

BRIGHTER HORIZONS ACADEMY

COLLEGE PREPARATORY

2021-2022

New Parent Orientation



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A WORD OF WELCOME

Br. Said Said
BHA Chairman



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VISION STATEMENT

VISION: Brighter Horizons Academy is a model educational institution that produces generations of leaders to be successful in this life and the Hereafter.



MISSION STATEMENT

MISSION: Brighter Horizons Academy aims to develop practicing Muslim leaders who are lifelong learners that serve their diverse community and global society as respectful citizens.

Our mission will be achieved through educational excellence within a healthy learning environment, intimate adherence to Islamic practices, and strong collaboration with positive interactions among school, students, parents, and community.



Oh Allah,

I pledge you sincerity. I pledge myself to be committed to my deen. I pledge to honor the efforts of my parents and teachers & I pledge to strive for peace and prosperity for my community.

Oh Allah, in you I trust , so help me keep my pledge.

BHA Pledge of Allegiance



BHA Board of Directors

- Br. Said Said:
- Dr. Tariq Alsmadi
- Br. Ikram Syed
- Br. Asim Jetpuri
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❖ **Athletic Director**

- ❖ Athletic management
- ❖ Physical education curriculum
- ❖ PE Department

❖ **Early Childhood & Elementary Principal**

- ECE teachers/TAs
- Curriculum/Academics
- PYP Coordinator/Assistant Coordinator
- Student Behavior Counselor
- Testing Coordinator

❖ **Operations Manager**

- Events
- Enrollment
- Health
- Facilities/Traffic Flow
- Front Desk/Lunch Program
- Public Relations/Social Media
- Security
- Finance

❖ **MS/HS Principal**

- College Guidance
- Behavioral Support
- Librarian/Testing Coordinator
- Curriculum/Academics
- MS/HS teachers

❖ **Dean of Student Affairs**

- Discipline

❖ **Dean of Tarbiyah & Islamic Education**

- AQI Department

CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION

for matters dealing with Academics

Teacher

Department
Head/Lead
Teacher

Building
Principal

Leadership
Team

CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION for Matters of Operations/Finance

Admin Staff /
Role Specialist

Operations
Manager

Leadership
Team

CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION for Matters of Discipline

Teacher

Dean of
Student Affairs

Building
Principal

Leadership
Team

CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION for PE & Athletics

PE Teacher/Coach

Athletic Director

Leadership
Team

**Early Childhood & Elementary School
Principal
Ms. Inssaf Lachtar**



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DAILY SCHEDULE & ATTENDANCE

- Drop-Off starts at 7:30 am
- Morning Assembly begins at 7:40 am
- Classes begin at 8:00 am
- Tardies will be recorded at 8:01 am for all students. 6 Tardies = 1 absence. Anything over 18 absences puts students at retention (excused or not)

Communication @ ECE

Parents have several ways to be informed:

- ▶ Sycamore
- ▶ Weekly Newsletter
- ▶ Phone
- ▶ Email
- ▶ Parent-Teacher Conferences



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Things to Know for the first weeks:

- ▶ **Elementary Athletics:** PE classes for KG-5th. We have an after school program for 1st-5th. More information will be shared soon by our Athletic Director: Dr. Ali Abuhlaleh.
- ▶ **Uniform Expectations/Vendor:** All students are required to be in the right uniform. School uniform for KG-5th to be purchased at Verona.
- ▶ **Dismissal/After care:** Driveline tags & Student Pick-up Form to be picked up on Meet & Greet Day. Dismissal starts at 2:35 with Driveline. Students will be sent to aftercare at 3:00. Charges apply.
- ▶ **Health/Checks:** Immunization records must be up-to-date. Lice checks will be conducted the 1st two weeks of school (and the week after Winter Break)

Things to Know for the first weeks:

- ▶ **Homework:** ELA & Math for 1st-4th, ELA, Math, & Science for 5th grade. Reading Logs for English, Arabic, & Qura'n. Please check your child's Planner/Weekly Newsletter & Sycamore.
- ▶ **Salah Expectations:** 3rd-5th grade pray Zuhr from Day 1. A kid-friendly Khutbah on Fridays. 2nd Graders join after their Prayer Ceremony. Girls must wear Hijab to Salat. 5th grade girls are required to wear hijab the whole time.
- ▶ **Traffic:** Traffic can be a hassle. Leave home early for drop off and come early for dismissal. We appreciate your patience. Once tutoring and clubs start, the problem gets resolved.
- ▶ **Clubs:** Sing up Day TBD
- ▶ 5th Grade Math Info Session in September
- ▶ Bring all outstanding forms as part of the enrollment process

