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**AL-RAHMAH SCHOOL**



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**Excellence in Knowledge, Character, & Service**

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**Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu,**

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

Thank you for your interest in Al-Rahmah School. Alhamdulillah, we are pleased to share information about our school community. Located on the Islamic Society of Baltimore (ISB) campus in Baltimore County, Maryland, Al-Rahmah School (ARS) offers a comprehensive educational program for students from kindergarten through eighth grade.

ARS is a registered non-public educational institution that holds a Certificate of Approval from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). Additionally, we are accredited by the Middle States Association Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CESS). This accreditation is a rigorous, voluntary process through which we evaluate our performance against research-based standards. It allows us to analyze student achievement data, assess our overall effectiveness, and establish strategic, data-driven goals for continuous improvement.

At Al-Rahmah School, we are committed to fostering a dynamic and nurturing learning environment that supports the holistic development of every student. Our educational program is built upon three core pillars:

- **Value-Based Education:** Character development, moral sciences, and social-emotional learning.
- **Secular Academics:** Rigorous instruction in mathematics, English language arts, science, social studies, technology, physical education, and health.
- **Religious Studies:** Arabic, Islamic studies, and Quranic education.

We encourage our students to excel academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally. Our guiding principles—**Ibadah, Aadab, and Akhlaq**—are at the heart of everything we do. Additionally, we integrate essential 21st-century skills such as collaboration, problem-solving, perseverance, and critical thinking to equip our students for success in an ever-evolving, globally connected world.

Al-Rahmah School values a strong partnership with parents in nurturing and instilling Islamic values before your child graduates, InshaAllah. Our goal is to empower students with:

- A strong sense of their Islamic identity.
- A commitment to using their unique talents to serve Allah SWT and their community.
- A solid academic foundation through quality instruction.
- An understanding that true success is by the will and permission of Allah SWT.

We are confident that our program will meet or exceed your expectations, and we look forward to welcoming you to the ARS family, InshaAllah.

**JazakAllah Khair,**

**Al-Rahmah School Administration**



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## Introduction

As Salaamu 'Alaikum. Thank you for your interest in Al-Rahmah School. Al-Rahmah School's (ARS) vision is to cultivate excellence in Islamic character and academics, foster leadership skills, and develop global awareness. ARS welcomes all students and families who are committed to the mission and vision of ARS.

We have prepared this quick reference guide to assist you in navigating the admissions process. Please feel free to contact our Admissions Team at [admissions@alrahmah.org](mailto:admissions@alrahmah.org) if you have questions or need assistance.

## Admissions Policy

### *Al-Rahmah School Admissions Criteria*

At Al-Rahmah School, we are committed to fostering a nurturing and academically enriching environment.

To ensure that students are well-prepared for success, our admissions process follows a structured ranking system based on the following criteria:

- ✓ **Academic Standing** – Evaluation of the student's academic performance concerning the grade applied.
- ✓ **Social-Emotional Readiness** – Assessment of the child's ability to engage, adapt, and thrive in the classroom setting.
- ✓ **Performance Feedback** – Review of teacher evaluations and overall progress from the student's previous school.
- ✓ **Code of Conduct** – Consideration of behavioral records and adherence to school expectations in previous educational settings.

These criteria help us maintain a supportive and dynamic learning community, ensuring that each student receives the guidance and resources needed to excel at Al-Rahmah School.



## ***A. Documentation & Record<sup>1</sup>***

1. Transcripts, Records, and Evaluations: The school administration must receive all transcripts and student records from all previous schools within 10 days after the parent or guardian formally applies. Based on the student interview, additional records and pertinent evaluations may be requested from previous schools.
2. All information requested by ARS must be received before a student is considered officially enrolled.
3. Students without transcripts, pertinent records, and the latest report cards will be given provisional placement status. Parents will be notified in writing of their child's status.
4. Immunizations/waivers must be up-to-date, and proof must be submitted before ANY student is admitted to class. NO EXCEPTIONS.\*

*\*Religious waivers for immunizations will be accepted and must be submitted before the student is admitted to the class.*

## ***B. Parent and Student Interview***

1. Student applicants will be interviewed by ARS staff, including but not limited to school leadership, administration, and school counselor.
2. The mother, father, or legal guardian will be interviewed in person by the above-mentioned ARS staff.



