



Noor Hifz Academy

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Noor Hifz Academy – Details:

What is the goal of this Hifz program and what is the memorization methodology?

To please Allah (SWT) and with the best of our ability, teach students to memorize Quran with Tajweed, and have a basic understanding of the Quran.

This is a full-time Hifz (Tahfeez ul-Quran) program run by MCA. Hifz is taught through individualized instruction that incorporates correct memorization and review of new material as well as ongoing cumulative review in accordance with individually assigned daily, weekly, and monthly goals. Goals are determined in accordance with the student's demonstrated ability to memorize.

The school will be in operation for 11 months each academic year (Aug to Jun). There will be a summer break of 4 weeks.

The method of teaching we plan to use in our Hifz program is a tried and tested methodology. It is simple but very effective and comprises of three components:

- New Lesson - First time memorization
- Previous Lessons - Recent memorization
- Revision - Review of all pages memorized minus recent memorization

Is this program for both, boys and girls?

Yes.

Is there an age limit to enroll into the Hifz program?

Yes. Child be at least 8 years of age to start memorization.

What is the admission criteria?

- Students should know to read Quran with fluency (Tajweed is recommended)
- Ages 8 and above (3rd grade and above)
- Parents' Commitment and involvement

Is there tutoring available for regular academic education?

For regular academic education, parents will have to enroll their child in home-schooling programs. Noor Hifz Academy will provide tutoring for Connecting Waters Charter School and Ocean Grove Charter School curriculum for grades 3 and above. The regular academic education tutoring program is completely optional in case you decide to provide tutoring at home or elsewhere.

*We currently don't have tutoring for high school students.

What is the fee structure?

- Monthly Hifz school fees: \$340 per student
- Monthly Tutoring fees (optional): Approximately \$220 per student (fee structure is not finalized yet)

Is there financial aid available?



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Currently there is no financial aid available for this program.

How much time does it take to complete the memorization?

Much of it depends on your child. On an average, children memorize the Quran in about 3 years. Some even do it in as little as 2 years. At Noor Hifz Academy, each child will memorize at his/her individual pace.

What are the timings?

Hifz School: 7:30 am – 1:30 pm

*Academic tutoring: 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

*These timings are tentative and might change.

What are the steps / process you advise to have my child become Hafiz?

Preparation usually starts a year or two before enrollment in to Hifz program. Make sure your child completes learning how to read the Quran from qualified teachers with proper tajweed. It is recommended that child should have the ability to read minimum 5-8 pages of the Quran in 30 minutes.

We are fortunate to live in this part of the world and it is a great blessing that our American education system is so flexible that it allows our children to take period of time off from the regular school system via home schooling programs and to become Hafiz without compromising regular academics.

There are many different opinions on when to have your child enroll into full time hifz program. All of them has its own merits. But, our recommended age to start enrolling in Noor Hifz Academy is grade 4. Though it is little early, the thought process is that home schooling for 4th, 5th and 6th grades which most of the parents can do by themselves with some level of tutoring help from outside resources.

In a nutshell, here are the seven steps:

1. Make Intention Insha Allah
2. Apply to Noor Hifz School and ensure seats are available (fill up the registration form)
3. Apply to Home-Schooling program (More details are available in this website on homeschooling section)
4. Once admitted to Connecting Waters charter school or any other public charter school, withdraw your child from current school.
5. Enroll and start attending Full time Hifz Program at Noor Hifz Academy.
6. Make use of “academic tutoring” provided by Noor Hifz Academy to ease home schooling responsibilities.
7. Insha Allah, after completing Hifz in 2-3 years’ time frame, re-join the regular school system.



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About Home-Schooling

What is Home-Schooling?

Availing charter schools, one can homeschool their children where parents will act as primary teachers under a guidance of Education Specialist (ES).

What Charter Schools are available for Home-Schooling?

Connecting Waters Charter School and Ocean Grove Charter School are available who will serve in Santa Clara county. These charter schools will provide an Education Specialist (ES) (a credentialed teacher) who will work with students once they get enrolled in these schools.

How will Education Specialist help my children?

Once the student enrolls in charter schools, they will have to meet with their ES, every 20 days at a minimum, to review the progress. ES will check their Learning Records (LR) to confirm they are following all the standards and keeping pace with the level.

Where do I meet the Education Specialist?

You can meet them in your home or local library or another public facility that you and your education specialist agree upon.

How much does it cost for Home-Schooling?

Home schooling is free of cost and in fact you will receive some funds for home schooling your children. The funds are provided for every semester which are allocated twice a year for two semesters. Connecting Waters provide \$800 per semester and Ocean Grove provides \$900 per semester. If you are homeschooling one child you will be eligible to receive \$1600 or \$1800 per year depending upon the charter school you choose to enroll.

Are Parents responsible to purchase the books? Y

ou may purchase your own curriculum or the credentialed teacher will purchase it for you from the school funding provided by the state.

How do I enroll in these charter schools?

You may access and print an application online by going to the following website

<http://www.connectingwaters.org/Enrollment/index.htm>

<http://www.oceangrove.com>

Can I still apply once the school year starts?

These charter schools continuously take enrollment applications however if there is no teacher or Education Specialist available then your child will be placed on a waitlist until an Education Specialist is available.

Can I enroll my child in a public / private school along with the charter school (Dual Enrollment)?

For our continuing and newly enrolled families both Connecting Waters and Ocean Grove are public schools , therefore your child(ren) cannot be enrolled in both Connecting Waters or Ocean Grove including any another public or private school at the same time, even for one class.



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What are the required documents for applying into these schools?

- ☑ Copy of Birth Certificate (required for all applicants)
- ☑ Copy of Immunization card, AND mandatory proof of Tdap/Whooping Cough Booster (required for all applicants entering 7th grade)
- ☑ Report of Health Exam for School Entry (Required 1st grade)
- ☑ Report of Oral Health Exam for School Entry (Required for K and 1st grade students who did not attend K or have never been enrolled in a public school)
- ☑ Most recent active/inactive IEP (For Special Education Students only)
- ☑ Transcript copy (if high school level)
- ☑ CAHSEE scores (11th to 12th grade only)

How does the funding work?

Connecting Waters or Ocean Grove provides instructional funds (IF) to the Education Specialist (ES) for each student's educational materials, courses, group education activities (GEAs) and educational supplies. These funds are provided by the State of California and all materials purchased are the property of Connecting Waters or Ocean Grove and are returned upon request. All decisions regarding the expenditure of these funds must comply with the guidelines of charter law, according to school policy, and ultimately are managed by the ES.

What curriculum do we use when I enroll my child?

<http://www.ieminc.org/handbook/curriculum/cwindex.htm> Curriculum is purchased by the ES from our approved vendor list for each student. Parents can also choose to purchase their own curriculum.

