



# Al-Iman School

Pre-K to Grade 12

ADMISSION PROSPECTUS



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## Introduction

**W**e thank Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala for His mercy and kindness. Through His help and support the Imam Al-Khoei Benevolent Foundation was able to open Al-Iman School in September of 1990. This school is truly a pioneer in the field of education for the followers of Ahl-ul-Bayt as it is the first Islamic school to open in the state of New York and the first Islamic High School to open in North America. The school provides a high school regents diploma program and advanced placement courses with college credit to enable our youth to have the best academic and Islamic education in this society, Insha'Allah.

To start an Islamic school in such a society is one of the highest duties of all Muslims who are concerned about giving their children the right Islamic education. We need to make every effort to ensure that the Muslim youth understand the true Islam since they will carry and spread its message into the next generation. It is the duty of all parents to make that path easy for their children and ensure the preservation and practice of Islam, Insha'Allah.

### Highlights of Al-Iman School

1. School provides a holistic education that benefits your child, both here and in the hereafter.
2. Well-qualified faculty and staff.
3. Modern curriculum prescribed by the New York City and New York State Board of Education / Regents with special emphasis on Islamic values and prayers.
4. Above average regent scores.
5. Only School in North America to have unprecedented access to United Nations activities due to Al-Khoei Foundation's General Consultative Status with United Nations.
6. Well equipped computer and science laboratories.
7. In-house Halal food.
8. Playground for Elementary students.
9. Extracurricular activities include Drama Club, Debating Society, Journalism training.
10. Weekly guest speaker sessions with distinguished community members.

## The Philosophy

The goal of Al-Iman School is to mold young Muslims to become leaders. Our students are given the individualized attention that they need, allowing each one to progress at his/her own rate in an atmosphere that is strongly Islamic and full of loving guidance. Al-Iman School follows the Jaafaria school of thought as a stated policy of the school.

The school also offers a structured and highly challenging curriculum that is a paragon of the best American, European, and Islamic traditions and follows the requirements of New York State Board of Education and Board of Regents. Al-Iman School is unique and emphasizes academics while integrating Islamic studies in all classes. Insha'Allah, Al-Iman School will continue to grow to become a prestigious preparatory school in New York City.

We ask Allah Subhanahu WA Ta'ala for His guidance while we build a group of elite young Muslims. Our prayers will be answered if Muslim parents and Muslim society in general, give us their support.

## Inception and Growth

On the orders of Ayatollah al-Khoei, Al-Iman School in New York opened its doors to four children in September 1990; with that it started an evolutionary process that, within four years, resulted in the first fully fledged Pre K-12 Islamic school in North America. The growth from Kindergarten to Elementary to Junior High and High School can only be described as phenomenal. Every year, between 1990 and 1994 several grades were added simultaneously as applications poured in and waiting lists grew by the day.

In September 1994, Al-Iman School added the high school component and in 1998 the first class of seniors - a historic moment - graduated to go to various reputable universities and colleges such as Stony Brook, St John's, Columbia, New York University, Baruch etc. in the country. Since 1994, many of Al-Iman Junior High School students sat for and aced the Entry Examinations to Specialized High Schools. Al-Iman alumni can be seen inter alia, in elite medical universities, nursing colleges, law schools and institutions of higher learning and repute.

## Qualified Faculty and Staff

The School has well-qualified men and women on its faculty, each of whom is skilled and experienced to teach at various levels of the educational spectrum. The School requires its faculty members to periodically take refresher courses to update their skills and keep abreast of new trends in education and improve their delivery of instructions.

Part of the teaching process requires classroom management techniques and workshops. Seminars are offered to the faculty to discuss, learn from and implement learning styles and various intelligences to enable students to learn meaningfully and in comfort.

Paper qualifications aside, in an Islamic School, the teachers are parent-surrogates, role-models of Islamic behavior. Hence, the School demands not only educational qualifications of its faculty but also requires that each faculty member train the children in appropriate Islamic character and behavior by acting upon the tenets of Al-Islam. The teachers have to be appropriately and modestly attired such as female teachers wearing a hijab. By doing so, the students learn appropriate dress-code and modesty in behavior.