BHA IB World School



- ▶ 6 Units of Inquiry
- ▶ Inquiry-based Learning
- ▶ Research-Based Learning
- ▶ **Approaches to Learning (ATL) Skills:**
 - ▶ Thinking
 - ▶ Research
 - ▶ Social
 - ▶ Communication
 - ▶ Self-Management
- ▶ **Learner Profile** Traits: Reflective, Knowledgeable, Thinker, Caring, Inquirer, Open-Minded, Balanced, Principled, Risk-Taker, Communicator
- ▶ 5th Grade Exhibition
- ▶ Global Mindedness and Community Service

ECE Goals for 2021-2022

- ▶ Continue with PYP implementation with fidelity to maintain authorization status
- ▶ Maintain academic excellence
 - ▶ Data-driven instruction & decisions - MAP, STAAR, Quran Benchmark, Arabic Benchmark
- ▶ Tarbiyah, Character, & Leadership Building
 - ▶ Character building programs
 - ▶ Community Service program - in collaboration with ISF Outreach Committee

Middle & High School Principal
Dr. Jehad Matariyeh



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What can we expect in the
next few weeks?

Dr. Jehad Matariyeh
Middle School/High School Principal

Class Schedule

Students will have 7 class periods each day

- 50 min class periods
- MS will have separate lunch/recess from HS

DAILY SCHEDULE & ATTENDANCE

- Drop-Off starts at 7:30 am
- Morning Assembly (MS) 7:40am in MPH
- Morning Assembly (HS) 7:40am in classroom
- Classes begin at 8:00 am
- Tardies will be recorded at 8:00 am
- Attendance will be taken every period; (every 6 tardies = 1 absence)
- 18 absences = retention according to TX Law

What to expect during the first 2 weeks of school?

- Supply Lists found on BHA website
- Uniform Vendor/Policy
- Student Schedules
- Info sessions for High school
- Bring all outstanding forms as part of the enrollment process

Operations Manager

Karam Skaik



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Dismissal



- Students in grades 6-10 will be dismissed via Driveline from classrooms
- Pick up Drive line tags from Front Desk during Meet & Greet
- Aftercare starts promptly at 3:30pm. Grace period is from 3-3:30pm.
- Charges of \$10/ per day for MS/HS students apply after 3:30pm

Finance

If you're experiencing difficulty in making payments on time, reach out to finance@bhaprep.org to make arrangements

- ▶ Tuition is charged on the 10th of each month for the next month
- ▶ Tuition is due on the 5th school day of the month
- ▶ Late fee assessed after the 6th day
- ▶ Enrollment is at risk if no payment is received after the 20th day

Lunch Procedures

- Hot lunch is provided by a 3rd party vendor
- Can be prepaid or paid daily
- Students sign up for lunch at the front desk in the morning
- Cost of lunch is \$5/day
- Vending machines are available to students during lunch and recess

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Dean of Student Affairs

Sami Moussa, M.Ed.





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Uniform reminder KG to 5th

Pre-K Tops	
Girls Short Sleeve Tops	
5th Grade Long Sleeve Tops	
Boys Tops	

PE Shirt (KG-4TH Unisex)	
PE Shirt 5th Grade Girls	

Bottoms	
5th Grade Hijab	

Uniform Reminders MS

Girls Tops	
Boys Tops	
PE Shirt Girls	
PE Shirt Boys	

PE Shirt Boys	
Bottoms	
Hijab	

Uniform Reminders HS



Important to remember

- No Hoodies
 - No tight pants
 - No necklaces
 - No sweatpants
 - Jackets/ Sweaters must be navy blue, black, or gray.
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- Hijabs must be pinned and cover the neck and hair. No earrings may be visible.
 - Boys' hair must be clean, neat, groomed. No layer style haircuts. Hair cannot cover ears/eyes.

Some unacceptable style haircuts

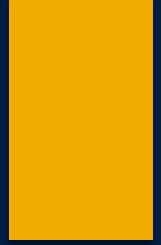


Cell phones

- ECE & MS: No cell phones
- HS: Cell phones may be used during lunch and recess only
- SMART Watches are not allowed on campus for any student



Discipline Philosophy



- Tarbiyyah comes before Discipline.
- Teachers will try at least 2 of the following steps before deferring to administrative intervention, based on the behavior of the student:
 - Verbal Reminder/Warning
 - Separate Discussion
 - Student-Teacher Conference
 - In-Class Consequence
 - Parental Contact
 - Parent Conference
 - Behavioral Counselor Intervention
 - Administrative Assistance
 - Admin/Parent/Teacher Meeting
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Athletic Director

Dr. Ali Abuhlaleh

- Three sport season
- Three sport levels
- Six sports program
- 32 sport teams
- TAPPS Requirements @ Rank One Sports

<https://brighterhorizonsacademy.rankonesport.com/New/NewInstructionsPage.aspx>





Jazakum Allah Khair for coming!

ANY QUESTIONS ?

May Allah bless us with a successful year, Ameen!