several Masajid and Islamic centers, Zaid Abdelrahim has dedicated more than 15 years to serving Muslim communities in Puerto Rico, Florida, and Illinois. Initially, trained as a Scientist, he worked in the Pharmaceutical Industry with Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, and Bristol-Myers Squibb. His current aspiration is to promote comprehensive education with focus on Tarbiyah and well-being (Body, Mind, & Spirit) for youth and families, emphasizing Islamic principles and research-based strategies.

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Academic Counselor - Linda Qatanani



Linda Qatanani is the academic counselor at Islamic Foundation School. She earned her Master's in counseling from Governors State University and is a Licensed Professional Counselor as well as a National Certified Counselor. Ms. Linda concentrates on and provides services regarding academic counseling and college/career planning for all students. She instructs and guides students on how to prepare for college through focusing on their academics and being involved in extra-curricular activities and community service. As a staff member at Islamic Foundation School, she works with students on exemplifying a commitment to scholarship, character, and service. Her goal is to shape students into mature, responsible, and knowledgeable young individuals who have bright futures ahead of them!

School Nurse– Asma Khatoon



Ms. Asma Khatoon the Islamic Foundation School Nurse. Ms. Asma has been working diligently to keep our school safe. Ms. Asma is a ECFMG certified Doctor. She worked at Marianjoy Hospital as a research assistant and completed her externship from Lorreto Hospital. She completed her nursing degree from IL College of Nursing. Furthermore, Ms. Asma worked as a Clinical Quality Analyst for home health agencies. She joined the IFS team in 2011. Since then, Ms. Asma has helped thousands of students by creating a healthy and safe learning environment.

Athletic Director– Ali Abuhlaleh



Dr. Ali is a former Olympian, and he achieved many recognitions during his wrestling career. Dr. Ali obtained his Master in Sport and Tourism Management from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) and his Ph.D. in Leadership and Sport Management from Concordia University Chicago (CUC). Dr. Ali received a certificate in School Management and Leadership (CSML) from Harvard University. He completed 31 leadership training classes related to athletic management and participated in many national conferences related to sports management as a participant and presenter. Dr. Ali was recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for his contribution to developing youth sports programs for third world countries. He was recognized by Indiana University for his Outstanding Academic Achievement. In 2016, Dr. Ali was named the Athletic Director of the year in the State of Illinois. Dr. Ali is the founder and president of the Palestinian American Athletic Association (PAAA), which works as a representative of the Palestinian Olympic Committee in the USA. He is also, the founder of the Metropolitan Prep and Southwest Schools Conferences.

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Yasemin Taskiran – Academic Counselor



Yasemin Taskiran is an Academic Counselor at Islamic Foundation School. She earned her undergraduate degree in Psychological Counseling and Guidance from Maltepe University in Turkey and completed her master's degree in School Counseling at Jacksonville State University in Alabama. She has been working in education for two years. Ms. Yasemin is passionate about helping students reach their highest potential. She monitors the academic achievement and social/emotional development of students in grades 6-12. Her responsibilities include assisting students facing academic challenges, evaluating their standardized test scores, and organizing workshops for academic, social, and personal awareness. Ms. Yasemin's goal is to help students become more self-aware, navigate the school process with confidence, and be well-prepared for the future.