



6th Grade Application for 2019-2020 Academic Year

ISL is excited to announce plans for offering middle school grades beginning in the 2019-20 school year. This will begin with a 6th grade the first year, 7th grade the following year and 8th grade the third year by 2021-22. **In order for the school to begin its gradual expansion of grades, the school requires a commitment of a minimum of five students to begin.** To apply, for 6th grade 2019-2020 school year, please complete the following information and send it to the school by email or return it to the school office. In order to apply, parents must do the following:

- Complete this form and include a non-refundable* \$100.00 application fee and return it by **November 30th, 2018.**
- By January 15th, 2019, ISL administration will have informed parents if their kids would be accepted in grade 6. **In case of acceptance**, parents should provide the first month's deposit for tuition (non-refundable*).

After the above due date, the school will inform parents about the final plan for 6th grade. **Only in the case that the school does not receive the first month's deposit from at least five students, the registration fee and deposit will be refunded and the 6th grade will be canceled due to lack of enrollment. Otherwise, the registration and deposit fees are non-refundable.*

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Student's Full Name (Please Print)	DOB	Sex	Grade
_____	____/____/____	_____	____6th____
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For more information about the Middle School Plan including curriculum, programs, and tuition information, please see the attached document.

Islamic School of Louisville Middle School Plan

In response to the recent Spring Parent survey results, the Islamic School of Louisville is planning to expand its grades to accommodate middle schools students.

Why?

ISL aims to continue to nourish an Islamic environment with strong and challenging academics for students in the middle school grades. This is an important time to complete their foundation in tarbiyah (Islamic manners/ethics), Arabic and foster their lifelong Muslim identity.

Why now?

The MCC has always had long term plans to operate a middle school. The challenge has always been timing. ISL elementary has recently earned accreditation through AdvancEd and the Council of Islamic Schools of North America (CISNA), which will allow us to expand into accredited middle school grades. In addition, other important factors include increased school-wide enrollment and waitlists for several grades and the verbal commitment of at least five parents in the current 5th grade class. These factors will allow the school to begin a gradual expansion of grades with a new grade added each year, each with sustainable enrollment.

Our Vision for ISL Middle School

To cultivate and nurture an American Muslim identity that balances religious, academic, and cultural knowledge and imparts the importance of civic involvement and charitable work within a safe Islamic environment. Graduates of ISL Middle grades will be academically, religiously, socially and culturally prepared for competitive high school programs and beyond.

ISL will need the registration and commitment of **at least 5 students** in order for the expansion process to begin.

When and Where?

The school plans to begin the gradual expansion of ISL to include middle school grades one grade at a time. The following shows the current plan:

Year	Grades	Place
Year 1 (2019/2020)	6 th	Arabic/IS Room
Year 2 (2020/2021)	6 th 7 th	Arabic/IS Room and/or future construction plans for a permanent site (Gym and Middle school)
Year 3 (2021/2022)	6 th 7 th 8 th	Gym and Middle School

Curriculum:

Core Subjects: Kentucky Core Curriculum for Math, Science, English, and Social Studies integrated with Islamic values and disciplines. Students will have access to ISL's science lab.

Arabic: Students will continue ISL's rigorous Arabic program with a focus on developing advanced speaking, reading, listening, and writing skills that will serve as a foundation for lifelong language skills.

Islamic Studies: Middle school students will continue with their studies of essential Islamic topics such as seerah (Prophetic Life and Teachings), aqeeda (Matters of Faith), fiqh (Islamic law/jurisprudence), ibadaat (Islamic worships), and Islamic manners, all of which will serve to solidify and nurture their life-long Muslim identities.

Qur'an: Students will continue their advanced studies of Qur'an, with focused recitation in hifz (memorization), tajweed and tafsir (translation)

Electives:

A variety of electives will be offered and integrated into the curriculum to enhance the school experience and expand various social and academic skills. (Arts, coding, sports, public speech, journal writing, robotics, etc.)

Competitive Programs

Students of upper elementary grades (grades 4+) will continue to participate in competitive local, state and national academic programs such as:

- Duke TIP
- National Honor Society
- Kentucky Governor's Cup Academic Teams
- Arabic Reading Program (aligned with ACTFL)

Tuition

The base annual tuition rate for middle school grades will be \$8000 per year, or \$800 per month. The school will continue to provide an income based tuition scale for those that qualify.

Application

Parents with application questions or any other concerns, including ways to support this initiative may contact any of the following:

Office Manager (Nahed Elafifi): nahed.elafifi@isofl.org

Middle School Committee Representatives:

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