

# IQS Parent Info Session

2017-2018



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# About IQS

Founded in 2006 by Pak Arcandra, Pak Pohan and Pak Prahoro.

- Under **ICMI Houston**.

Located in the mushala of Indonesian Consulate General in Houston.

Since 2015: moved to Masjid Istiqlal in Sugar Land, TX.

- Now under **Indonesian American Muslim Community (IAMC)**.
- All activities and finances are audited by IAMC and Masjid Istiqlal.

Finance:

- Income source from tuition fee and donation.
- Spent for administration, gift cards, gifts, donation and teaching materials.
- Teachers and staffs are volunteered, not paid. Not even a penny.

# About IQS

Former principals:

- Dharma Pohan: 2006-2008
- Zulfan Harahap: 2008-2010
- Bhineka Kristanto: 2010-2016

Teachers are volunteers, not professional Quranic teachers (though some took special Arabic or Quranic or Islamic courses).

Anyone can volunteer: as a teacher, a staff, or others.

- Teaching: reading Quran, memorization, Arabic, Islamic study
- Organizing picnic or potluck lunch or camping.
- Helping of registration, website, database.

# About IQS: Survey Results (1)

## What do you think of Quran/IQRA class ?

Very good 27.27%

**Good 72.73%**

## What do you think of Quran memorization class ?

Very good 18.18%

**Good 72.73%**

So so 9.09%

## What do you think of Islamic studies class ?

Very good 36.36%

**Good 54.55%**

So so 9.09%

## What do you think of IQS activity outdoor ?

**Very good 63.64%**

Good 27.27%

So so 9.09%

## Where do you suggest an activity outdoor take place ?

**At the park nearby 45.45%**

At the beach 27.27%

Exotic place far away 27.27%

# About IQS: Survey Results (2)

## What do you think of IQS teachers' knowledge ?

**Knowledgeable 63.64%**

It's okay 36.36%

## What do you think of IQS administration ?

Good 27.27%

**Very good 36.36%**

**It's okay 36.36%**

## How would you rate your experience with IQS ?

**3.73**

## Some comments

Assalamualaikum. bpk ibu guru trimakasih sblmnya sudah mengajar anak kami, Saya mau mengusulkan KI bisa practice nulis Arabic nya ditambah di class Adam.wslm.

The class is too loud / too much noise, i felt like the teachers are screaming when talking or teaching their students (few of them). This is very distracting to others who are trying to learn iqro / make it difficult to concentrate.

The teachers have knowledge about what they teach but need improvement on how to teach.

# About IQS

**School hours:** 11.00am - 01.15 pm.

**Three sessions:**

- Quran/IQRA : 11.00 am - 12.00 pm
- Memorization: 12.00 pm - 12.40 pm
- Islamic Studies: 12.40 pm - 01.15 pm

In winter, zuhr prayer will be performed at 12.45 pm, so Islamic studies will start at 01.00 pm.

IQS has 2 terms per year: **Fall** and **Spring**.

**Each term:**

- 11 weeks of lesson + 1 optional week for catch up.
- 2 weeks of review and test.
- 1 week for parent-teacher meeting, distribution of report card, and end-of-term lunch. (**NEW**)

Spring term: add 1 week of social program.

- Picnic, or outdoor activity, or camping

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# Planned Improvement (1)

## **Quran Classes:**

Problems : crowding, ineffective.

Solution:

- Smaller classes (1 class has 4-7 students), grouped by ability.
- Customized curriculum
- Teach: makhraj and tajweed
- Application: Quran reading (tadarus) and in-depth teaching of surah (surah mastery), checked by a certified qari.

## **Memorization Classes:**

- Keeping the format from previous year
- To increase motivation: all children who pass the benchmark get gift cards.

## **Islamic Studies:**

- Keeping the format from previous year
- To increase motivation: the top three students (test results) get gift cards.

# Planned Improvement(2): parent's duties

## On Parental Feedback/Communication

- Parent-teacher meeting
- Report card distribution
  - One week after the test (last day of semester)
  - Parents must attend.
- Improved student's binder.

## On increasing learning ambience.

- Parent duty roster for all non-teacher parents.
- Student contract: signed by students 1st day

## On evaluation/test

- Twice a year for all 3 sessions.
- Students who cannot come at the scheduled test date, should complete the test **before** the actual test date.
- Parents should accompany children for IQRA/Quran and memorization tests.

## On absence

- Parents should notify IQS for absence.
- Children should come regularly to IQS.

# Planned Improvement (3): parent duty roster

Parents are divided into several groups and take turn to fulfill their roster.

Each roster lasts the whole IQS session (11am till finish)

Job description:

- Ensuring each child goes to the right class.
- Timekeeping.
- Ensuring no child goes outside of masjid during the school hour.
- Ensuring the masjid is reasonably quiet.
- Keeping watch of children who are trying to use gadgets/read novels during classes.
- Ensuring the masjid is clean at the end of IQS (can ask youth for help)

# Student Binders and Books

Students should bring their binders and books, plus pencils to class.

Binder: has student's name, class names, and teacher's names. **Parents should make sure children to go to the right classes first few weeks.**

## What's inside ?

- IQS calendar/schedule.
- Student's syllabus for memorization and Islamic studies.

\*\*The highlighted part means the particular lessons have been taught in class\*\*

- Student's handouts.
- Student's contract.

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# Parent's Involvement Summary

- Bring children to IQS regularly. Notify when absent.
- Make sure children review the lessons at home
- Make sure children bring the binder, textbooks, and pencils.
- Go through the student's duties with the children.
- Get involved in parent duty roster
- Make sure children go to the right class.
- Present during the test.
- Attend the parent-teacher meeting.
- Get involved in social programs and others.

# Social programs and other things

Social programs (picnic, potluck lunch, ...):

- Parents can organize the social program (spring term), potluck lunch (twice a year at the end of term) and graduation party.
- Youth can involve organizing the activities and games.
- Social program survey results: **most prefer to go to a nearby park for a day picnic.**

Voluntary service

- Occasionally parents may be asked to deliver certain presentation to youth or to provide transportation for youth voluntary service.



# More info ...

Visit the new IQS website: [www.iqschool.org](http://www.iqschool.org)

Parent Arabic reading class starts at 12 pm (beginning of session 2). Ask mbak Anny Syamsuddin.

- For **payment and book**: mbak Yuni Kuswanto.
- For **registration**: mbak Yanti
- For **placement** (once IQS starts): mbak Lisa -- session 2 only.