Aqsa School

30 years of Excellence in Islamic Education
Celebrating 30 years of Excellence in Islamic Education: Initiatives, Highlights and Achievements of Aqsa School
THE PAST
The 1980’s: The Dream

**THE COMMUNITY DREAMED:**

What if there were a full-time Islamic school in Illinois?

**THE VISION:** We could bring together the best academics of a private school with the highest quality Islamic studies, Quranic and Arabic teachings.
THE MISSION WAS CLEAR...

♦ Provide a Quality Education
♦ Develop a strong Islamic Identity
♦ Teach the Quran and Sunnah
♦ Preserve Islam in America and help it thrive
♦ Enhance Society and our Community
♦ Produce Young Muslim LEADERS!
When the doors opened in August 1986, 38 students became pioneers, as students of the only full-time Islamic school in the Chicagoland area.
The Expansion: 1996
Growing Community, Growing School
New Building, New Opportunities

NEW DIVISION: Elementary
Boys and Girls
Preschool
Elementary

New Courses:
Honors
Advanced Placement

New Offerings:
Library Classes
Swimming
School Library
Media Lab: All new computers this year
Swimming Units
Continuing to Grow: Expanding
Community Ribbon Cutting
Playground Fun
TECHNOLOGY EXPANSION

- Interactive White Boards
- LCD Projectors
- WiFi
- Chrome Books
ACHIEVEMENTS: REPEAT NATIONAL WINNERS

- 3 JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS – $40,000
- 3 IIT BOEING SCHOLARS
THE Present
30th Year : Continuing Excellence

- ACADEMICS
- EXTRACURRICULARS
- SERVICE
- CHARACTER
Our Students Excel Academically

2015 – 2 graduates at University of Chicago
- Ranked 4th in Nation

FULL 4 Year SCHOLARSHIP
Our Students Excel Academically: SCHOLARSHIPS

- Bill Gates Millennial Scholars
- PSAT National Merit Commended Scholar
- Quest Bridge Scholar
- Illinois State Scholars
- AP Scholars
- Comcast
Our Students Excel Academically: SCHOLARSHIPS

- ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS
- 2015–16 Schoolyear
- High GPA
- High ACT

Reem Odeh and Yasmin Farhan
Our Students Excel Academically: COMPETITIONS – Aqsa Students Winning and Awarded – this year

- STATE SCIENCE FAIR
- SPEECH COMPETITION
- Model United Nations
- Arab League
- You Be the Chemist
- MIST
- Essay Contests
New Curriculum and Testing: EUREKA MATH

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- Common Core Aligned
- Critical Thinking
- Conceptual and Deep Understanding of Number Sense

ACT ASPIRE
HANDS ON LEARNING

- “Tell Me and I will Listen. Teach me and I Remember. Involve me and I Learn”.

[Image of children holding starfish during an activity]
CODING:
Bringing technology to life
Principal Awarded National Educational Excellence Award
FAITH IN ACTION

- Mock Hajj
- Service
- Interfaith
Mock Hajj
SERVICE
Interfaith: Teaching Others the True Islam
30 years: Thriving Alhamdullah
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

- The Past
- The Present
- And the future Inshallah
The FUTURE

IT’s YOU