## ***C. Academic Acceptance***

To ensure that students are well-prepared for success, our admissions process follows a structured ranking system based on the following criteria:

- ✓ **Academic Standing** – Evaluation of the student’s academic performance concerning the grade applied.
- ✓ **Social-Emotional Readiness** – Assessment of the child’s ability to engage, adapt, and thrive in the classroom setting.
- ✓ **Performance Feedback** – Review of teacher evaluations and overall progress from the student’s previous school.
- ✓ **Code of Conduct** – Consideration of behavioral records and adherence to school expectations in previous educational settings.

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1. All students must have been promoted to the next grade level from previous schools at the end of the year.
2. Transferring elementary students must have passing grades in all the following subjects: reading, math, and language. Students who fail to meet the above requirements may be placed provisionally.
3. Students who have exhibited behavioral difficulty: ARS may require additional documentation and assessment from the school counselor before admission will be granted.
4. Students who have been suspended or expelled from another educational institution will not be accepted – without further review and assessment.

## ***D. Admissions Testing***

1. New students will be tested using the NWEA MAP Assessment in Reading, Language Usage, and Mathematics in English and Mathematics.



## *E. Home School*

1. Parents must submit transcripts, evaluations, and standardized test results, maintained by accredited homeschool providers within ten days of applying with ARS.
2. The parent must submit in writing an outline of the curriculum, test results, and evaluation of the student's performance from the home school instructor.
3. All students will be placed in the grade to which they were promoted by the previous school as indicated by the school's official transcript.
4. If needed, Home-school students will be tested to further assess the appropriate placement.

## *F. Age and Promotion Requirements*

1. Minimum age requirements upon entering\*:
  - i. Kindergarten – 5 years old before September 1st.
  - ii. First Grade – 6 years old
  - iii. Second Grade – 7 years old
  - iv. Third Grade – 8 years old
  - v. Fourth grade – 9 years old
  - vi. Fifth Grade – 10 years old
  - vii. Sixth Grade – 11 years
  - viii. Seventh Grade – 12 years
  - ix. Eighth Grade – 13 years

\*Age will not be the only criterion for placing a student in the appropriate grade.

## **Admissions Process At-A-Glance**

- Step 1 - Application for Admission & Application Fee
- Step 2 - Student-Parent Interviews
- Step 3 - Admissions Testing
- Step 4 - Admissions Decision
- Step 6 - On-Boarding



## STEP 1 | Application for Admission & Application Fee

These instructions are designed for new students enrolling in Al-Rahmah School for the first time. **The first step in the admissions process is completing the Application for Admission and paying the non-refundable Application Fee.** The Application Fee of \$125 will be due at the time of application submission and is **non-refundable**.

The application is facilitated through FACTS. The software will provide you with feedback throughout the process to help you complete the enrollment. A yellow caution symbol will appear in the menu if required information is missing from a section of the application. A green checkmark will appear in the menu once all required information has been entered.

### Forms Library and Checklist

A checklist of the Forms required to complete enrollment is below. The information you share on these forms is confidential and will be available only to health and education personnel who have a legitimate educational interest in your child.

For your convenience, we have created a [FORMS LIBRARY](#) where you can access the forms needed for your child's enrollment.



<b>Admissions Forms &amp; Upload Checklist</b>	
<b>Form/Upload</b>	<b>Required for...</b>
Copy of Driver's License/Photo ID of Parents/Guardians	✓ All students
Record of Physical Examination (Form 1)	➔ Students entering Kindergarten, Grade 6, or a Maryland school for the first time
Current Immunization Record	✓ All students
School Medication Administration Authorization Form (Form 2)	➔ Students who take prescribed medication (such as inhalers, insulin, etc.)
Consent for Administration of Approved Discretionary Medications (Form 3)	✓ All students (to receive over the counter medication, i.e. tylenol)
Blood Lead Testing	➔ Students under the age of six (6)
Custody Orders/Documents	➔ Students with active court orders
IEP/504/Modified Instruction Plans	➔ Students with prior or active plans
Teacher or Counselor Recommendation (Form 4)	➔ All NEW students to ARS

## STEP 2 | Student-Parent Interviews

After completing your application, you will receive an email or phone call for further instructions and the link to schedule your child's testing.

