



**FURQAAN
ACADEMY**
A DIVISION OF AL-FURQAAN FOUNDATION

Online

**BACK
TO
SCHOOL**

THE COAST TO COAST NETWORKED SCHOOL
FULL-TIME ISLAMIC SCHOOL WITH INTEGRATED HIFDH

Quarter 1 Newsletter 2024-2025

Orientation Days!

FAO started the new school year by introducing the orientation program for both students and parents. FAO orientation days for students were really helpful and a great way to start off the year.

The student program was three days; this is to help students completely understand our school. If you were a new student, this was a great time to meet and introduce yourself to teachers and students. For both new and returning students, the student orientation days were also very helpful for learning about some new classes that were added this year, such as the new physical education and art class. The teachers were kind and answered all our questions. They gave us some information about themselves and gave us a preview of what this school year will look like in their classes. It was also great to know more about the resources available for students if we were ever confused and needed help. The orientation days really made me more confident and prepared for the new school year ahead because it helped me get a preview of what and how this coming year will go.

FAO parent orientation was very informative for the parents of both the new and returning students. Parents had the chance to meet the teachers and principal and get a preview of the school their children will be attending. They were able to learn about the FAO school's vision, rules, and expectations. This was very helpful for understanding our school. Parents were able to see the many opportunities their children will have to succeed academically and spiritually within the year in FAO, In Sha Allah.

Donyia R. 12th Grade

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Upcoming Events!

First Day of Classes

Aug, 19th 2024

Labor Day No School

Sep, 2nd 2024

Fall Map Testing

Sep, 9th-13th 2024

**Read-a-thon Kick Off
Assembly**

Sep, 18th 2024

All Spelling Bee

Sep, 25th 2024

First Quran Competition

Oct, 9th 2024

Quarter 1 ends

Oct, 11th 2024

FAO CLUBS

Mondays - 6-12th grades

Newsletter club

Tuesday, Wednesday -

6-12th grades Homework club



My Journey in

Understanding The Quran

In my Quran classes, I used to struggle with reciting without understanding; I was able to memorize surahs, thankfully. However, I wanted to build a deeper connection with the words I am memorizing. This all changed this year when our Quran teacher, Mrs. Ghada Ghazy, introduced a new material to us, focusing not just on memorization but on understanding the meaning behind each verse.

As I started to understand the meaning of the verses, I realized that my memorization started to improve. Understanding the context behind the surahs helped me remember the verses more naturally. Each word I memorized connected with me on a deeper level, making memorizing less of a task and more like a journey of learning. I am very pleased with this new material and eager to learn more about the Quran.

Jenna A. 12th Grade

Introducing Art Class!

Furqaan Academy has provided a new art class for its students this year. Art class is a very special class in which students can put their creativity, imagination, and skills into action. In this class, students will learn and explore different styles and techniques used in art. By the end of this school year, students will be creating their personal art portfolios. The art portfolio will include and show their best pieces of artwork from their class throughout the school year. I hope everyone is excited and is looking forward to this new class, which will be full of fun activities and creativity!

Yasmin Y. 9th Grade



First Year In Advanced Islamic Studies

I am attending Furqaan Academy Online, and I have joined a class called Advanced Islamic Studies since I was in 8th grade. This class is offered to 8th-12th grade students. Advanced Islamic Studies is a hard and sometimes complicated class. It's a little too advanced sometimes, especially for 8th graders. It's a good class, but I'm just trying to get used to it because it's one of those classes where if you miss one assignment, you get off track, lost, confused, and don't know what to do. I didn't do one assignment, and I am as lost as a person in the middle of the African rainforest trying to find his way back to America.

Waleed R. 8th Grade



FAO Students Testimonials

One thing I enjoy about this school is the Quran class and how it helps me memorize and advance in the Quran class. I also really like my literature class.

Huda A. 11th grade

I've had a great time learning at Furqaan Academy Online. The classes are easy and hard to understand. I've learned so much about different subjects, and I feel smarter now. My favorite thing about FAO is the google classroom. It's helpful.

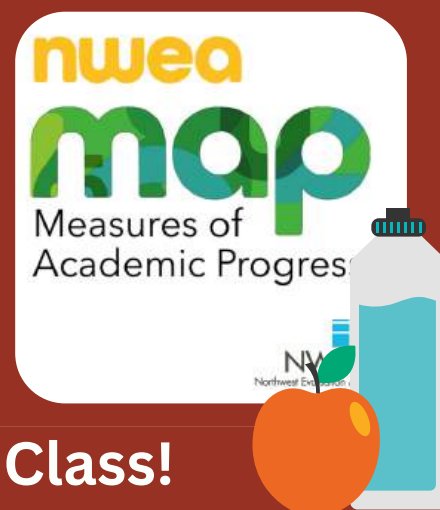
Noor K. 8th grade



MAP Testing

Map testing is a testing program Furqaan Academy Online students are required to complete three times a year; to determine how much students have learned and grown and how much progress they have made. The subjects we are tested in are Math, Reading, and Language Arts. To do the MAP tests, students would have to have the camera on, share their screen and show the surrounding room area. Students test in individual google meets.

Aya A. 10th Grade



Introducing Physical Education Class!

This year, Furqaan Academy Online added a new gym class, which is awesome. Since it's an online school, students spend a lot of time sitting in front of their screens, and that can get unhealthy without moving around. To fix that, the school created a gym class where students do exercises every day. Sometimes, the exercises focus on specific body parts, while other days, we do full-body workouts. It helps us stay fit and gives us a break from sitting all day.

We have to take videos of ourselves while exercising to show the teacher that we're actually participating and not skipping any movement. Another cool part of the class is the growth mindset journals. Each week, we write journal entries based on prompts the teacher gives us. The prompts are about things like being inspired or learning to take feedback. It helps us develop a better mindset for learning and growth.

