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# Iman Academy Southwest Elementary School



## Curriculum Pedagogy

Iman Academy South West is a Foundation to Advance Islamic Teaching in Houston (FAITH) formed in 1996 to meet the educational needs of Muslim families living in Houston. IASW seeks to provide a complete education to develop well-rounded students who have a comprehensive understanding of Islam as a guiding source in all aspects of their lives – academically, ethically, socially, mentally, physically and spiritual. We provide the right “Tarbiyah” derived from the Quran and teachings of the prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him). At Iman Academy, students strive to be recognized as the SAC (Student Appreciation of Character). Our goal is to develop committed, balanced Muslims, knowledgeable scholars, contributing citizens and community builders. Teaching students all core subject areas along with Arabic language and Quran enables students to receive the best learning that prepares them for college readiness.

### TEKS

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills is a well-organized academic system with clear academic benchmarks, ensuring lessons are rigorous and feature college, career readiness. Focusing on instructional teaching of all core subject areas including English, Math, Science and Social Studies, students acquire full knowledge of content subject along with hands on activities such as project base learning strategies.

### Standardized Testing

Summative testing provided for tracking student achievements.

- STAAR Test
- IOWA

### Arabic

The language of Quran

Students work on language acquisition as they interact in all different subject areas such as reading, writing, vocabulary, spelling and conversational skills to develop language accuracy.

Students also participate in talent performances in Arabic language. Research indicates that learning a second language equips students with great strategies that increase brain skills and develop their academic achievements.

### Quran

“The best among you is he who learns the Quran and teaches to others”. Bukhari

With the emphasis on “Qaida Noorania”, students are taught how to read and memorize the Holy Quran with correct Tajweed along with learning the correct pronunciation rules of reciting the Holy Quran. IASW also provides a Hifth Program for accelerated learners.

Islamic Studies is taught through “I Love Islam” curriculum.

### Iman’s Vision, Mission & Goals

IASW **vision** is to be an exemplary education system that reaches out to all family’s needs.

Iman’s **Mission** is to combine an Islamic environment with innovative educational methods that help nurture noble character, academic excellence, and strong leadership skills.

#### Goals:

- Committed, Balanced Muslims
- Knowledgeable Scholars
- Contributing Citizens and Community Builders

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Students build their self-esteem and learn team work skills through the following activities:

- PSIA
- Science Fair
- Spelling Bee Eng. & Arabic
- Girls Softball
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Journalist club
- Arts and Crafts club
- Public Speaking
- Yearbook club
- Reading club
- Chess club
- Quran club

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