

2025

Sunrise Academy Annual Report

Building a Brighter Future

Academic Year 2025-2026
ADMINISTRATION TEAM



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Message from the Head of School

Dr. Ghada Al-Sadoon

Dear Sunrise Academy Community,

As-salam Alikum,

As we concluded another successful school year, I am filled with gratitude and pride for all that we have accomplished together. The 2025–2026 academic year has been marked by growth, achievement, and a continued commitment to excellence.

A historic highlight of this year was on May 24, 2026, when Sunrise Academy celebrated its first graduating senior class. We are especially proud that our pioneering graduates earned their diplomas with honors, reflecting their dedication, commitment, and academic excellence.

Our students, teachers, and staff have continued to demonstrate outstanding leadership and faith-centered values. Through strengthened academic programs, expanded college and career readiness opportunities, and ongoing professional development, we remain focused on preparing students to become confident, compassionate, and globally minded citizens.

Thank you to our families, faculty, staff, and Board of Educators for your solid support and partnership. Together, we are building a bright future for every Sunrise Academy student.

About Sunrise Academy

Founded in 1996, Sunrise Academy is a faith-based, college-preparatory school dedicated to academic excellence and character development. Serving students from Pre-K through Grade 12, we aim to nurture the mind, body, and soul of every learner. Sunrise Academy is accredited through Cognia as of June 30, 2024.



Mission

Our mission is to provide the highest quality education to the diverse community of Muslim children in Central Ohio within an Islamic environment that nurtures and builds each child's identity as a Muslim American.

Vision

Our vision is to be a national model for Islamic education, ranked academically among the top schools nationwide, and recognized for the excellence and global contributions of our graduates.

Sunrise Stallion Values

We will focus on one value for each month and recognize students that displayed the value best.

Responsibility

Integrity

Shine

Empathy



DESCRIPTION OF VALUES VISIT THE WEBSITE

Academic Highlights

Sunrise Academy OST 2025–2026 Performance Analysis

The 2025–2026 Ohio State Test (OST) results highlight Sunrise Academy's exceptional academic performance across all tested grade levels and subject areas. Students consistently scored above Ohio state averages, demonstrating the effectiveness of the school's rigorous curriculum, dedicated faculty, and commitment to academic excellence.

Outstanding Student Achievement

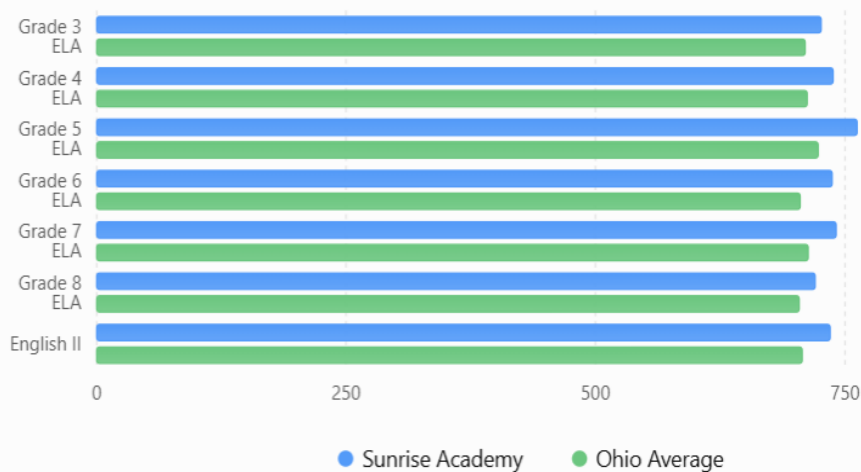
A remarkable highlight of this year's results was the number of students who achieved perfect scores on state assessments. **Ten students** earned a perfect score (100%) in Mathematics and English Language Arts, an extraordinary accomplishment that reflects both individual dedication and high-quality instruction. Several Grade 4 Mathematics students achieved perfect scores of 835/835, while additional students earned perfect scores in Grade 5 ELA, Grade 4 ELA, Geometry, and Grade 6 Mathematics.

English Language Arts (ELA)

Sunrise Academy students exceeded state averages in every ELA assessment.

ELA Performance: Sunrise Academy vs Ohio Average

Average OST ELA scores by grade level and course.