**Teachers and Staff**

## Facilities and Equipment



**An aerial view of Al-Iman School**

Al-Iman School is located in Jamaica, Queens on Van Wyck Expressway, making it easily accessible from almost any borough of New York City. The magnificent 75,000 square foot customized building, crowned by the traditional Islamic dome and minaret, is a fine blend of modern and Islamic architecture.

The building which is centrally air conditioned, is equipped with spacious classrooms, science laboratories, computer lab, library, conference room, congregation hall, assembly hall, indoor and outdoor basket ball courts, and lunchroom. Plans for extending the

existing building with a gymnasium, an Olympic size swimming pool, additional classrooms and laboratories are in the works.

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## Classrooms



**Grade 6 Classroom**

Al-Iman School's classrooms are custom-built to accommodate up to 25 children per class. Students are assigned cubicles or lockers to store personal belongings including books. Desks with individual chairs are also used to store students' books and writing instruments.

Grades Pre-k to six classrooms are equipped with the state of the art portable computers and comfortable seating on colorful desks and chairs for the budding citizens of tomorrow to play, experiment with and learn through computers. Modern software has been installed to ensure that children get the best of what is available in Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies and Reading as well as in Computer skills, intellectual games and Art. Each classroom is equipped with a chalkboard, wall-charts and pictures to enhance teaching and learning.

## Science Laboratories

The School's science lab is split into the teaching and experimentation areas. Adequate scientific furniture, equipment, chemicals and objects enable students to do their compulsory as well as elective practical science projects including dissections and boiling and igniting. Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Earth Science are taught and learnt in these class-cum lab rooms.

## Computer Lab

Equipped with top of the line computers, multimedia projectors and headsets for a three-dimensional multimedia experience - that is the new state-of-the-art look of the computer laboratory. This jaw-dropping sight of the lab is largely due to a generous grant by the Al-Khoei Foundation and a supporting contribution by the parent body.

The new sleek-looking, "space craft" like furniture creates a comfortable, uncluttered workspace that provides for a conducive learning environment. The flat-screen monitors and keyboards fit into the recessed laminated desktop giving a clear view of the instructor while the student sits comfortably at an ergonomically correct station. The tempered, anti-glare glass inset makes viewing the computer screen easy. The computer towers are kept out of the way with two built-in, enclosed computer holders.



**Computer Laboratory**

## Library

More than ten-thousand volumes on all aspects of Al-Islam, including Comparative Religion, in several languages adorn the Imam Al-Khoei Foundation's research library that has reached its maximum space utilization. This reference library is available to the community at large and Al-Iman faculty and students for quiet study and reference and research. Al-Iman School has been receiving assistance from The State and City Education Department. Part of this assistance is in the form of books and audio-visual equipment for the School library. Formal library periods are incorporated in the day's schedule for each grade to be able to familiarize itself with and use the multiple library resources to enhance learning experience and broaden the vista of knowledge and understanding. Students can borrow books, CDs and DVDs from the school. Through the library program, Al-Iman

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School also enjoys the services of expert remedial reading teachers from the Education department who test, assess and coach students in English language arts, reading and mathematics to bring them up to par and integrate into the mainstream classroom lessons.

Resources permitting, the Foundation's library will soon upgrade its facilities and provide Internet-ready computers for research and surfing and printing facilities to the community and the students.

## Conference Room

The 200-person capacity Conference Room of the Center is available to the School every Thursday for its Islamic and Society meetings whereby lectures, discussions, dialogues and presentations are delivered. Debates are also held here.



Conference Room

## Congregation Hall and Assembly Hall

The huge 1000-seating capacity, well-lit congregation hall is regularly used for prayers, celebrations and commemorations. Al-Iman School uses the facility that has a stage and pillars for display of exhibits during the Science Fair, Heritage Day, and for Graduation ceremonies. On Fridays, Al-Iman School Students from Grades 1-12 join the rest of the community in Friday Prayers.

Programs from this hall may be seen on line LIVE, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.

