



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. What is Suffa?**

Suffa is a structured Islamic learning program for children ages 5 to youth starting at SBIA's Headquarters, 2345 Harris Way, San Jose.

### **2. How is it different from other Islamic Schools?**

Our primary difference is the schedule: We are providing Bay Area Muslims a Saturday option, which is not currently available.

Other than that we are recruiting very qualified teachers and our program is on similar lines as Stanford Islamic School.

### **3. Who decides on curriculum?**

SBIA has a core committee running the school, with Imam Tahir providing a religious perspective. The school's core team has picked a curriculum, which includes instruction, class projects, and field trips.

### **4. When does the school session begin?**

School is scheduled to start August 29th.

### **5. Is there a fee for this program?**

First child in the family is \$350; each additional child is \$300. The fees include books and stationary required for the class and snacks during break time.

The fees can be paid as a lump-sum amount or in two equal installments. 50% at the time of registration and second half in



December.

If a family cannot afford fees, please contact the school administration for further assistance.

### **6. How do I enroll?**

Parents can either enroll online at <http://www.sbia.info/suffa> or use a paper form from SBIA.

### **7. When do I register?**

Registration window opens May 1, 2015 and closes May 31, 2015. Admission is first come, first served basis. Applications will be considered in the order they were received.

### **8. Where will the classes be held?**

Classes will be on Second floor of SBIA Headquarters.

### **9. What is the class schedule?**

Classes will be held every Saturday from 10 AM to 1.30 PM. For more details please refer to the calendar and Guidelines and Regulations document at <http://www.sbia.info/suffa>

### **10. What books do you use?**

Please refer to our curriculum document at <http://www.sbia.info/suffa> to get full details for our curriculum. The curriculum provides information on each class what is taught, textbooks used, and other activities for that day's class.



### **11. How many students you will enroll?**

To maintain quality and student teacher ratio, we are only enrolling 10 students in each grade.

### **12. I would like to teach or volunteer, what do I need to do?**

We are looking for both quality teacher and volunteers.

If you are interested in teaching, please send an email to [suffa@sbia.info](mailto:suffa@sbia.info) with your resume and a cover letter describing why this would be an ideal activity for you.

### **13. Is this all boys or all girls setting?**

No. This is a mixed setting for grades K-6.

The Youth class will have separate boys and girls sections.

### **14. How is a day scheduled?**

There will be two sessions. First half is Qur'anic studies and second half is Islamic studies.

### **15. Where can I get more details?**

Please visit <http://www.sbia.info/suffa> and refer to the Guidelines and Regulations tab.

### **16. How is the existing program at Downtown different from this program?**

The Downtown program is operated SJ Islamic School, an independent entity whereas this program is operated by SBIA. They have different curriculums, staff, and operations.