Grade/Course	Sunrise Average	State Average	Difference
Grade 3 ELA	726	710	+16
Grade 4 ELA	738	712	+26
Grade 5 ELA	762	723	+39
Grade 6 ELA	737	705	+32
Grade 7 ELA	741	713	+28
Grade 8 ELA	720	704	+16
English II	735	707	+28

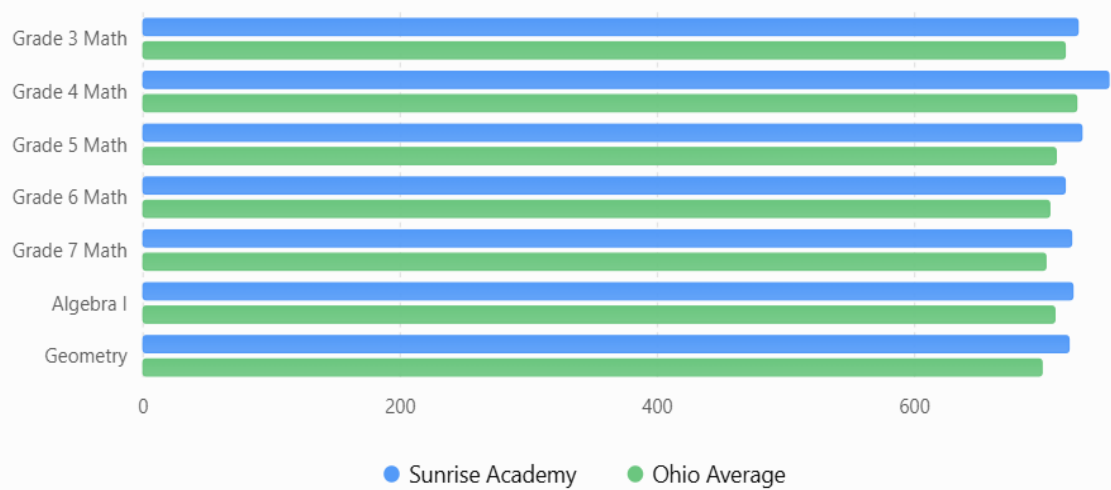
Grade 5 ELA demonstrated the strongest performance, surpassing the state average by 39 points. The consistency of results across all grade levels reflects a strong literacy program and a sustained emphasis on reading comprehension, writing, and critical thinking skills.

Mathematics

Mathematics performance was equally impressive, with Sunrise Academy exceeding state averages in every tested mathematics course.

Mathematics Performance: Sunrise Academy vs Ohio Average

Average OST Mathematics scores by grade level and course.

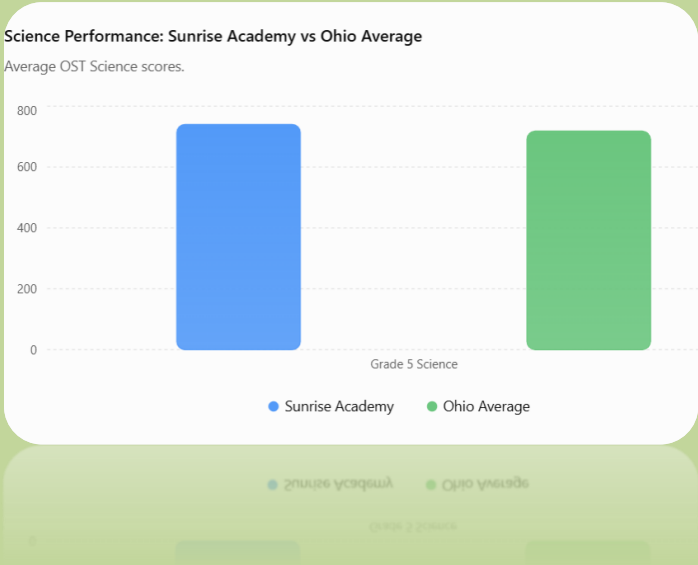


Grade/Course	Sunrise Average	State Average	Difference
Grade 3 Math	727	717	+10
Grade 4 Math	751	726	+25
Grade 5 Math	730	710	+20
Grade 6 Math	717	705	+12
Grade 7 Math	722	702	+20
Algebra I	723	709	+14
Geometry	720	699	+21

Grade 4 Mathematics achieved the highest margin above the state average (+25 points), while Geometry students exceeded the state benchmark by 21 points. These results indicate strong mathematical reasoning and problem-solving skills throughout the school.

Science

Science scores significantly outperformed state averages.