Every morning and afternoon students assemble in the prayer-cum assembly hall in the School to remember Allah SWT with recitation from The Qur'an and also to make small oral presentations to improve their public speaking skills.

## Indoor and Outdoor Basket Ball Courts



Outdoor Basketball Court

Sports Facilities at Al-Iman are both of outdoor and indoor type. These facilities are used to play basketball, soccer and other games. Besides using these facilities during their scheduled Physical Education periods, students also utilize it during their break and lunch time. Beginning from grade five, boys and girls are taught physical and health education separately.

## Cafeteria

An un-nourished child cannot concentrate in class. Hence, Al-Iman School is a recipient of partial assistance from United States Department of Agriculture's Program of meals in schools. Fresh, in-house, halaal, nutritious breakfast and lunch is served to students everyday. Younger children are also nutritionally fortified with snacks and milk during the day. Constraint of space calls for staggered lunch breaks for the younger and older children.

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## Plans for Gymnasium and Swimming Pool

Al-Iman School has been dogged by space constraints for quite some time now. A closed down warehouse adjoining the Center's premises was purchased by a generous bequest by a mu'min and plans have been drawn to erect a four-story extension. The new facility will house an ultra-modern gym and health club facility with an Olympic-size swimming pool available to the community, two floors of classrooms, halls, laboratories and administrative offices for the school that will be conjoined to the present building by a sheltered walkway.

Realization of this dream on the wings awaits funding from the generous Members of the community who wish to achieve the best of both worlds: The Here and The hereafter.

## Curriculum and Special Programs

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### A Curriculum that Inspires Wholeness and Holiness

Al-Iman teaches the same core subjects that are mandated by the Board of Education, viz. Language Arts, Sciences, Social Studies, Reading and Mathematics. The School also offers health education, computer skills, art and crafts and physical education. In the spiritual development realm, Al-Iman teaches Recitation, Memorization and Understanding of the Qur'an, Arabic Speaking, writing, reading and comprehension and extra-curricular classes in journalism, public speaking, debating and drama. An integrated religious and secular curriculum inspires wholeness and holiness in the students.

### Advanced Preparatory (AP) Course

The School does not limit itself to instructions in these subjects only. An Advanced Preparatory Course for Universities (commonly known as AP) Program is also in place whereby students can take courses in Math and Science to prepare for College studies and save time and energies when they enter college. The AP course gives the students a fore-taste of the intensity, depth and effort involved in college.

### Islamic and Moral Values

An Islamic School's mission is to ensure that its students imbibe Islamic values that The Qur'an and the Sunnah of The Prophet SAWW and the Aimmah AS espouse. Prayers are an integral part of the School curriculum, thus, there is no question of separation of religion from the secular realm. Everyday, from Monday to Thursday, when the mid-day prayer time commences, students rush to the bathrooms to perform the ritual ablution while one of them proclaims the adhaan (the call to prayer). The Sheikh then leads the prayers in which all students, unless excused, must join in. Thus, what is taught in the classroom as part of the curriculum is seen in action too. Similarly, during the Month of Ramadhan, females of 9 and above and males 13 and above must keep the mandatory fast and no meals are provided to them by the School. The Qur'an besides being taught in the classrooms is also recited in the assembly and in the buses as students arrive and leave the school premises.

## Student Life and School Activities

### Students are the Mainstay

Students are, of course, the mainstay of any school and Al-Iman school, within its resources, provides conducive learning atmosphere not only in terms of academics but also in personal development of American-Muslim youths into responsible, rational, mature and well-rounded adults.

### Team-work and Cooperative Learning

Besides classroom formal instructions, students are encouraged to take part in group projects that foster team-work, cooperative learning and student relations. Group projects bring out the best of the individual and the team. These projects materialize in the annual Science Fair and Heritage Day displays for the Community at large. Extra-curricular activities reinforce these values in students as they give them a sense of the broad aims of education transcending classroom learning. Students research, debate and dialogue as they take part in debating competitions, drama productions, and public speaking and mock-UN sessions. Spelling bee and general knowledge quizzes evoke zeal and bring out hidden talents. These extra-curricular activities encourage active parental involvement in their children's education.