## STEP 3 | Admissions Testing

Students will be invited to take a diagnostic test that evaluates their readiness for grade-level instruction. We currently utilize the following assessment tools:





<i>Grade</i>	<i>Assessment</i>
Kindergarten	<a href="#">Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)</a>
1st to 8th	<a href="#">Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) in Reading &amp; Math</a>

## STEP 4 | Admissions Decision

To ensure that students are well-prepared for success, our admissions process is based on availability and follows a structured ranking system based on the following criteria:

- **Academic Standing** – Evaluation of the student’s academic performance concerning the grade applied.
- **Social-Emotional Readiness** – Assessment of the child’s ability to engage, adapt, and thrive in the classroom setting.
- **Performance Feedback** – Review of teacher evaluations and overall progress from the student’s previous school.
- **Code of Conduct** – Consideration of behavioral records and adherence to school expectations in previous educational setting.

## STEP 5 | Tuition and FACTS Account Set

### *Tuition Fees*

**Tuition Rates for 2025-2026 are as follows:**

Grades	Yearly	Monthly Installment	(ISB Members)
K to 8	\$9061.50	\$906.15	\$50.00 ( One Time Fee)



**Sibling discounts are available as follows:**

Sibling	2nd Child	3rd Child	4th Child or more
Discount Amount*	20%	25%	30%

*\*When more than one child is enrolled, the child at the highest tuition level is considered to be the first child.*

## ***Resource Fees***

Resources fees help offset the cost of assessment and instructional materials we use to implement our educational program. These costs include, but are not limited to, textbooks, online programs, and testing software. The Activity Fee offsets the cost of class field trips. The Class Dues (8th grade only) offset the cost of graduation gowns and supplies.

The Resource Fees for 2025-2026 are due July 1, 2025, as follows:

Grade Level		Fee Amount
Kindergarten	Technology/Textbook/Testing	<b>\$250</b>
1st to 5th	Technology/Textbook/Testing	<b>\$250</b>
6th to 8th	Technology/Textbook/Testing	<b>\$250</b>
Kindergarten to 8th	Activity Fees	<b>\$100</b>
8th	Class Dues for Graduation	<b>\$75</b>

To secure a child's seat, parents/guardians must pay the first monthly tuition installment. The balance of tuition charges is typically billed monthly over ten months. You may prepay the tuition in full at any time.



## *Tuition Assistance*

**Tuition Assistance** is available to eligible families on a first-come, first-served basis based on available funding. **If you are interested in Tuition Assistance for your child(ren), please contact us at [financialaid@alrahmah.org](mailto:financialaid@alrahmah.org).**

Tuition Assistance may also be available in the form of scholarships through the [Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today \(BOOST\) Scholarship Program](#) (state-wide) and the [Children's Scholarship Fund](#) (Baltimore City residents only). These programs are publicly and privately funded, respectively. Award determinations are made by the program administrators.

## *FACTS Account Setup*

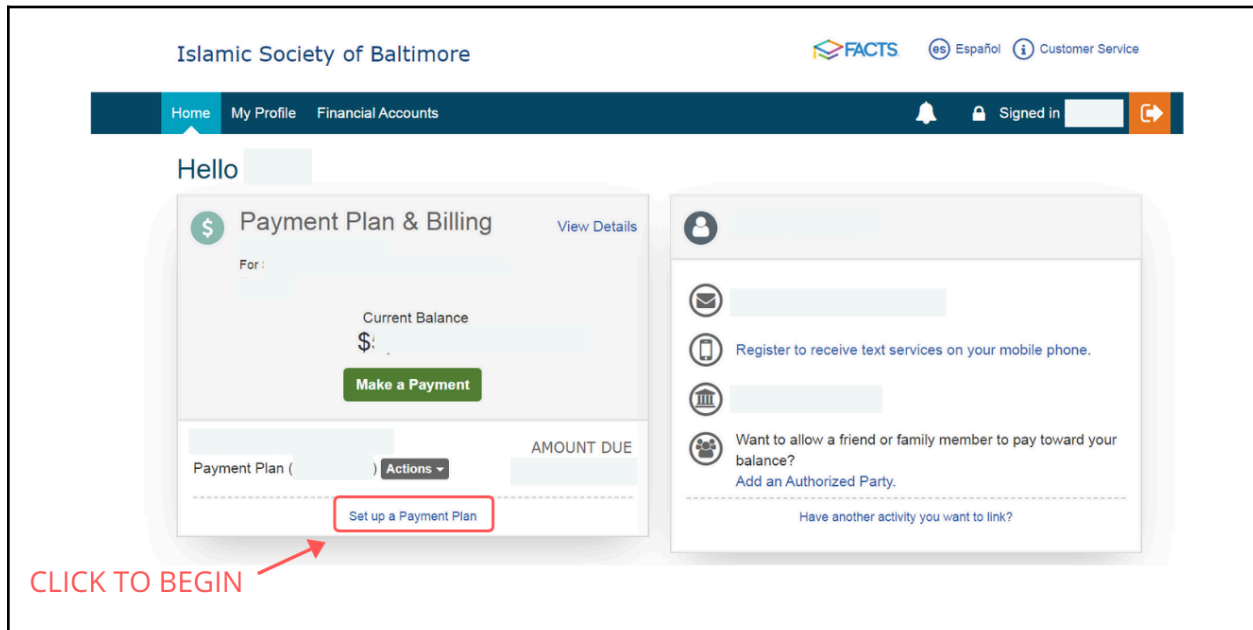
New students who are admitted to ARS are required to set up a student account in [FACTS Family Portal \(Formerly Renweb\)](#), our management system, and a FACTS Tuition Management account for billing. Families who are already set up in FACTS will have their new students added to their accounts.