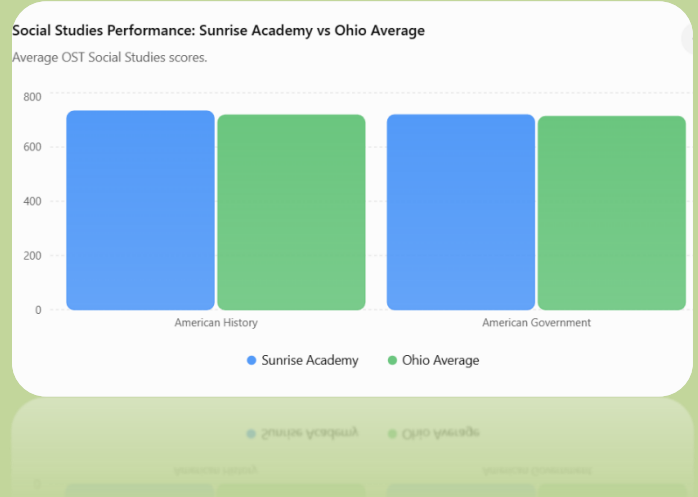


Assessment	Sunrise Average	State Average	Difference
Grade 5 Science	740	718	+22

Grade 5 Science students exceeded the Ohio average by 22 points, demonstrating strong mastery of scientific concepts and inquiry-based learning skills.

Social Studies

Students also excelled in Social Studies assessments.



Assessment	Sunrise Average	State Average	Difference
American History	733	718	+15
American Government	719	713	+6

These results reflect students' strong understanding of history, civics, and government, supporting Sunrise Academy's mission to develop informed and engaged citizens.

Key Highlights

- Sunrise Academy outperformed Ohio state averages in every tested subject and grade level.
- Ten students achieved perfect scores on OST assessments.
- Grade 5 ELA posted the largest gain above the state average (+39 points).
- Grade 4 Math exceeded the state average by 25 points.
- Grade 5 Science surpassed the state benchmark by 22 points.
- Strong performance was evident across elementary, middle, and high school assessments.
- The results demonstrate consistent academic growth, instructional effectiveness, and student excellence.

Conclusion

The 2025–2026 OST results affirm Sunrise Academy's position as a high-performing educational institution committed to academic excellence. The combination of above-average schoolwide performance, numerous top scorers, and multiple perfect scores reflects the dedication of students, teachers, families, and school leadership. These achievements provide strong evidence that Sunrise Academy continues to prepare students for success in higher education and future careers while fostering a culture of excellence and lifelong learning.

Outstanding Academic Achievements Highlights



Sunrise Academy's 2025-2026 Ohio Test Scores Shine Bright!

Setting the bar
higher with a perfect

100%

4th Grade Math



(835/835)

Adam Allalen

4th Grade Math



(835/835)

Yasmine Hammoudi

4th Grade Math



(835/835)

Umar Zayd Mohammad

4th Grade Math



(835/835)

Mustafa Saidy

6th Grade Math



790/790

Omer Fageer
Osman

Geometry



810/810

Abdul Khaliq
Mohammad
7th Grader

4th Grade ELA



846/846

Yasmine Hammoudi

5th Grade ELA



(848/848)

Maryam Hassen

5th Grade ELA



(848/848)

Leena Jahan

Congratulations to our students for achieving outstanding test scores in each grade! Top 3 Scores!



Ohio State Test ELA Scores

Grade 3

State Average: 710

816/863	Isa Malik
805/863	Adnan Ahmed
805/863	Aseel Fageer Osman
785/863	Asadullah Kashif

Grade 4

State Average: 712

846/846	Yasmine Hammoudi
840/846	Safia Abdi
822/846	Amira Nasr

Grade 5

State Average: 723

848/848	Maryam Hassen
848/848	Leena Jahan
828/848	Safa Azizi
828/848	Ayoub Bukhari
828/848	Sakeenah Khan
828/848	Adam Sabry
812/848	Yahya Almidani

Grade 6

State Average: 705

817/851	Zaynab Arsalan
807/851	Zahra Hindi
807/851	Hana Mohamed
807/851	Nabil Zayed
784/851	Omer Fageer Osman

Grade 7

State Average: 713

813/833	Abdul Khaliq Mohammad
795/833	Maram Youseff
795/833	Farah Alnajjar
781/833	Rayyan Mohammed Chittanai

Grade 8

State Average: 704

786/805	Zehra Gundogan
770/805	Engie Houmsse
770/805	Bushra Nur
764/805	Sarah Klosinski