At first, the exercises were hard for me, but now, after practicing, I can do them easily.

I really enjoy this class!

Faduma A. 10th Grade



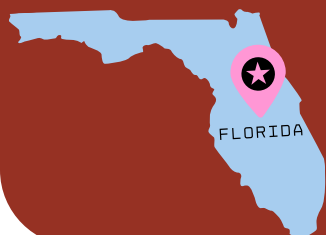
My summer break trip!

My summer break trip for 2024 was an amazing experience. I traveled to Florida.

I was there for a very fun week. I had so much fun and this is what I did.

On our first day in Florida, we landed early from the airplane, and we headed straight to our house. In our house, there was a beautiful big pool, a lake, and more. I had my lunch, and then I went to swim. I love swimming, so I was excited and I hadn't swam in a long time. I learned so many new tricks, and I learned how to hold my breath for longer under the water. When I was done swimming, my family and I had dinner. We were so tired because of the early trip time and the swimming activities. The whole family went to bed early, and we all got a good long night's rest. The next morning, we had breakfast, and I wanted to swim again. My siblings and I swam together and played; it was so fun. After a few hours of swimming, we went to a restaurant near our house, and we had a very delicious dinner with my family. Throughout the days, we were swimming as well, and we went to the beach, and we went to a flea market. It was a very enjoyable experience. I enjoyed it, and I wish to go again in the future, inshallah.

Huda A. 11th Grade



Apple New iPhone

Apple is a famous company that makes cool gadgets like phones, computers, and watches. It was launched on April 1, 1976, in Los Altos, CA, by two friends named Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak. They made a computer called the Apple II, one of the first computers people could use at home. Over the years, Apple has produced lots of amazing items. The iPhone was a big hit because it was the first smartphone with a touchscreen. The iPad was also a big deal because it was a tablet computer that could do many things. Apple is known for its sleek designs and easy-to-use software. Their products are often more expensive than other brands, but people like them because they work well and look great.

The iPhone 16 is the latest iPhone and will likely have a better camera, faster processor, longer battery life, and improved design. It will probably be issued on September 20th.

Noor K. 8th Grade



Read-a-Athon assembly and event

The Readathon Assembly was informative and exciting. FAO students were informed about what the Readathon was — a school event designed to encourage students to read more and understand how reading can help with everyday life. The presentation was given by Mrs. Hadiyah U-Ahk, the middle and high school Math & Science teacher and the elementary Language Arts teacher. The instructions were to read a minimum of 100 books during the school year, logging each one on a book platform and taking quizzes on them. The Readathon was suggested by many as a guide to help Furqaan Academy Online students improve comprehension, reading speed, vocabulary, and writing. Students can read any book as long as it is available on the ISLA (the Islamic Schools League of America) book platform and list.

As an extra incentive, students who successfully read 100 books and pass the quizzes will receive free books as gifts to celebrate their achievements. To sum up, the Readathon is an event aimed at increasing comprehension, vocabulary, reading speed, writing skills, eloquence and overall ability to read more compelling texts from various periods in history.

Hanifah S. 8th Grade

The Challenge is to read at least 100 books per student during the school year

Did you start reading since the assembly took place? Did you get the books from your local library?

Readathon encourages lifelong reading habits among students



Your Brain on Books

Reading by the Numbers

- Increases knowledge and vocabulary by **50%**
- Lowers stress by **68%**
- Can lengthen your life by **2 years**

Books Can:

- Boost your mood:** Studies show that people who read for fun are more likely to feel happy and confident.
- Help you relax:** Your heartbeat slows. Your muscles melt. One minute you're reading in bed, and the next you're *asleep*.
- Bring people together:** Whether you're starting a book club or bonding over *Wimpy Kid* with a friend, you'll be part of a reading community.

Reading is a workout for your . . .

- Memory:** Reading exercises the brain, improving your memory. (Maybe you'll stop forgetting your lunch at home!)
- Imagination:** Books help you see vivid pictures in your mind. So you feel like you're actually at Hogwarts, riding a Nimbus 2000.
- Heart:** Research shows that reading about a character's thoughts and feelings can make you kinder.

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Reading Report

Reading Journey

- THE SECRET GARDEN** (43 pages)
- WIMPEY KID** (48 pages)
- THE CAT IN THE HAT** (23 pages)
- Go, Dog! Go!** (14 pages)
- Case of the Unriddle Code** (13 pages)

Read something? + Add reading

THE ISLAMIC SCHOOL REIMAGINED

INTRODUCING THE FURQAAN ACADEMY ONLINE (FAO) NETWORKED LEARNING CENTERS (NLCs)

Every community in the USA can now have a Full-Time Islamic School

ENROLLMENT OPEN

YEAR ROUND FOR GRADES 1-12

LIVE INSTRUCTION DAILY

8:00 AM - 4:15 PM CDT | 9:00 AM - 5:15 PM EDT | 7:00 AM - 3:15 PM MDT |
6:00 AM - 2:15 PM PDT

- Balanced Educational Program - Knowledge of Both Deen and Dunya
- Daily Live Instruction in All Subjects
- Builds Foundational Skills in Reading, Writing and Math in Addition to Academic Excellence in Science and Social Studies
- Comprehensive Islamic Education that includes Quran, Arabic and Islamic Studies (Fiqh, Aqeedah, Hadith, Tafseer & Islamic History)
- Hifdh with Focus on Tajweed and Correct Pronunciation
- Academic Credit Recovery Program for High School Students
- Character Education with Daily Assembly
- Engaging Extracurricular Activities and Clubs



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