

Communication for Schools Regarding Student Absence for the Arbaeen Pilgrimage

Subject: Student Absence

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to inform you that the Day of Arbaeen, a religious event with great significance to Shi'a Muslims in the Islamic month of Safar, will occur this year during the month of **October, 2019**. During this time, pilgrims from all across the world travel to Karbala, Iraq, for religious commemoration of the 40th day of the sacrifice of the grandson of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him & his progeny), Imam Hussain (peace be upon him).

We kindly request schools and academic institutions to make reasonable accommodations for students by excusing them from classes from October _____, 2019, to October _____, 2019, and allowing them to make up all examinations and work upon their return.

If you would like further information on Imam Hussain (p) please visit: <https://www.imam-us.org/islamic-awareness/islam-101/beliefs/ahl-al-bayt/imamhussain>

This communication was issued in response to the high number of requests received by this organization to issue an official letter that could contribute to increasing awareness of 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.