



WISE ACADEMY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Q: What does WISE Academy offer my child?

A: *WISE Academy is an independent, college preparatory school that provides its students a superior, challenging, and holistic education in a high moral setting. We cater to students from diverse backgrounds and motivate them to achieve intellectual, spiritual, and physical excellence with a conscious appreciation for Divine blessings. We instill in students a dignified lifestyle reflecting the best academic standards and ethical demeanor to achieve personal success and to represent their families and communities as effective and confident leaders.*

Q: What are the requirements for graduation?

A: *WISE Academy adheres to the Michigan Merit Curriculum High School Graduation Requirements which includes four credits of English Language Arts, four credits of Mathematics, three credits of Science, three credits of Social Studies, two credits in World Languages, one credit of Physical Education/Health, and one credit in the Visual, Performing, and Applied Arts. WISE Academy also requires all students to take Islamic Studies every semester that they are enrolled at WISE.*

Q: What curriculum is used at WISE Academy?

A: *WISE Academy aligns our curriculum to the Common Core State Standards, Michigan Content Expectations, and Next Generation Science Standards. Curriculum is based off of the "I Do, We Do, You Do" method. Students are exposed to opportunities for independent practice, as well as in collaborative groups. Our elementary program incorporates the Collaborative Classroom for reading comprehension and vocabulary building, Daily Five, Café Practice, Number Talks math practice, and Rourke Education Media's Next Generation Science Program. Middle and high school units are derived from the Oakland Rubicon, Pearson Education, McGraw Hill Education and Big Ideas Math. Teachers utilize guided reading groups – fiction and non-fiction titles – across all grade levels. IXL online practice is also used in grades PreK-12 to reinforce daily lessons.*

Q: What standardized exams are assessed at WISE?

A: *At WISE, we administer formative classroom assessments, school-wide summative assessments, NWEA, ACT Aspire and Pre-ACT. The Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) is also used in our elementary program. These assessments are used to collect data on students' learning and analyze the data for instructional planning. This allows our team to enhance our instructional practices and attend to the academic needs of each and every student.*

Q: Does WISE Academy prepare my child for the ACT/SAT?

A: *Highly effective instructional practice is essential for providing each and every student with an exceptional educational outcome. At WISE, we administer the ACT Aspire in grades 6th – 9th and the Pre-ACT in grade 10. These assessment tools help our teachers identify students' academic needs and provide individualized instruction to maximize student outcomes.*

Q: Does WISE Academy offer Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Enrollment courses for my child?

A: *WISE Academy offers its students a plethora of advanced placement and dual enrollment courses. WISE aims to prepare its students to take AP classes in the 9th grade and dual enrollment classes as early as the 10th grade. In the 2017-18 school year, WISE will be offering AP Biology, AP Language, AP Calculus, and AP Chemistry. Eligible students may take up to 10 dual enrollment classes over the course of their high school career*

Q: What is the WISE Academy Accelerated Track?

A: *Students who exhibit academic excellence are given the opportunity to enroll in our accelerated track wherein they enroll in required core classes simultaneously and earn their high school diploma in three years rather than four. Students must maintain a 3.7 or higher cumulative GPA and demonstrate the social maturity and responsibility to graduate early.*

Q: What elective courses are offered?

A: *At WISE Academy, we strive to provide elective courses that will enrich our students with an all-inclusive academic experience. Elective courses we offer include Psychology, Anatomy and Physiology, ACT Prep, Art, Physical Education, Early Learning Management, Computer Applications, Life Skills, Senior Seminar, and Community Outreach. Our eligible high school students are also provided the opportunity of taking dual enrollment courses in place of their electives.*

Q: What does the Islamic and Arabic curriculum entail?

