

Communication Regarding Prayers at Schools and Academic Institutions

Subject: Prayers at schools & institutions

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to inform you that practicing Muslims, of all denominations, are required to pray five obligatory prayers a day. The five prayers are dependent on a specific window of time. If that time has elapsed then the prayers are not complete. For example, for mid-day prayers, the time would begin around 12pm during the winter months and around 1pm during day light savings time.

For those students who are practicing Muslims, we kindly request schools and academic institutions to discuss reasonable accommodations with the observant individual(s). This would allow for the student(s) to observe their religious practice in a manner that does not compromise their beliefs. We hope you understand this religious obligation and appreciate your support in this situation.

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

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

Sincerely,

I.M.A.M.