

Hifdh Improvement Plan

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2016-2017

1st Goal: Strengthen the students' Hifdh

In order to strengthen the students' Hifdh (memorization of Quran), we must improve the quality and quantity of the students' revision: particularly the Old Hifdh revision. By strengthening the students' old hifdh, the students will ultimately have more time to focus on their new Hifdh. For this objective a 3-step plan has been put into place:

Step 1. Increase the amount of Old Hifdh recited daily by the students while temporarily decreasing the amount of New Hifdh

Step 2. Hold all progressive assignments for 3 days at the end of every month in which students will focus on reviewing what they have covered up to that month (Old and Nearest Hifdh).

Step 3. Test the students on all of their Old and Nearest Hifdh after the 3 days of revision.

Objectives	Action points	Support/Resources
<p>Objective: Strengthen the students' Old Hifdh by January 2017</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Make a minimum marker of Old Hifdh recited based on how much Quran the student has memorized. 2- Gradually increase that minimum daily marker of Old Hifdh. 3- Limit the New Hifdh according to the students' performance and capability. 4- Hold the Revision and test week at the end of every month. 5- Monitor the students' progress via the monthly test. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hold a meeting with Sh. Okasha and to elicit advise and get second opinion on the 3-stop plan. - Hire a Teacher's assistant help to increase the recitation time when the time with the teacher is not enough. - Teachers will have serious meetings with the parents to discuss the students' goals and address any issues. - Students who do not show improvement will be warned and then further placed on probation. - Incorporation of technology to assist in Old review

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2nd Goal: Improve the students' overall performance

Improving the students' performance and integrity will prove successful by increase the students' motivation and moral. This also means building the students' interest and desire to memorize Quran. In doing this we've devised a variety of competitions, workshops, awards and prizes to motivate the students.

Objectives	Action points	Support/Resources
<p>Objective #1: Build the students' interest and motivation.</p> <p>Build a Hifth structure that will allow more flexibility, more consistency, and better governance. (to be applied immediately and evaluated/reshaped throughout the year)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Implemented a school competition in which all the students will participate: dividing the students into teams and all competing to gain points. 2- Give the students point for reading their daily lesson. Increase those points according to their performance. 3- Also add and deduct points according to the students' behavior. 4- Hold regular competition on Quran recitation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create a board to mark the students' points and add the teams points at the end of every week. - Give the wining team privileges, awards and prizes at the end of every week. - Allow students more time to use the tablets to listen to Qaries and advise them to do the same at home to avail their Tajweed and beautify their recitation.
<p>Objective #2: Educate the students on the most conducive and effective ways to memorize Quran</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hold a Quarterly student workshop to teach the students hifdh techniques and good habits to improve their memorization process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Power point presentation workshop held quarterly by: Sh. Hassan Yagoub - Obtain book by Imam Suleiman Hani: "114 Tips to Help You Finally Memorize the Qur'an"
<p>Objective #3: Further educate and train the teachers on teaching and managing the students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invite a senior experienced lecturer and trainer to conduct a teacher work shop. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Power point presentation workshop held by: Sr. Mona Dakrouri [www.taalm.com] - Additional teacher workshops planned



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3rd Goal: Developing Tafseer, Islamic Studies, and Arabic curriculum:

To help in fulfilling An-Noor Quran Academy mission statement:

“An-Noor Quran Academy aims to establish an institution that will nurture a strong connection with the Book of Allah, the Glorious Quran, through its memorization, understanding and implementation, and will develop well-rounded future leaders who are guided by the Quran and Sunnah”

To reach this goal Insha'Allah we will use the necessary tools that will allow students to **understand, connect, and implement** the book of Allah

Objectives	Action points	Support/Resources
<p>Objective #1: Understand (students should be able to understand 80% or more of what they read after spending 3 years in the school)</p>	<p>1- Establish a 3 year Arabic curriculum that will: a) First year: Introduce students to the basic Arabic grammar and vocabulary related to Quran. b) Second year: Practice and review what was learned on small Arabic texts (preferably stories) c) Third year: Practice and review what was learned on passages from the Quran. 2- Improve Arabic speaking and writing skills.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create a schedule that will accommodate 3 different levels (beginners which are first year students, intermediate which are second year students, and advanced which are 3rd year students) of Arabic without taking from the Fifth time and without overburdening students. - Learn from other Islamic institutions ‘experience in the US and abroad (UK for example). - Use a variety of online resources such as: Arabic learning websites, text books, and other references. - Use different learning tools and techniques such as: overhead projectors, Arabic games, daily conversations, writing daily date according to Islamic and Gregorian calendar, storytelling, and acting.
<p>Objective #2: Connect (an ongoing process)</p>	<p>1- Initiate a Tafseer class with a purpose of: a) Instilling the love of Allah and His book in the hearths of our students. b) Connecting the Ayat of Quran to the daily life of the students. 2- Change the way students interact with the Quran.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apply the schedule mentioned in the first objective. - Use real examples and stories that students can relate to because what is important is the impact left by each Ayah and by each Surah on the mind, heart, and sole of each student. - Make the class fun and appealing to the students through getting them to react and interact with the Ayat of the Quran. - Help the students discover and taste the sweetness and eloquent of the divine speech in the Quran.
<p>Objective #3: Implement (a training process)</p>	<p>1- Use the Islamic studies class to help our students learn and understand better their <i>Deen</i> so they can be good Muslims who seek the Khayr for themselves and for others. (instilling Taqwa and its merits in the hearts of our students) 2- Get the students to be aware that the ruling and teaching of Islam are directed to them first before anyone else. 3- Make students aware and proud of their Muslim identity (the concept of one Ummah)and responsibility as Muslims to be the best of the people to the people (Muslims and non-Muslims, relatives and strangers)(the concept of been a mercy to mankind just like the Prophet SAW and the concept of the best Ummah)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create a comprehensive Islamic Studies curriculum that will cover all the necessary components to the learning process. - Apply the schedule mentioned in the first objective. - Practical implementation of what have been taught. - Encourage and assist students to initiate their own projects for self-betterment and to help others. (their schools, their communities, their neighborhood, their society, and for the whole world)