A: *The WISE Islamic curriculum aims to instill the understanding and practice of our moral belief systems – the belief in one God (Tawheed) and the understanding of the lives of the Prophets. Our highly qualified Islamic instructors utilize the Sirat texts to guide their lessons for our middle and high school students. Quran memorization and Tajweed are an integral part of the curriculum. WISE Academy holds an annual Quran Competition where students compete against local Islamic schools on memorization and recitation of the text. The promotion of superior Akhlaq is at the core of everything we do. In our elementary program, the focus is on instilling core values of respect, patience, responsibility, trust, honesty, and kindness. Students will learn how to recite Quran and study the surahs of the Quran through stories. They will also learn the 99 names of Allah (swt). Students will learn daily dua'a to recite before eating, washing, leaving the house, dressing, etc. Our robust Arabic program in both the elementary and secondary school includes reading, writing, spelling, grammar, vocabulary and comprehension. Students are taught to value the language of our Holy Quran.*

Q: Do students pray at school?

A: *Our staff and students in grades 3-12 congregate in our prayer hall Monday through Thursday to complete duhr and asr prayers followed by group discussion. Our daily discussions are designed to promote good and forbid evil and reinforce our holistic approach in instilling strong Islamic values within each student. On Friday morning, our secondary staff and students congregate to perform morning dua'a and reflection and have early dismissal to allow them to attend Friday prayer with their families.*

Q: Are classes mixed gender or separate?

A: *At WISE Academy, all of our classes are mixed-gender except for physical education. We also separate boys and girls in our religious studies courses when a gender-sensitive topic is presented.*

Q: How often will my child receive Quranic and Arabic studies?

A: *Quran and Arabic classes are offered on a blocked-schedule for students in grades 6-12. Students will have Quran two days a week and on alternate Fridays and Arabic two days a week and on alternate Fridays. The Holy Quran is integrated into the Arabic curriculum. Our elementary students receive Quran and Arabic studies every day. Our goal is to impart within our students the concept that Islam is in everything we do and it is fully integrated into our entire curriculum. Students recite dua'a and verses from Quran daily in all of their classes and attend regular prayer and discussions that are centered on Islamic core values.*

Q: Will there be more than one grade per level?

A: *In the 2017-18 school year we plan on opening one section of each grade level: one classroom for PreK-3, one classroom for PreK-4, and one classroom each for grades K-12. Our ratio for the preschool classrooms is 1 teacher per 10 students.*

Q: What is the average classroom size?

A: *WISE Academy prides itself in offering students individualized instruction in small classroom settings. Currently, the average classroom size is 15 students with the capacity at 20 students.*

Q: What is the uniform policy at WISE?

A: *Students in grades PreK – 12th are required to be in uniform at all times. Uniforms can be purchased online or in-store at Schoolbelles located in Westland, MI. The boys (grades PreK – 12th) uniform includes khaki pants with a WISE navy polo (short and long sleeved polo's are available). The girl's uniform in grades PreK-5th includes navy pants with a WISE khaki jumper and a white polo shirt or body underneath the jumper. The girls (grades 6th – 12th) uniform includes khaki pants with a WISE navy jumper and a navy long-sleeved body underneath the jumper. Boys and girls also have the option to purchase a WISE cardigan or WISE hoodie to wear over their uniform. Girls in grades 4th – 12th are required to wear a navy hijab with their uniform. The gym uniform for students in grades PreK – 12th includes WISE navy pants with a yellow WISE short or long sleeved shirt. The gym uniform can be purchased at Pride Ink which is located on Warren in Dearborn Heights. Students may also purchase a WISE gym hoodie.*

Q: Is hot lunch available for purchase?

A: *WISE Academy currently offers a healthy hot lunch program that is certified halal and catered from Dearborn Fresh. There is a daily cost for lunch and it is not included in tuition. Students have the option of bringing a packed lunch from home as well.*

Q: What is the start/end time of the school day? Is latchkey available?

A: *Our preschool programs are full-day programs that run from 8:45 am – 3:15 pm. Soft start for preschool begins at 8:30 am. Our students in kindergarten through 5th grade start at 8:30 am and end at 3:30 pm. The start/end time for middle and high school students is 7:54 am – 3:00 pm. Latchkey is available for our preschool and elementary programs. The morning latchkey session is available from 7:30 am – 8:30 am and the afternoon latchkey session is available from 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm. Please see our Elementary Handbook for details regarding Latchkey.*

Q: What is the daily schedule for middle and high school students?

