Structure of ISCJ Quran Academy

The Islamic Society of Central Jersey (ISCJ) has established the Quran Academy. The following provides more information on the Mission Statement, Vision and Program offerings.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to develop the next generation of American Muslims to memorize, learn and enhance their understanding of the Holy Quran so they are better equipped to navigate the challenges of modern society and become well guided future leaders.

Vision

Our vision is to instill Quran in the hearts of our students, no matter what their age in an environment customized based on their learning abilities to memorize and recite the Quran.

Programs

To meet the different needs and abilities of the ISCJ Muslim community, the Quran Academy has two main programs: 1) Memorization and 2) Recitation (see Figure 1). Each class has been designed to meet specific goals within the program.

1. Memorization Program
   a. Learning Goals:
      - Properly recite and memorize Quran following the authentic rules.
      - Identify mistakes and correct them.
      - Be a Mentor to other students.
   b. Classes:
      - Beginner Children Class (Ages 18 years and below)
i. Session: Two (2) hours a week (i.e., one weekend session or two weekday sessions). The academic year is extended for at least 35 weeks (i.e., 70 hours). Note. Make-up classes will be offered if needed to comply with this minimum requirement.

ii. Capacity: Six (6) students maximum.

- Advanced Children Class (Ages 18 years and below)
  i. Session: Two (2) hours a week (i.e., one weekend session or two weekday sessions). The academic year is extended for at least 35 weeks (i.e., 70 hours). Note. Make-up classes will be offered if needed to comply with this minimum requirement.
  ii. Capacity: Eight (8) students maximum.

- Adults Class (Ages above 18 years) Only one level of adult class is offered.
  i. Session: Two (2) hours a week (e.g., currently once a week). The academic year is all year around.
  ii. Capacity: Ten (10) students maximum.

c. Monitoring progress: Monthly progress report to track and review up-to-date progress of Quran review and memorization.

d. Study habit: Students will be advised and encouraged to begin memorization of their new Quran assignment while in class to help improve their productivity and learn study management.

e. Future teachers: The program seeks to identify students with advanced skills to help advance the goals of the Quran Academy and be a future resource/teacher.

2. Recitation Program: Open Tajweed (Reading Only) Program for Adults

a. Learning Goals:
   - Properly recite and memorize Quran following the authentic rules.
   - Identify mistakes and correct them.

b. Classes:
   - Session: Each student is allowed to attend the Tajweed session held every week. The academic year is all year around. Currently, two (2) weekly sessions are held:
     i. Saturday after Fajr prayer.
     ii. Wednesday after Maghrib prayer.
   - Capacity: There is no limit of class attendance.

c. Future teachers: The program seeks to identify students with advanced skills to help advance the goals of the Quran Academy and be a future resource/teacher.

   Note. Make-up classes will be offered if needed to comply with the