English II

State Average: 707

762/808	Amina Gudle
756/808	Omar Elnakish
756/808	Sara Osman
748/808	Khalid Aden



Ohio State Test Math Scores

Grade 3

State Average: 717

799/818	Akram Siakhene
775/818	Moayad Qasim
775/818	Isa Malik
775/818	Sulailqa Idle
775/818	Mohammed Uzair Chittanai
775/818	Rand Abed
769/818	Haya Alshalian
769/818	Omar Dekmouche
769/818	Mustafa Farah

Grade 4

State Average: 726

835/835	Adam Allalen
835/835	Yasmine Hammoudi
835/835	Umar Zayd Mohammad
835/835	Mustafa Saidy
813/835	Safia Abdi
804/835	Maimona Bashir

Grade 5

State Average: 710

800/804	Ayoub Bukhari
789/804	Yahya Almidani
789/804	Ayra Saiyed
773/804	Safa Azizi

Grade 6

State Average: 705

790/790	Omer Fageer Osman
775/790	Zaynab Arsalan
775/790	Muhammad Bazerbashi
768/790	Zahra Hindi

Grade 7

State Average: 702

788/806	Retal Abukweik
766/806	Haya Nough
758/806	Abdalla Bashir

Grade 8

State Average: 702

725/774	Yahya Ahmed
712/774	Eilia Turaani
706/774	Anaam Abuukar

Algebra I

State Average: 709

787/814	Rayyan Mohammed Chittanai
776/814	Maram Youseff
763/814	Farah Alnajjar
763/814	Tayyaba Basit

Geometry

State Average: 699

810/810	Abdul Khaliq Mohammad
769/810	Taha Abdelrehim
765/810	Zehra Gundogan



Ohio State Test Science Scores

Grade 5

State Average: 718

809/845 Yahya Almidani

809/845 Ayoub Bukhari

809/845 Layla Salhi

801/845 Ameer Abukweik

794/845 Leena Jahan

Grade 8

State Average: 717

784/868 Sarah Klosinski

779/868 Zehra Gundogan

774/868 Bushra Nur

Biology

State Average: 713

744/823 Mayse Bazerbashi

738/823 Youssef Omar

725/823 Lanah Hamed

725/823 Yasmine Mahdi



Ohio State Test Social Studies Scores

American History

State Average: 718

758/800 Amina Gudle

754/800 Sara Osman

747/800 Safia Ahmed

American Government

State Average: 713

735/774 Mariam Anderson

729/774 Yahya Aden

725/774 Hafsa Abdul

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Grade 4 Math	751	726
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High School Geometry	720	699
Grade 5 Science	740	718
HS American History	733	718
HS American Government	719	713

Sunrise Academy Staff

Based on the 2025–2026 staffing records, approximately 69% hold a bachelor’s degree or higher (35% of teachers hold a bachelor’s degree, while nearly 29% have earned a master’s degree). A smaller portion of the instructional team—about 5%—holds doctoral-level degrees), bringing advanced expertise to the academic program. In addition, several staff members possess associate degrees, professional licenses such as middle childhood education, high school licensure staff, and specialized certifications in areas such as early childhood education, intervention support, curriculum development, and student services.

This diverse range of educational qualifications reflects a well-rounded instructional team with a strong foundation in both pedagogy and content knowledge. The combination of formal degrees and specialized training enables the school to offer comprehensive academic support, address a variety of student needs, and maintain a learning environment rooted in expertise, collaboration, and continuous professional growth.

Arabic/Quran/Islamic Studies (AQIS) Department

The AQIS department at Sunrise Academy is dedicated to nurturing students’ spiritual, intellectual, and linguistic growth. Its core focus areas include Qur’an mastery, Islamic studies, and Arabic language development, all taught through engaging and real-life applications.

- **Qur’an Mastery:** With leveled instruction, students learn proper Tajweed and memorization techniques, confidently reciting Surahs during class and school assemblies. This instills discipline, reverence, and a deep connection to the Qur’an.
- **Islamic Studies:** Lessons are designed to connect knowledge to daily life, encouraging moral and ethical growth. Students engage in hands-on projects and real-world scenarios that promote values such as charity, honesty, and responsibility.
- **Arabic Language Development:** Leveled instruction emphasizes reading, writing, and conversation. Students actively participate in dialogues, storytelling, presentations, and collaborative projects, which enhances their fluency and confidence in using Arabic.

These approaches produce measurable outcomes: improved Qur’an recitation, strong memorization skills, active engagement in faith-based learning, and confident communication in Arabic. Beyond academics, students demonstrate moral growth, leadership, and a sense of responsibility, reflecting the department’s commitment to shaping well-rounded individuals grounded in Islamic knowledge and practice.

