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The Islamic Educational & Cultural Research Center (IECRC) is non-profit, non-political, grassroots, community-based 501 (c)(3) organization, based in Hayward, CA. Founded in 2002, IECRC offers services in the Bay Area, Sacramento, and Vancouver, Canada. The mission of IECRC is to promote spirituality through Education, Research, and Counseling, based on the centuries old Islamic traditional values of the *Awliyah (Saints of the Islamic Tradition) — Love, Tolerance, Peace and Harmony.*

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Qur'an Hafiz Program with Homeschooling (cont)

The *Hifz* Program is designed to ensure that your child can memorize the Qur'an while still attending to their regular school studies by way of homeschooling. In this program, IECRC will provide a dedicated Qur'an Hafiz to help the student memorize in a traditional manner. IECRC will also guide parents on how they can practically homeschool their children and where the curriculum may be obtained.

Homeschooling is a viable option for children in California and the State pays for the curriculum and teachers. Many families Muslim and Non-Muslim, have opted for homeschooling and this is not something new. Homeschooling works great with our program because children can complete their school education in much less time than they would have if they go to a full-time school. IECRC will explain how homeschooling fits in the *Hifz* program.

If interested in the Summer Program or for the Full-time program, please schedule a consultation with us by calling **916-669-8809**, emailing us at **sharaaz2001@yahoo.com** or contacting one of the Administration Staff.

IECRC Academy Newsletter

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About the Newsletter



Welcome to the first newsletter for the IECRC Academy located in Sacramento, California. This newsletter was created for the purpose of communicating with parents and the community about schedule changes, courses offered, school guidelines, rules, time changes, and any other

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newsworthy community news items. Initially, this publication will appear as needed and insha-Allah we hope that it will grow into something with a much broader scope with an on-line version as well.

Jazakallahu Khayr,

IECRC Administration

Why Tajweed?

We have heard concerns from a few parents about the change in the format of the Quran classes and the addition of *Tajweed* Thursday. While the completion

(*Khatm*) of the Quran is a goal of many parents, it should not be the end of their Qur'anic studies. Some of us have not heard about *Tajweed* or we

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Current & Upcoming Children & Youth Classes:

- Quran Recitation & Worship (Two ongoing sessions)
- Qur'an Hafiz Program (Now Enrolling)
- Fundamentals of Islamic Belief (planned soon)
- Muslim Interaction with Non-Muslim Belief Systems (upcoming)
- Womenhood in Islam (upcoming for youth girls only)
- Rights & Responsibilities in Marriage

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Why Tajweed? (continued)



may think that its not important for our children and that they now already know how to recite. While true in a couple of cases, your child can make big mistakes in their recitation that may be carried on into their lives if it is not corrected by learning and applying the rules of *Tajweed* now.

Allah *Sunhana Wa Ta'aala* orders us in the Qur'an:

Wa Rattilil Quraana Tarteelaa

When reciting the Holy Quran, recite it properly (with proper tajweed).

The reason for this injunction is that when pronouncing certain letters in the Qur'an, if the pronunciation (Qirat) is not correct in certain cases, it can change the meaning of the *Ayat* of the Qur'an. So rather than receiving only benefit from the Qur'an, one may actually cause harm to oneself in such instances.

For this reason, we have added *Tajweed* to this class. Initially, your child will have some difficulty in learning the rules. This is normal. However, once he or she learn some basic rules,

and apply these rules to 10-15 pages of the Qu'r'an, they will be able to read thereafter, the rest of the Qur'an, *insha-Allah*, with proper *Tajweed*. This will require that your child practice the recitation of the Quran loudly at home and in class without being shy or embarrassed about how they sound or look. We will also require that parents purchase a *Tajweed Musaf* (a copy of the Qur'an highlighting the *Tajweed* rules) which we plan to order soon. The cost of it is expected to be about \$20 per copy. This will help the student stay focused on the rules of *Tajweed*.

Rest assured that our commitment to the betterment of the *Deen* of your children is our first priority and, *Alhamdulillah*, this is reflected in the dedication of the IECRC staff, who have been working day and night to bring you this school and this level of community service.

We ask you to trust us. We are confident that if you and your children stay the course, not only their recitation, but also their personal selves will be a means by which the Pleasure (Rida) of Allah, Most High is sought and the Love of Allah and His Beloved Rasul (sallallahu alayhe wasallam) is achieved.

The Purpose Behind Two Qur'an Sessions

Alhamdulillah, with the special blessings of Allah , the *Barakah* of His Beloved Prophet *sallallahu alayhe wasallam*, the *duas* of the *Awliyah* and pious personalities, and with your support, the initial classes of the IECRC Academy is in full swing. However, there are a few logistical issues that we would like to bring to your attention to facilitate the instruction and learning process.

Class Sessions

As you are aware, we currently run two sessions for the Qur'an classes:

- **Session 1** (4pm-6pm)
- **Session 2** (6pm-8pm)

The purpose of creating two sessions instead of one large session is to ensure that students are not overcrowding the class and that learning is taking place. Just as in regular school, if classes are overcrowded it results in undue stress on the teacher, and your children do not get the quality instruction that they deserve. The limit that we have set for each session is 20 students. Your help is needed in this. Please bring your children only to the session in which they were assigned when they started. We are finding that parents are changing sessions at their own will and this is

causing a great deal of undue stress to all involved. Please do not change session unless you have acquired permission from the school administration. (not only the teacher please).

"Smaller classes increase student learning. They have also been shown to have a host of other benefits, including enhancing parental involvement, reducing disciplinary referrals, lowering teen parenthood rates, and improving teacher morale and retention."

*- Leonie Haimson
www.classsizematters.org*

Qur'an Hafiz Program with Homeschooling

The IECRC is now poised to add the Qur'an *Hifz* Program soon, *insha-Allah*.

Please contact the School Administration staff as soon as possible if you or someone else is

interested.

Summer vacations is the best time to try out this program to see if your child is a candidate for a Qur'an Hafiz, since there are no or little school studies to address. If

your child is smart, shows commitment in his or her study and learning development habits, and can recite the Qur'an, he or she may be a good candidate for this program.