

Communication Regarding Music Lessons in Public Schools

Subject: Music lessons and Muslim Students

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to inform you that the Islamic religion is selective regarding what types of music, singing, and dancing are allowed. As a rule, Islam allows for learning music and practicing it for public occasions, such as classical music and military, funeral, and ceremonial marches. However, other types of music, singing, and dancing that are used solely for entertainment are not permissible.

Therefore, we kindly ask school administrators, that require students to attend music classes, to consider and discuss reasonable accommodation with observant Muslim American families, which would not impose on the right to practice one's religious duties.

This letter was issued in response to the high number of requests from the guardians of students who ask for an official letter explaining this intricacy of the Islamic religion. I.M.A.M. is a non-profit religious organization that is authorized and commissioned by the supreme religious authority of Shia Muslims in the world, which has been based in the Seminary of Najaf in Iraq for over a millennium, to support and serve the Shia Muslim community in North America.

For more information, do not hesitate to contact us through any of the communication channels listed below.

Sincerely,

I.M.A.M.