### Healthy Mind in a Healthy Body

A healthy mind in a healthy body is Al-Iman School's motto. The School pays heed to the need for students to display their talents in sports also. The indoor and outdoor gyms are used by all grades to play basketball and soccer, develop a positive competitive attitude and the aspiration to excel by fair means. Foul language is not tolerated in the School and students are trained to control their tempers and play by the rules. Annual competitions with other Islamic schools both for boys and girls arouse the spirit of belonging and pride towards the School.



**Ambassadors of Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Iran on a visit to the school**



**Education Continues ... It's Prayer Time**

### Spiritual Development

Al-Iman school strives to instill the 'holy' aspect of education. At mid-day, students proclaim the adhaan (call for prayers) and join in congregational prayers led by Sheikh Fadhel Al-Sahlani. Recitation of Qur'anic chapters in the morning and afternoon assemblies, Qur'an recitation competitions, Eid celebrations and commemoration of Prophet's birthday and passing away provide the Islamic connection to the mundane educational activities. Strict dress code and disciplinary standards are aimed at bringing out the best of behavior, morals and Islamic values that should stand the students in good stead as they step into the real world.



## Admission Overview

Al-Iman School encourages and welcomes applicants and does not discriminate on the basis of color, race, religion, gender, disability or national origin.

The applicant, however, is expected to abide by the rules and regulations of the School and admission is granted subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

The admission process is stringent and goes well beyond the filling up of an application form. It is only after a standardized admission test, evaluation of prior academic records and a family interview that the school makes a decision on applicant’s enrollment, which is purely based on merit.

## Admission Checklist

To begin the application process, please follow the checklist given below:

- Submit the Admission Application with the following to the school office **(See Page 9)**:
  - \$50 Application Fee
  - Copy of Passport or Permanent Resident Card
  - Birth Certificate
  - Documentation of Prior Academic Records
  - Medical/Immunization Records
  - Completed “Parent – Student” and Transportation Contracts **(See Page 11)**.
- Admission Test
- Family Interview
- Payment of Registration, Tuition and Other Fees
- Completed School Food Form if you want to Enroll in the School Meal Program.

Fee Schedule	Grade	Discounts	Due Dates				Total
			5 <sup>th</sup> September	15 <sup>th</sup> November	15 <sup>th</sup> January	1 <sup>st</sup> April	
	Pre-K		\$1,400.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$5,000.00
	KG-08	1 <sup>st</sup> Child	\$1,350.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$4,500.00
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Child – 20%	\$1,140.00	\$840.00	\$840.00	\$840.00	\$3,660.00
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Child – 35%	\$982.50	\$682.50	\$682.50	\$682.50	\$3,030.00
	09 – 12	1 <sup>st</sup> Child	\$1,600.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$5,200.00
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Child – 20%	\$1,360.00	\$960.00	\$960.00	\$960.00	\$4,240.00
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Child – 35%	\$1,180.00	\$780.00	\$780.00	\$780.00	\$3,520.00
	Trans.	Flat Rate / Child	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$2,200.00

\*\$75 registration fee applies to all new admissions. New admissions are also required to pay a deposit for damage fee of \$100 (Grades K – 8) or \$200 (Grades 9 – 12).  
\*\*Based on your family income students may qualify for Free, Reduced (\$92 / Year) or Full (\$312.8 / Year) Lunch.



