

ISLAMIC SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

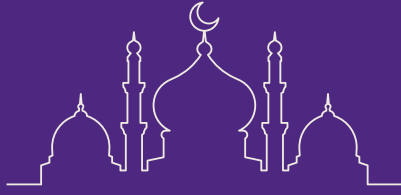
YEAR IN REVIEW **2023**



Building God-Centered Schools

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WELCOME ISAC FAMILY



ABOUT:

The Islamic Schools Association of Canada (ISAC) was established in 2022 with **the purpose of bringing together Islamic school leaders, teachers, practitioners, and researchers across Canada.**

The history of Islamic schools in Canada dates back to the early-1980s at a time where Muslim immigrants had established themselves in different parts of the country. For over four decades of establishing the growing trend of Islamic education in Canada, school leaders and educators find themselves in need of greater community, connection, and collaboration. ISAC aspires to provide a space for just that!

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-FOUNDERS

Bismillahi alrahman alraheem

Assalamualeykum wa rahmatullah wa barakatu,

Islamic Schools in Canada have had similar struggles for decades. Each school was operating in isolation to its counterparts. ISAC is here to bring all these schools under one unified banner.

We are here to support schools and provide high-quality resources and capacity building for school leaders to excel in building God-centered schools.

ISAC was created to help and support the great work of Islamic schools across Canada! This year-end review is a testament of all your hard work and your commitment to ISAC.

Jazakumullahu Khairan for your support.



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Educators and Community
Members on our Listserv

139

Islamic Schools across the
country

300+

Participants at our
inaugural Conference

60+

Principals and Vice
principals on our direct
communication channel

YEAR AT A GLANCE

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

DECEMBER 2023

Qiyam Palestine Duaa Series

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2023

Retreats - Prophetic Pedagogy
Eastern @ Blue Mountains, ON
Western @ Lake Louise, AB

SEPTEMBER 2023

5D Thinking Teacher Orientation
Ottawa, ON & London, ON

AUGUST 2023

5D Thinking Leadership Training in
Istanbul, Turkey

JUNE 2023

- ISAC Inaugural Conference
AJAX Convention Centre
Ontario
- ISAC Pre-Conference Retreat
5D Thinking
Niagara University



01. Establishment

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02. Our Partners

- Global Association of Islamic Schools (GAIS)
- Council of Islamic Schools in North America (CISNA)
- Islamic Schools League of America (ISLA)

“REALLY BREAKING DOWN
AND HELPING US
UNDERSTAND THE BIASES OF
THE CURRENT SECULAR
TEACHING SYSTEM”



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PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT

5D THINKING: TEACHING SCIENCE FROM AN ISLAMIC WORLDVIEW

The 5D thinking approach aims to help students to derive character lessons from scientific knowledge. It is expected to help students read the universe like an elegant book conveying Divine messages on how to be a better human being through good character.

ISAC INAUGURAL CONFERENCE

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300+ TEACHERS & PRINCIPALS
50+ ISLAMIC SCHOOLS
AJAX CONVENTION CENTRE



- Al-Taqwa Academy
- ISNA Schools
- London Islamic School
- MAC Maple Grove
- Ottawa Islamic School
- Tarbiyah Learning Academy

5D THINKING TRAINING IN INSTANBUL

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SEPTEMBER PD SESSION

After the inspiring Istanbul training, 6 ISAC educators returned, eager to integrate 5D thinking into their schools. They started the academic year with a professional development (PD) session, succinctly presenting the 5D methodology.

Four schools from Ottawa and London participated in a hybrid PD session.

AS A HOMEROOM TEACHER, ONE TEACHER FROM TARBIYAH ACADEMY FOUND 5D CONCEPTS SEAMLESSLY APPLICABLE ACROSS SUBJECTS, INCLUDING FINANCIAL LITERACY, LANGUAGE ARTS, AND SCIENCE.

This enhanced understanding goes beyond mere memorization. The students are now able to connect the names of Allah with everyday experiences and observations, seeing the reflections of these attributes in the world around them. This holistic approach has not only enriched their spiritual knowledge but also fostered a more meaningful and personal connection to their faith.

EASTERN AND WESTERN RETREATS

PROPEHTIC PEDAGOGY: ALBERTA AND ONTARIO



The ISAC Retreat is a first-of-its-kind event in Canada for all Islamic school educators, leaders, board members, and parents who are passionate about prophetic pedagogy. This retreat provides the opportunity to network, collaborate, and learn from industry experts and thought leaders.



“BEING IN THE MOUNTAINS AND
LEARNING ABOUT THE PROPHET’S
HEARTWARMING WAYS OF BUILDING
RELATIONSHIPS AND NURTURING
INDIVIDUALS WAS BREATHTAKING”

PALESTINE IN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

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The Islamic Schools Association of Canada invites you to our Dua Series

WEEKLY TAHAJJUD DUA FOR GAZA



Every Saturday & Sunday

5:30AM EST / 4:30AM CST

3:30AM MST / 2:30AM PST

Led by prominent scholars each week

Starting October 21-22 by;

Dr. Munir El-Kassem



Sh. Ibrahim Hindy



tinyurl.com/ISACDUA

Passcode: ISACDUA

Abu Hurayrah said: The M...



FROM THE RIVER TO THE SEA PALESTINE WILL BE FREE



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ACADEMIC CONFERENCES & PUBLICATIONS



Conference Presentations

- ISAC Presented at the World Council of Comparative Education Societies (**WCCES**) entitled: Towards a National Islamic Schools Association: The Establishment of ISAC
- Symposium at prestigious **AERA** (American Educational Research Association) with Dr. **Nadeem Memon** (Unisa), Dr. **Farah Ahmed** (Cambridge) and Dr. **Amaarah Decuir** (American University)



Publications

- Chapter entitled: The Role of the Islamic Schools' Association of Canada in Enriching the Experience of Islamic Schools Across the Country. In the **book "Activist Leadership for Inclusive Schools: Canadian Insights"**. Publisher: **Canadian Scholars**.





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