

## Communication for Schools regarding Student Absence on the Day of Ashura

Subject: Student absence

Dear Sir/Madam:

**Thursday, June 25th, 2026** is the Day of Ashura, a religious event with great significance to Shia Muslims in the month of Muharram, which is the first month of the Islamic calendar. The Day of Ashura is a day of mourning and a day spent in religious commemoration of the sacrifice of the grandson of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him & his progeny), Imam Hussain (peace be upon him).

It would be greatly appreciated if schools and academic institutions make reasonable accommodations for students by excusing them from classes in observance of the religious events of the Day of Ashura.

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>

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

Sincerely,

I.M.A.M.