

## Communication for Schools Regarding Student Absence on the Nights of Destiny during the Month of Ramadan

Subject: Student absence

Dear Sir/Madam:

The 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> nights of the month of Ramadan are the holiest nights of the Islamic Calendar and contain long ritual practices which last until dawn. These sacred nights are of great significance to Muslims and are observed by reciting specific supplications, practicing prayers, and commemorating the sacrifice of Imam Ali, the son in law of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him & his progeny).

These nightly religious observances will undoubtedly have an impact for observers on the following day due to lack of sleep and they will require rest. It would be greatly appreciated if schools and academic institutions would make reasonable accommodations for students who might need some rest by excusing them from classes and allowing them to make up the necessary work.

If you would like further information on nights of destiny, please visit: <a href="https://imam-us.org/64057-2">https://imam-us.org/64057-2</a>

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Sincerely,

I.M.A.M.