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## Early Childhood Development



**Create.  
Explore.  
Grow.**



## About Annour Academy of Knoxville

Annour Academy is a non-profit, private Islamic school. The school was founded in 1998 by a group of Knoxville community members who believed that each child deserves an excellent individualized education in a safe, healthy environment, with a focus on Islamic Studies, Our'an memorization, how to read and write Arabic, and have basic conversations in Arabic.

We are the most diverse school in East Tennessee, representing students and families from 20 countries and over 15 languages. Annour Academy provides education for Toddlers through 8th grade and offers a curriculum that meets or exceeds the requirements of the State of Tennessee.

### Global Connections

We have **the most diverse school in East Tennessee**, celebrating a variety of cultures and languages in our classrooms. From an early age, our students develop social, cultural, and racial awareness and competency through meaningful interactions with teachers and peers.



**20**  
Nationalities



**15**  
Languages  
Spoken

## About The Early Childhood Development Program (ECD)

Research has shown that the early years in a child's life-when the human brain is forming-represent a critically important window of opportunity to develop a child's potential and shape academic, social, and cognitive skills that determine a child's success in school and in life.

Our ECD program emphasizes active and student-centered learning, positive adult-child interactions, and a nurturing, diverse learning environment. Student's interests and choices are at the heart of our program. Our teachers provide positive, meaningful experiences that will benefit children throughout their lives. Our staff offers physical, emotional, intellectual support, and plan lessons to reflect important learning areas for young children while instilling confidence, competence, and independence.

## Overview

The Early Childhood Development Team at Annoor Academy implements the HighScope Curriculum, a research-based approach that emphasizes active learning, positive adult-child interactions, and a plan-do-review process. Our program aims to develop and nurture the whole child and includes Toddlers, Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten Classrooms.



# What is Active Learning?

A classroom that promotes active learning provides children with direct, hands-on experiences with people, objects, events, and ideas. In active learning settings, adults expand children's thinking with diverse materials and nurturing interactions. Through scaffolding, adults help children gain knowledge and develop creative problem-solving skills. Children construct knowledge through interactions with the world and the people around them. They take the first step in the learning process by making choices and following through on their plans and decisions.

Our ECD program offers activities and lessons using HighScope's Key Developmental Indicators (KDI's), which are skills that reflect the important learning areas for young children and which are aligned with the Tennessee Early Learning Developmental Standards.

## Assessment



## Adult-Child Interaction



## Active Learning



## Daily Routine



## Learning Environment

## Toddler Classroom (18-36 months)

Our Toddler Classroom is where our youngest learners need to feel safe and supported so they can learn with their whole body and all of their senses. Teachers focus on developing supportive, trusting relationships with the children in their care. We create rich environments that encourage very young children to explore and discover the world around them, helping them to engage in experiences designed to support their optimal development in all domains.

Active learning is at the center of the Toddler Classrooms. It is the foundation where young children gain knowledge through their natural play and interactions with the environment, events, and other people.

In the HighScope Toddler Curriculum, content areas are organized in six main categories that correspond to state and national learning standards:

Approaches to Learning

Social and Emotional Development

Physical Development and Health

Language, Literacy, and Communication

Cognitive Development

Creative Arts



# Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten

In our Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms, teachers ignite children's interest in learning by creating an environment that encourages them to explore learning materials and interact with adults and peers. We focus on supporting early learners as they make decisions, build academic skills, develop socially and emotionally, and become part of a classroom community.

Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten content areas are organized in eight main categories that correspond to state and national learning standards:

Approaches to Learning

Social and Emotional Development

Physical Development and Health

Language, Literacy, and Communication

Mathematics

Creative Arts

Science and Technology

Social Studies

Ongoing child assessment is also an underlying component of our classrooms. Objective anecdotal observations of children collected throughout children's natural play as well as teacher-directed lessons allow teachers to assess child progress in all eight academic categories and plan meaningful learning experiences.



# Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten Classroom is where the love of learning continues and where students get a solid foundation to prepare them for transitioning to elementary school. Our dedicated teachers continue to use active learning, student-centered practices to support children's social, emotional, and cognitive development. Our Kindergarten program carefully balances Qur'an, Islamic Studies, and Arabic with core academic subjects in the daily schedule.

The Kindergarten curriculum is based on the Common Core standards, and we are always evaluating, improving, and developing our curriculum to ensure that our students are excelling academically. Our student body performance is well above average on standardized tests, and their outstanding performance in the schools they attend after graduating from Annoor Academy is an indication of our dedication to an accelerated curriculum.

Arabic

Qur'an

Islamic Studies

Social Studies

English

Language Arts

Math

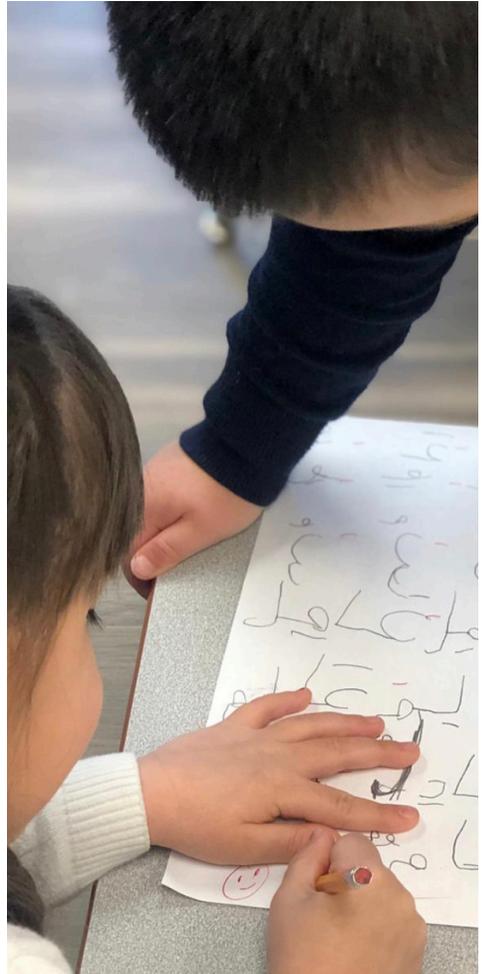
Science



## Arabic, Islamic Studies, and Qur'an (AIQ)

A core part of our program is what we call AIQ, which stands for Arabic, Islamic Studies, and Qur'an. Led by the steadfast and remarkable Khala Khadija, our students learn Arabic letters and sounds, memorize short chapters from the Qur'an and Du'a (supplication), as well as practice writing and spelling in Arabic. All of the ECD teachers embed the values and virtues of our Islamic faith into the students' daily routines.

Students reflect on good character and how to implement it, the love of Allah and the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), and also recite various du'a throughout the day. We immerse our students in a loving, nurturing religious environment that allows them to practice what they are learning in a meaningful way while it reinforces their Muslim faith identity.







# Admissions

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