



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 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?

Downtown program is operated on Sundays whereas Suffa will be operated at SBIA Headquarters on Saturdays. Besides, Suffa's curriculum, staff, and operation is different.