Please follow the instructions below to create a FACTS Family Portal Account. This step should only be completed **AFTER** an admissions acceptance has been received.

1. **Click the FACTS link in the Tuition & Fees Section** of the On-boarding Application, **OR** go to [online.factsmgt.com/SignIn.aspx](https://online.factsmgt.com/SignIn.aspx)
2. Click the gray **Register** button
3. Select **Search for my Institution**. An Institution Search window will open.
4. Enter our Zip Code **21244** and click the green **Search** button. Select **Islamic Society of Baltimore** from the list.
5. If you are a New FACTS User please select the gray **Create a username & password** button on the right side of the page to begin.
6. Then click on the **Set Up a Payment Plan** link.

To select your payment plan. Please follow the screenshots on the next page.

**Step 1 - Scroll down on your FACTS homepage to the bottom of the screen. Click “Set up Payment Plan”**



**Step 2 - Select the 2025-2026 School Year.**

**Step 3 - Click the green “Begin” button to confirm/modify your payment plan.**



## 2025-2026 Admissions Guide For **NEW** Students

2020-2021 School Year LIVE


Please select a term

2020-2021 School Year

2019-2020 School Year

Want to designate another payer? [?](#)

### Welcome

 A payment plan for 2020-2021 School Year already exists.

- If you need to setup another payment plan, please click Begin.

Thank you for choosing to set up a payment plan.

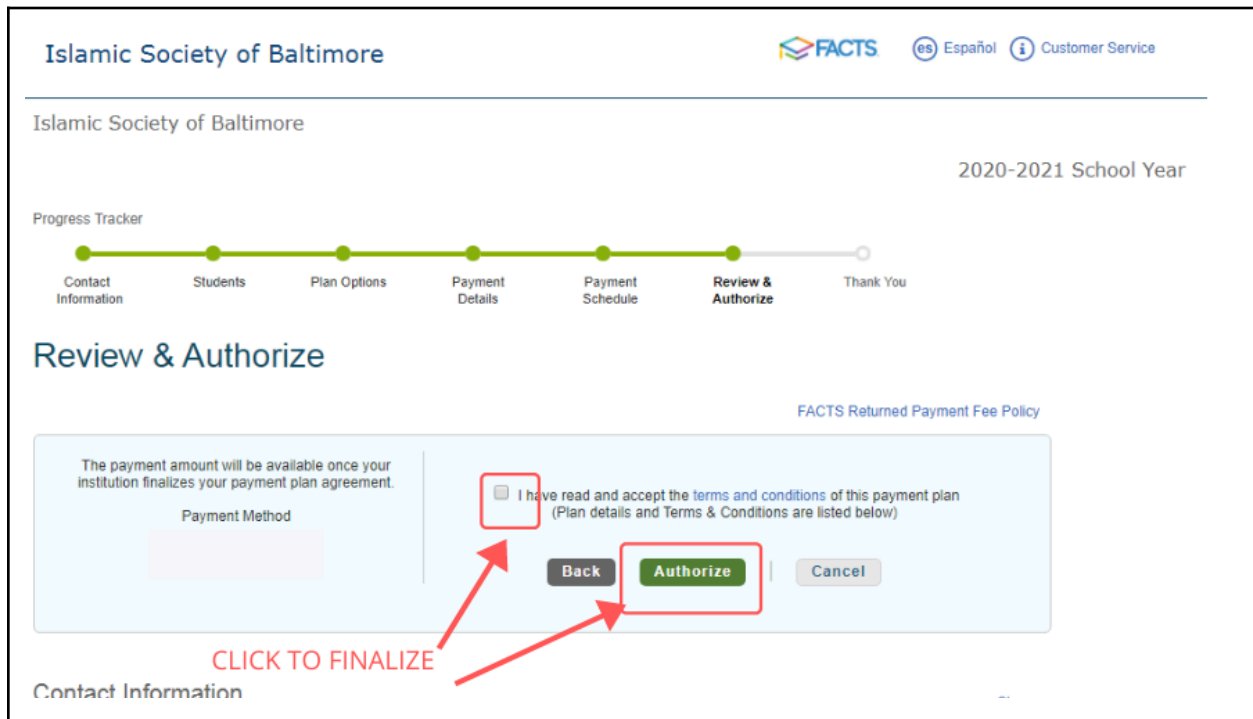
**\*\*Please only set up one payment plan that includes all students.**