GENERAL INFORMATION				
Which grade are you applying for:		Need transportation?	Enroll in Meal Program:	
<input type="checkbox"/> PK <input type="checkbox"/> K <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
How did you hear about us (Please mark one and name the source):				
<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Television <input type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Reference		Name of Source: _____		
STUDENT'S INFORMATION				
Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Initial:	Gender:	Date of Birth:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	/ /
Street Address:		Social Security #:	Mother Tongue:	Fluent in English?
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Apt / P. O. Box:	City:	State:	Zip Code:	Ethnicity:
Home Phone No:		Cell Phone No:	Email Address:	
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FATHER / GUARDIAN'S INFORMATION				
Father/Guardian's Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Initial:	Place of Birth:	
Employer Street Address:		Social Security #: (Optional)	Fluent in English?	Language Spoken
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Suite / P. O. Box:	City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Work Phone No:		Cell Phone No:	Email Address:	
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MOTHER'S INFORMATION				
Mother's Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Initial:	Place of Birth:	
Employer Street Address:		Social Security #: (Optional)	Fluent in English?	Language Spoken
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Suite / P. O. Box:	City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Work Phone No:		Cell Phone No:	Email Address:	
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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (This person will be contacted if the parent or guardian is unable to be reached)				
Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Initial:	Relationship to the Student:	
Street Address:		Apt / P. O. Box:	City:	Fluent in English?
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
State:	Zip Code:	Home Phone No:		
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Work Phone No:		Cell Phone No:	Email Address:	
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**ACADEMIC INFORMATION (Please use an extra sheet if needed)**

Prior Schools Attended	Date From	Date To	City, State, Zip Code, Country, Tel, Fax
1.	/ /	/ /	
2.	/ /	/ /	
3.	/ /	/ /	

**MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Indicate any health conditions that your child may suffer from, such as:

Asthma  Heart Disease  Epilepsy  Allergy  Other:

Please indicate if the student has had any major operations or injuries (Specify):

Indicate if the student takes any medication (Please explain):

Doctor's Name:

Street Address:

Phone:

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This application becomes a binding contract upon the undersigned only when the applicant has passed the entrance exam and successfully been enrolled in the school. Al-Iman School Administration reserves the right to admit or reject the applicant if such action is deemed necessary and is seen in the best interest of the school. It is understood that classes are strictly limited and priority is given to those students and their siblings who are currently enrolled in the school. Al-Iman School is presently not equipped to handle Special Education classes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent / Guardian      \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
Date

Al-Iman School does not discriminate on the basis of color, race, religion, gender, disability or national origin.

**FOLLOWING SECTION IS FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

- Application Fee Received       Test Fee Received       Immunization Records Received       Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Check       Check       Birth Certificate
- Money Order       Money Order       Passport
- Cash       Cash       School Records Received

Application Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Placement Test Given: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Waiting List No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official Signature      \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
Date



### Parent – Student Contract

I/We, (parent's name) \_\_\_\_\_ and (student's name) \_\_\_\_\_ agree and accept without reservation to abide by, and follow all rules, regulations, and procedures of Al-Iman School as stated in the Parent's Handbook. We accept the course of disciplinary action which will be instituted if any rule or regulation is not followed, and will also pay for any school property that is damaged by our child. We accept that the Principal's decision in all matters relating to the school is final.

I authorize Al-Iman School to photograph or video tape my child for publication(s).

I also understand that by signing this contract I am requesting to receive text books from Al-Iman School that are loaned from the NYS Department of Education and am responsible to maintain their good condition for the duration of the school academic year.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Transportation Contract

I/We, (parent's name) \_\_\_\_\_ and (student's name) \_\_\_\_\_ promise to abide by the following rules in order to ensure the safety of the students. Failing to abide by these rules may result in the discontinuation of bus services.

1. I will show proper courtesy to the bus driver.
2. I will be at the bus stop prior to the scheduled time.
3. I will take notice of the traffic each time I enter & exit the bus.
4. I will not run in the bus.
5. I will take a seat immediately upon entering the bus and will fasten my seat belt.
6. I will not save seats.
7. I will not stand in the bus or on the seats.
8. I will not eat, drink, chew gum, or play music on the bus.
9. I will help towards maintaining the cleanliness of the bus.
10. I will not use bad language on the bus.
11. My parents are responsible for any damage done to the bus by me.
12. I will report to the driver about any form of misbehavior indulged in by other students. If no action is taken, I will notify the school administration.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# High School Graduates

1998 – 2008



Class of 1998-1999



Class of 1999-2000



Class of 2000-2001



Class of 2001-2002



Class of 2002-2003



Class of 2003-2004



Class of 2004-2005



Class of 2005-2006



Class of 2006-2007



Class of 2007-2008

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