



Visitor Standards for School Groups

Inside a Mosque — Educational Visits at Mubarak Mosque · 4555 Ahmadiyya Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151

Mubarak Mosque welcomes students, teachers and families of all faiths and none. Our goal is simple: an accurate, respectful look at how a mosque is used, with no pressure of any kind. Every school visit follows these standards.

Our commitments

- **Observe, don't participate.** Guests watch, listen and ask questions. No one is asked or expected to take part in prayer or any religious practice.
- **No special clothing.** No head coverings or other attire are requested of students or staff.
- **No materials or gifts.** We do not give students books, religious literature, pamphlets or gifts, and we do not invite students to religious programs.
- **No photographs of students.** Mosque volunteers do not photograph or record students. Any photography by teachers follows your school's own policy.
- **Teacher-only communication.** We do not collect student names or contact details, and we communicate only with the teacher or administrator who arranges the visit.
- **Parents' choice.** We provide a plain-language description for permission forms and support an alternate activity for any family that prefers not to participate.
- **Respect for all.** Presenters speak respectfully about every faith and about people of no faith, and note where Muslims hold differing views.

Safety and supervision

- Visits are led by screened, trained volunteers. No volunteer is ever alone with a student.
- School chaperones stay with students at all times, including restroom breaks. We recommend at least one adult for every ten students.
- Food is served only when the teacher requests it and shares allergy information in advance.
- Visits are scheduled around daily prayer times. If a prayer takes place, guests may observe quietly from a visitor area or continue the tour elsewhere.

Planning your visit

- **Weekday educational visits** are available by appointment during school hours, generally Tuesday–Thursday mornings, in 45-, 60- or 90-minute formats. We are scheduling visits for October 2026 and beyond.
- **What students experience:** a guided tour, the building's architecture and features, a short explanation of how Muslims pray, time with the mosque's Imam, and open questions (anonymous question cards are available).
- **Shoes are removed** in the prayer halls, so socks are recommended. Please tell us about accessibility or other needs when you book.
- **Families and individual teachers** are welcome at our free Community Open House on the first Saturday of every month, 5:00–6:00 PM.

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