Ilm Academy

Fostering Excellence and Faith

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

This document describes Ilm Academy's instructional model and serves as the school's curriculum documentation under Minnesota law for nonpublic schools.

1. Instructional Model Overview

Ilm Academy operates a hybrid instructional model. Core academic instruction in the state-required subject areas is delivered through Minnesota Connections Academy, an accredited online public school, while Ilm Academy provides in-person Islamic Studies instruction, including Quran recitation, as an additional daily elective component of each student's education.

Families enrolling at Ilm Academy are encouraged to register their student with Minnesota Connections Academy. Students complete their Connections Academy coursework, including core STEM and other state-required subjects, at the Ilm Academy facility, using their own Connections Academy-issued class materials and laptop, under the supervision and support of Ilm Academy staff. Students then receive in-person Islamic Studies instruction as part of the school day.

2. Core Academic Subjects (Minnesota Connections Academy)

The state-required subject areas below are delivered to Ilm Academy students through the Minnesota Connections Academy online curriculum:

- Reading, writing, literature, and fine arts.
- Mathematics and science.
- Social studies, including history, geography, and government.
- Health and physical education.

> ***Reference:*** *Minnesota's compulsory instruction requirement covers basic communication skills (reading, writing, literature, fine arts), mathematics and science, social studies (history, geography, government), and health and physical education.*

Minnesota Connections Academy is a Cognia-accredited online public school whose curriculum is designed to meet Minnesota state academic standards. Class schedules, instructional materials, and student achievement assessments for these subjects are maintained through the Minnesota Connections Academy program.

3. Islamic Studies (Ilm Academy Elective Instruction)

In addition to the core academic subjects above, Ilm Academy provides daily in-person instruction in Islamic Studies as an elective component of the school day, taken by every student. This instruction combines two elements: Quranic Studies, covering Quran reading and recitation and taught using the Al-Miftah curriculum, and Ilm Academy Islamic Studies, a custom Islamic Studies curriculum developed by

Ilm Academy drawing on the expertise and background of its instructors and leadership. Instructors are trained in the Al-Miftah curriculum as described in the Ilm Academy Staff Handbook.

Class schedules, instructional materials, and methods used to assess student progress in Islamic Studies are maintained directly by Ilm Academy.

4. Documentation on File

Consistent with Minnesota's requirements for unaccredited nonpublic schools, Ilm Academy will maintain on file, and make available upon request: the name of each instructor and evidence of their qualifications; class schedules for both the Connections Academy coursework delivered on-site and the Islamic Studies elective; copies of or access to instructional materials used for Islamic Studies; and a description of the methods used to assess student achievement in Islamic Studies.

> ***Reference:*** *Minn. Stat. § 120A.24 (documentation requirements for unaccredited nonpublic schools).*

5. Daily Schedule

Ilm Academy will publish a daily schedule showing the time allotted to Connections Academy coursework and to Islamic Studies instruction. This schedule will be provided to families at enrollment and posted at the school.