Click the **Begin** button to get started.

CLICK TO PROCEED. FOLLOW PROMPTS  
UNTIL YOU REACH "REVIEW & AUTHORIZE"

Begin | Cancel

**Step 4 - Once your plan has been confirmed/updated, check the acknowledgment box and click the green “Authorize” button in the Review & Authorize section**



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2020-2021 School Year

Progress Tracker

Contact Information Students Plan Options Payment Details Payment Schedule **Review & Authorize** Thank You

### Review & Authorize

FACTS Returned Payment Fee Policy

The payment amount will be available once your institution finalizes your payment plan agreement.

Payment Method

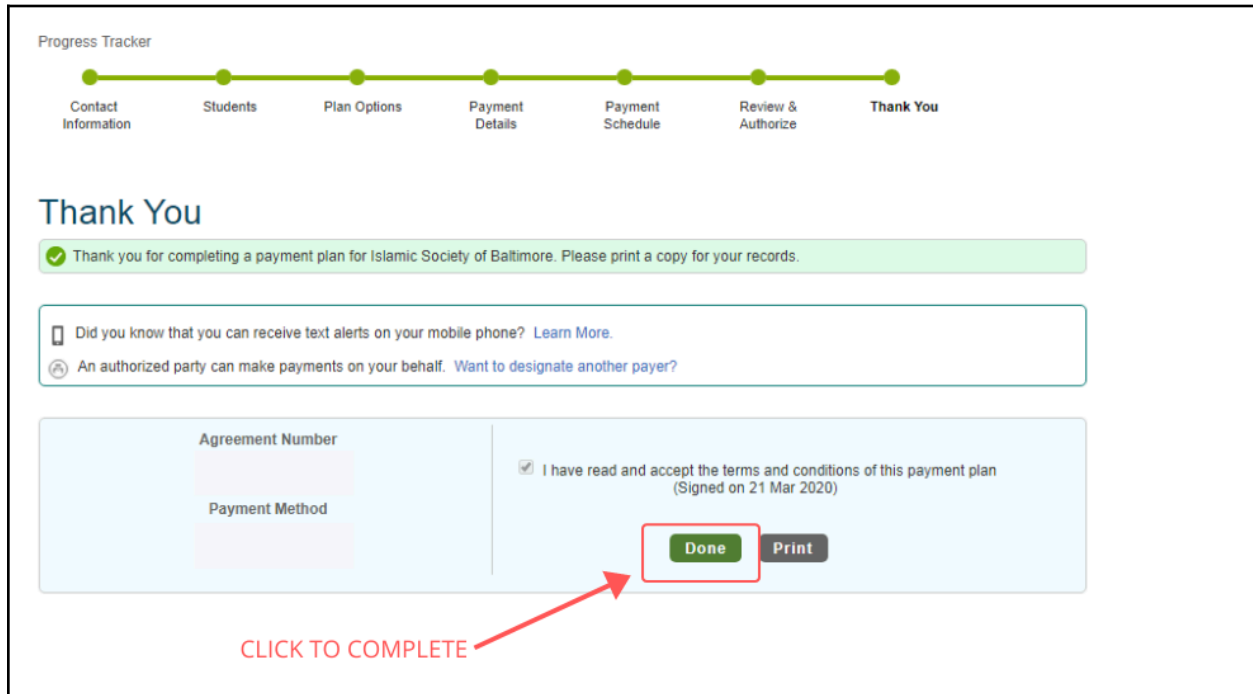
I have read and accept the terms and conditions of this payment plan (Plan details and Terms & Conditions are listed below)

Back **Authorize** Cancel

CLICK TO FINALIZE

Contact Information

**Step 5 - Click the green “DONE” button to exit the payment plan section of FACTS.**



Progress Tracker

Contact Information   Students   Plan Options   Payment Details   Payment Schedule   Review & Authorize   Thank You

## Thank You

✔ Thank you for completing a payment plan for Islamic Society of Baltimore. Please print a copy for your records.

