

Office Use - Admission Testing and Standards

Admission Testing Criteria

Entrance Exam: All grades are required to take entrance tests.

- **Preschoolers:** Pre-School entrance exams are based on Minnesota standards, and the students are expected to be at or above the Minnesota standards level. Should have cognitive ability to interact and accept instructions, must be 3 years old to start school, and must be potty trained.
- **Kindergarten- Second Grade:** Al-Amal School will administer its own test and it is based on Minnesota standards. The students are expected to be at or above the Minnesota standards level.
- **Third Grade- Eight Grade:** The NWEA test will be given to all NEW admitting students **3rd-8th** grade in Math and Reading regardless of if they have taken a test in their previous school. Achieving 70th percentile in NWEA represents student is at national level for that grade.

Al-Amal - NWEA Test %tile		KG	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
	Reading	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	75%
	Math	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	75%

9th to 12th Grades:

Admissions at high school entrance are extremely competitive. The school will administer in-school tests equivalent to passing the grade. Students must achieve a minimum of 80% in Math and English to pass the entrance test.

Retesting: Retaking of the entrance tests for the test up to 6th grade is only available at the end if the room available.

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Transcript/Report Card: Al-Amal School will only accept those students who exhibit higher grade GPA coming from other schools. Elementary students must have passing grades (all C or above). 6th to 7th grade students must have all passing grades with GPA of at least 2.5 (C+). All students from 8th and above must have all passing grades with GPA of 3.0 (B).

Standardized Tests: All students applying to Al-Amal school must show previous test data like MCA, IOWA, and NWEA and are at the grade level standards or above. This means above 70% in all tests.

Behavior Reports: The Admission office will request the behavior report with the transcripts from parents and other schools. The Administration makes the decision to admit the student. Al-Amal School has a discretion to not to enroll new students for behavioral related issues.

Al-Amal School will request the transcript/report card, standardized tests and behavioral reports from your previous school.

Re-Admission of former Al-Amal School students: All former Al-Amal School students want to re-admit to Al-Amal will also go through the same new admission process and pass the test and other criteria accordingly even if they are out of school for at least one year.

Al-Amal School has a discretion to not to re-enroll former students who left the school for the behavioral related issue. A minimum of two years are required before the student is considered for re-admission. The Administration may require added behavioral reports through a professional source if it deemed necessary to admit the student.

Enrolled in Al-Amal School and taking external classes: Al-Amal School will not count credits for any online or off-site courses taken by any students from grade 1 to 10 while they are still admitted in the school unless the course is approved by the Al-Amal School Board and Administration. The current approved courses and track includes U of M gifted Math program and Mishkah University courses.

PSEO program (11th and 12th grade) is exempt for this requirement, but all courses taken must meet the Al-Amal School's high school diploma requirements.

Interview with Administration: All new students and parents are required to go through interview process with the Administration. Al-Amal School has a discretion to not to enroll new students if the student and/or parent does not meet the interview requirements.

