



Sunday School

Academic Integrity Position Statement for Isomer Sunday School – 2012

Academic integrity is a fundamental value of teaching, learning, and behaviour in Islam. Maintaining high standards of academic integrity ensures the sustainability of the student's educational progression. Therefore, students are expected to commit to and be responsible for demonstrating the five fundamental values, even in the face of adversity:

- Honesty
- Trust
- Fairness
- Respect
- Responsibility

The Student Is Responsible For:

- Behaving in a manner that does not interfere with the rights of others.
- Abiding by expectations, guidelines, rules and regulations established by the school.
- **Respecting and holding reverence for the Masjid, school property and teachers.**
- Attending Sunday school regularly and on time.

The Parent Is Responsible For:

- Being a proper Islamic example for their child to live up to.
- Assisting and supporting their child with homework that has been handed out by the teacher/s.
- Supporting and nurturing their children's Islamic development.
- Cooperating with school officials when discipline is necessary.
- Seeking from school and community agencies help in correcting a student's misbehaviour.
- Informing school officials of concerns relative to student behaviour.
- Making sure the student attends Sunday school regularly and on time.

The Teacher is Responsible For:

- Treating each child with dignity and respect.
- Consistently teaching school expectations, guidelines, rules and regulations.
- Reviewing with student's school expectations, guidelines, rules and regulations.
- Establishing an Islamic atmosphere of appropriate behaviour in the classroom.
- Being easily accessible and approachable to parents for discussion
- Communicating with students and parents if student behaviour is not appropriate.
- Reporting promptly to appropriate school personnel in regards to continuing student misbehaviour. In conjunction with also reporting immediately any misbehaviour that will or may result in expulsion or suspension.
- Reporting any suspected child abuse or neglect situation in accordance with **Section 356 of the Children and Young People Act 2008 (ACT)**

Behavioural Expectations, Discipline Policy and Guidelines

A community functions more easily and more effectively with clear standards of behaviour and manners. As misbehaviour can range from minor breaches of the school rules to more serious offences, it is important that pupils are aware of the consequences of unacceptable behaviour both in school and in the local community. They should know in advance the school's policy for deterring and correcting such behaviour. The guidelines which follow provide part of the framework for developing

the self-discipline and individual responsibility which is essential in the community. The goal of these expectations and guidelines is to create an environment of Islamic behaviour at school.

General guidelines and expectations are as follows:

- **Safety;** Students should not throw objects at others, push others, or act in any other manner that may cause harm to another individual. Students are not permitted to knowingly possess, handle, or transmit any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered as a weapon.
- **Respect;** Students are to behave in a manner that enhances their and others opportunities to learn. Respect of teachers and peers is required by all students. **Bullying will not be tolerated.** Students are also to avoid using profanity or other inappropriate language. Any use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, or similar conduct in a manner that constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes will not be tolerated. Spitting is offensive and also not permitted in and around the Masjid and school premises. Pupils are also not to bring or chew gum on the school premises.

The school will keep a record of any punishments and sanctions administered and these records can be discussed with the school if necessary.

Absenteeism / Assembly / Late Arrival

Student attendance is vital to learning. Absence from school has a substantial negative effect on academic performance. The goal is for each student to be in class every week, on time.

- **If a student is absent for 3 weeks or longer and the teacher has not been informed / or there is no relevant reason, the student will no longer be allowed to attend class.**
- **If a student is late for morning assembly, it will be the parent's responsibility to pay a fee for arriving late to school.**

It is required that if the student arrives late, the parents/guardians shall send a note explaining the cause of being tardy.

If a child is going to be absent from school, the parent/guardian is expected to contact the office explaining the reason and the length of time the student is expected to be out.

Students who arrive late without a note will be considered as tardy and will be given a note home to be signed by parents.

An absence count will start only upon a student's first day of enrolment, unless otherwise determined by the Imam.

Students are required in order to graduate to attend school regularly.

Clothing

In addition to Islamic guidelines about general appropriateness of attire, students are to conform to the Islamic requirements of dress in order to attend their classes.

Males: Males are expected to wear white thobes with a fez

Females: Females are required to wear black abayas. It is essential that clothing is loose. Hijab is mandatory for all female students to wear. **Parents need to ensure that their daughter's hair is not showing through the scarf and should be covered at all times.**

Any student that does not correspond to the standards of clothing outlined by the school will be sent home or the students / parents will be charged a fee for incorrect uniform being worn.

Salaah / Prayer

The Zuhr prayer is a part of the school curriculum and therefore is mandatory on all students. Parents are not to pick up their children until they have been dismissed by their teachers. Any parent requiring to remove the child early from class must first consult their child's teacher.

Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

Students are encouraged to bring only necessary materials to school, in order to maintain a school environment where all students may reach their potential. Unnecessary items can be distractions to the learning environment and create unnecessary opportunities for theft for which the school cannot be held responsible. A student who is in possession of a mobile phone or other electronic device must keep the device turned off during school hours. A student may only place a call on a mobile phone with permission of a teacher or administrator. Any use of a mobile phone during school hours is prohibited.

If a mobile phone or an electronic device causes any distraction to the learning environment, the Imam may select an appropriate consequence depending on the continuing severity of the distraction to the learning environment. The school accepts no responsibility for mobile phones and electronic devices present on school grounds.

Visitors to the School

Visitors to the school must respect the learning environment and maintain proper behaviour and decorum. Disruption of the orderly process of the school is distracting for both student and teacher and is prohibited.

Please detach



VERIFICATION:

I _____ verify that I have received a copy of the Isomer Sunday School "Code of Conduct" and have read the rules outlined therein.

Parent Name & Surname (Print Name)

Signature of Parent

Student Name & Surname (Print Name)

Signature of Student

The importance of cooperation between the school, teacher, parent and student cannot be overemphasised. Following these rules will assist us in providing a better Islamic atmosphere for our future Muslim leaders.

Please detach and submit to Sheikh Majidih Essa / or the class teacher