📱 Did you know that you can receive text alerts on your mobile phone? [Learn More](#).

🗣️ An authorized party can make payments on your behalf. [Want to designate another payer?](#)

Agreement Number

Payment Method

I have read and accept the terms and conditions of this payment plan  
(Signed on 21 Mar 2020)

**Done**   Print

CLICK TO COMPLETE

**If you have completed all of the steps below, your child's seat will be reserved for the 2025-2026 school year:**

- Admissions Acceptance
- Onboarding Forms Completed & Accepted
- FACTS Payment Plan Verified
- Resource Fees Paid
- First Tuition Installment Paid

Do you still have questions about the admissions process? We're happy to help. Please review the Frequently Asked Questions on the next page. You can also contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@alrahmah.org](mailto:admissions@alrahmah.org).



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

***Q: When does Open Enrollment for New Students begin?***

A: Open Enrollment begins April 07, 2025. Enrollment for both Returning and New students is on a first-come-first-served basis until the capacity of the grade level class has been reached. Once capacity has been reached, the grade level class will be closed for all students (new and returning) and a waitlist will be implemented.

***Q: Where can I find the Application for New Students?***

A: The application, once launched, will be available on our website at <https://alrahmah.org/admissions/how-to-apply/>.

***Q: When is the Application Fee due? How much is it?***

A: The Application fee is due at the time you submit your application. The Application Fee for New Students is \$125.00. The fee is non-refundable and does not guarantee admission.

***Q: What happens after I submit an Application?***

A: You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been received. Our Admission Office will review the Application and invite your child for admissions testing and interviews

***Q: What forms will I need to complete enrollment?***

A: On **page 5** of this guide you will find a checklist of the forms your child(ren) may need. Some forms are required for all students. Others are required for students who meet the criteria. If you have questions, please contact our Admissions Office.

***Q: Can I start an Onboarding Application (Step 6) and complete it at a later time?***

A: Yes, after you have received an admissions decision. As you complete each section, be sure to save your entries by clicking the Save button at the bottom of the section window. Students who receive an admissions acceptance will be provided a link to the onboarding packet.

***Q: If I don't have a required form, can I upload a placeholder or blank file and submit my Application?***

A: No. All form uploads must be actual documents, as required for your child(ren). Incomplete or blank submissions will be rejected and the application will be returned to Incomplete Status in our system. Applications will not be considered complete until the required forms are uploaded and verified.





***Q: How can I tell which Onboarding Application sections need to be completed?***

A: Once logged in, you can review the entire onboarding packet (Application) at any time by selecting the Enrollment Packet Review option on the left menu. From here, you will also be able to print a PDF of the onboarding packet in its current state.

***Q: I already have another child enrolled in ARS. How do I link my children in FACTS (RenWeb)?***

A: Linking of sibling accounts in FACTS (RenWeb) must be completed by an administrator. Please contact our Operations Coordinator, Donna Khan at [donna.khan@alrahmah.org](mailto:donna.khan@alrahmah.org).

***Q: I need help completing the application online - can I come to the school?***

A: Please email your inquiry to [admissions@alrahmah.org](mailto:admissions@alrahmah.org) with your name and phone number so that a staff member can contact you.

***Q: I have completed my forms - can the school scan them for me?***

A: If you do not have the means to scan your forms using a computer, please contact us at [admissions@alrahmah.org](mailto:admissions@alrahmah.org) for further instructions.

***Q: For the BOOST scholarship application, what should I use for proof of enrollment?***

A: When you complete the application, you should receive an automated email confirmation from [admissions@alrahmah.org](mailto:admissions@alrahmah.org) with the subject: *Online Enrollment Received - Student Name*. You may print a PDF of this confirmation email and upload it to your BOOST application for each student. Please be mindful of the application deadline posted on the BOOST website.