



Ilm Academy

August 2026

Welcome to the 2026-27 Academic Year



Asslalam Alaikum Warahmatulahi Wabarakatuh

Ilm Academy staff and teachers extend a warm welcome to its parents and students for the academic year 2026-2027. Alhumdulillah, the school is proud to announce the commencement of the TK class this year and welcomes many new families along with returning families to another year of exciting and beneficial learning. Ilm Academy is currently at full capacity for all grades and is blessed to have a community of parents who have trust in its Tarbiyah program to provide the best education possible for their children.

Below are important updates for the beginning of the school year:

Transitional Kindergarten, TK, at Ilm Academy

Ilm Academy is excited to announce the launch of Ilm Academy's Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Program beginning this school year! Designed to provide a strong foundation for lifelong learning, our TK program offers a nurturing and developmentally appropriate environment led by experienced and caring TK educators. Through hands-on learning, early literacy and numeracy, social-emotional development, and Islamic values, children will build the confidence and skills they need for a successful transition into Kindergarten.

Soccer Program Returns This Fall!

We are excited to bring back our soccer program this fall! We're once again collaborating with Kickstart, who have expanded their age groups this year, offering even more opportunities for our students to get involved. This will be a wonderful way to kick off the school year, and we look forward to bringing home more championships, InshaAllah!

Soccer season begins as soon as school starts, so please sign up early to secure your spot. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

Parent Orientations

Wednesday, August 19, 9:30 a.m.: HS and New Parent Orientation

Wednesday, August 19, 9:30 a.m.: High School (9th-11th) Orientation

Thursday, August 20, 9:30 a.m.: KG Orientation

Friday, August 21, 9:30 am: TK Orientation

School Reopening-Min Days Tues. to Thurs.

Tuesday, August 25, Grades 5-11, 7:50 am-12:00 pm.

Wednesday, August 26: Grades K-4th, 7:50 am-12:00 pm.

Thursday, August 27: TK 8:30 a.m-11:30 p.m.

Departure Cards

New Students

New Parents will receive departure cards on orientation day. The school provides each family with two Departure Cards with students' names. No student will be released without the departure card.

Returning Students

Parents/guardians are responsible for the safekeeping of cards as they are a legal document, and the school will release the student to anyone who has the departure card. If the parent/guardian does not have the Departure Card with them at pick-up time, they must park and pick up the student from the main lobby.

Parents are requested to inform the school right away if the departure cards are lost. There will be a charge for replacement cards. Returning families must use the departure cards from the previous year. If returning parents have lost their cards, they are requested to contact the school before August 26th to receive a replacement card.

TK Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Please note that TK students require to be signed in and out for drop-off and pick-up. Please follow all safety rules and regulations when dropping off or picking up TK students. Park responsibly in designated parking areas only.

First Day Packets

First Day Packets for returning students will be given to them in class on the first day of school. All forms in the First Day Packets must be signed and returned to HR teachers by September 10th. TK and K will get on orientation day. Grades 1-11 will get on first day of school.

Class Supply Lists

The class supply lists for all grade levels have been posted on the school website at theilmacademy.com. Parents need to contact respective HR teachers for any question related to class supply lists.

Uniform Policies

Ilm Academy requests the support of all parents to ensure that students adhere to the school's uniform policies. Detailed information about uniform guidelines can be found on the school website.

Kufi and Hijab: Parents must inform their student about the guidelines for kufi and hijab. Girls are required to

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have a specific hijab, the link for which is posted on the school website. Please refer to the detailed uniform policy guidelines provided in the first day packet, which must be signed and returned by both parents and students.

Uniforms for grades TK-4th grade stay the same and are available from Merry Mart at:

<https://www.merrymartuniforms.com/ilm-academy.com>

Uniforms for middle school and high school grades are available from East Essence at:

<https://eastessence.com/collections/ilm-academy>

Footwear for all Grade Levels

To promote student safety and maintain a consistent school dress code, Ilm Academy requires all students to wear athletic shoes (sneakers) in solid black or solid white while on campus. Boots, clogs, Crocs, dress shoes, sandals, and other specialty footwear are not permitted. Students are expected to arrive at school wearing the appropriate footwear each day.

Smart Devices Policy

Parents must ensure their child does not bring any Smart devices to campus including Smart watches, Fitbit devices, laptops, or tablets to school unless specifically allowed by teachers. These are a huge distraction for the student. If student is found in possession of these, the item will be confiscated and released only to parent.

Attendance Policy

Students are not allowed more than 18 days of absences (excused or unexcused) for the academic year.

Attendance is a graduation requirement. Any student failing to fulfill the attendance requirement, is likely to be retained. Attendance will be taken into account from FIRST DAY (AUGUST 21, 2026) of school till the LAST DAY (June 8, 2027). Excessive tardies or absences will cause loss of participation privilege in extra-curricular activities including school field trips.

Punctuality

At Ilm Academy, punctuality is an essential part of developing responsibility and respect for learning. Students are expected to arrive on time each day, ready to begin class promptly. This year, the school will be enforcing the tardy policy more strictly, and repeated tardiness may result in disciplinary action. The school appreciates parents' partnership in ensuring students arrive on time every day.

Health and Safety First

The health and safety of all students, staff, and families continue to be Ilm Academy's top priority. Parents are requested to conduct wellness checks of their children

regularly. The school will maintain rigorous cleaning protocols and encourage regular hand washing. Parents must follow the sickness policy in case student is unwell, retain them at home if needed, and inform the office of the absence. Detailed health and safety policy is also provided with the First Day Packets.

Drop-off Guidelines

As the new academic year starts off, parents are kindly reminded of the following important drop-off and pick-up procedures. These guidelines are in place to ensure the safety of all students, staff, and families:

- Enough buffer time must be allowed in the morning so as to conveniently follow the school zone speed limits for everyone's safety.
- All drivers must stay within designated lane during arrival and dismissal and avoid cutting in to overtake or exit-patience helps keep the process smooth and safe for all.
- All cars need to complete the full loop even if there are no other vehicles to maintain order. During morning drop-off, only five cars should unload at a time. We request everyone to wait their turn and not drop off children far from the school gate, as this can be unsafe.
- Parents must make sure students are ready to exit the car with hijabs and kufis on before reaching the unloading zone, so the process is quick and smooth.
- No car must enter through the exit gate at any time, whether during morning drop-off or afternoon pick-up.
- No student must be dropped off on foot near the cars as this is highly unsafe. Walkers must enter safely through the walking designated areas only.

Important Dates

August 19: HS/New Parent Orientation - 9:30 a.m

August 20: KG Orientation - 9:30 a.m.

August 21: TK Orientation - 9:30 a.m.

First Week of School

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August 26: K-4th- 7:50 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

August 27: TK-8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

September 7: Labor Day Holiday

September 17: Back to School Day-Grades 5-11

September 22: Back to School Day-Grades TK-4

October 2: Students Off/Remote Learning/TIS

October 2, 5-9: Parent Teacher Conferences