A: *Students in grades 6th – 12th have six one-hour class periods per day with a 25-minute lunch break and 30 minutes for daily prayer and discussion. Elective courses are offered on a blocked schedule. Every Friday is a half-day to allow students to attend Friday prayer with their families. Students will receive their course schedules at the beginning of the school year.*

Q: What is the daily schedule for preschool and elementary students?

A: *A parent orientation will be held in August to inform parents of the daily schedule, review policies and procedures, and review resources. An email will be sent to all enrolled families once the date for orientation is set.*

Q: Are teachers available for my child before and after-school?

A: *Teachers are available to meet with students and/or parents every day before and after-school. All teachers can be contacted via email to set up an appointment. Secondary teachers are also available every Friday afternoon for students who need additional support.*

Q: What extracurricular activities does WISE Academy offer?

A: *WISE Academy promotes sportsmanship, health and physical activity through our athletic program which includes basketball, track, and soccer for both boys and girls. As we grow, we look forward to expanding our athletic program to include volleyball, football, baseball, and swimming. In addition, WISE offers after-school clubs including Student Council, Fishing Club, Quran Club, and Book Club. New clubs will be introduced based on student interests.*

Q: What other programs does WISE Academy offer?

A: *WISE Learning and Sports is our extended day/after-school program. Students have the option to enroll in one-on-one or small group tutoring with our highly qualified tutors in all content areas including Arabic and Islamic Studies. WISE also holds Dua'a Tawasil every Tuesday night and Du'a Kumayl every Thursday night. The WISE Saturday School is available throughout the school year for children ages 4-14 and aims to enrich students with learning Arabic and Quran.*

Q: When is the new building expected to be complete by?

A: *The majority of our new, state of the art facility is expected to be ready by the fall of 2017. Completion of the entire campus is expected in the summer of 2018.*

Q: What materials/supplies am I responsible for providing my child?

A: *Students are provided with books and online resources for their classes. Additional fees may be incurred for Advanced Placement courses. Students will receive a supply list at the beginning of the school year which the family is responsible for fulfilling.*

Q: What is the tuition for the 2017-18 school year?

A: *A \$50 application fee is due upon registration per child. Base tuition for students enrolling in preschool through grade 5 is \$6,325 and \$7,450 for students in grades 6-12 in addition to a \$250 material fee per child due upon enrollment.*

Q: If I am enrolling multiple children, will I receive a discount?

A: *Sibling discounts are available to families enrolling two or more children. A 5% discount is applied to the 2nd child, a 10% discount is applied to the 3rd child, and a 15% discount is applied to additional children thereafter.*

Q: Does WISE offer financial aid?

A: *WISE Academy is a private, non-profit school that operates solely from tuition and donations. Our financial obligations include staffing, curriculum, classroom materials, supplies, and maintenance in addition to our expansion project. We do not receive any form of government aid. For this reason, financial aid is currently unavailable.*

Q: What other discounts am I eligible for?

A: *Students who have maintained a 3.8 or higher cumulative grade point average are eligible for a 5% discount. Transcripts must be submitted to qualify. Returning students, who attended in 2016-17, receive an additional discount. Please contact the front office for details.*

Q: Is a payment plan available if I am unable to pay the tuition in full?

A: *WISE Academy offers a flexible payment plan for families who are unable to pay tuition in full. A \$500 deposit (per child) is due upon enrollment to secure a spot. The deposit is applied towards the total tuition. 25% of the total tuition is due by May 25, 2017. If the tuition is not paid in full by August 25, 2017, a \$150 convenience fee (per child) will be assessed and the total remaining balance will be divided over seven months.*

Q: Do I receive a discount if I pay in full?

A: *Families who pay the total remaining balance in full by August 25, 2017 will avoid paying the \$150 convenience fee (per child).*