



Fast Facts

about

Full Time Islamic Schools

in

the United States

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Full Time Islamic Schools in the US	
Total Number*	235
♦ Sr. Clara Muhammad Schools	23 (possibly up to 27)
♦ Immigrant Community-Based Schools	212
Total Students**	32,000
Average Number of Students per/School	121
Most Common Size of Schools	Under 100 students 55% Under 150 students 85%
Age of Schools	6 years of younger 55% 10 years or younger 85%
Growth	66% of Islamic schools are currently in expansion projects or have written plans to do so
Professionalism	Widespread movement toward professionalism – in 60% of schools, 80% of teachers are certified
Governance	45% completely independent 29% mosque connected but govern autonomously 21% mosque governed
Hire Teachers of Other Faiths	49% Yes (most Yes indicate 10%-30% of faculty is Other Faith) 23% Not yet, but are considering doing so in the future 28% No, hire only Muslim teachers

* All numbers will be approximate as there is a lag time between changes in schools and the League learning about those changes.

** An estimated number of students – between 26,000 and 35,500 students – in Islamic schools can be extrapolated from the actual number of students reported in the data. After taking into consideration other factors, the most *probable* number of children in Islamic schools is approximately 32,000 students.

The Typical Full Time Islamic School is:

- ♦ Average sized for parochial school – 100 students or less (most common size)
- ♦ Young – 6 years or younger
- ♦ Growing
- ♦ Professionally oriented
- ♦ Independent governance

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