2026 Parents Survey Results

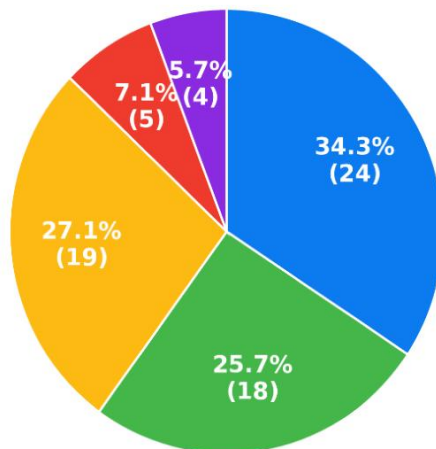
Based on the Parent Survey responses by the end of 2025-2026, the strongest frequent themes were **Islamic environment and values**, which fulfilling the mission of the school.

Overall Satisfaction with Sunrise Academy

- 60.0% of parents rated Sunrise Academy **Good or Excellent**
- 87.1% rated the school **Average or Better**
- 12.8% rated the school **Below Average or Poor**

Overall Satisfaction with Sunrise Academy

Based on parent survey responses (N = 70)



Scale: 5 = Excellent, 4 = Good, 3 = Average, 2 = Below Average, 1 = Poor

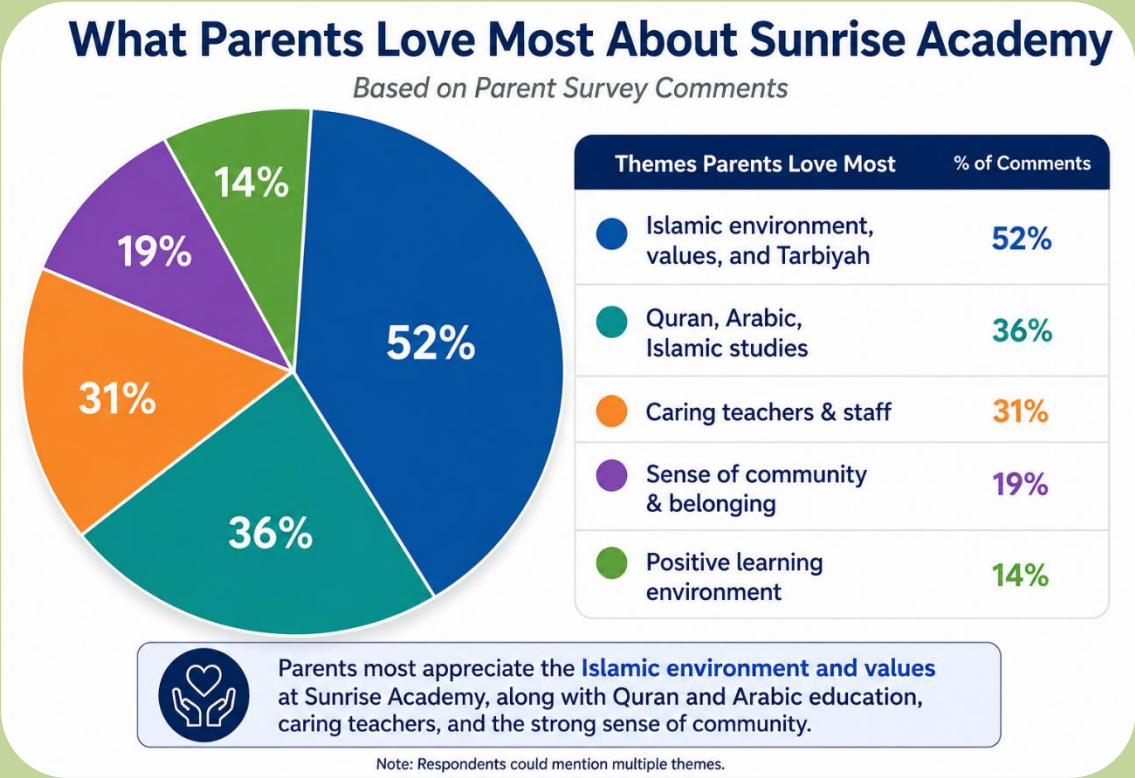
Overall Evaluation of Sunrise Academy

Excellent (5)	34.3%	24
Good (4)	25.7%	18
Average (3)	27.1%	19
Below Average (2)	7.1%	5
Poor (1)	5.7%	4



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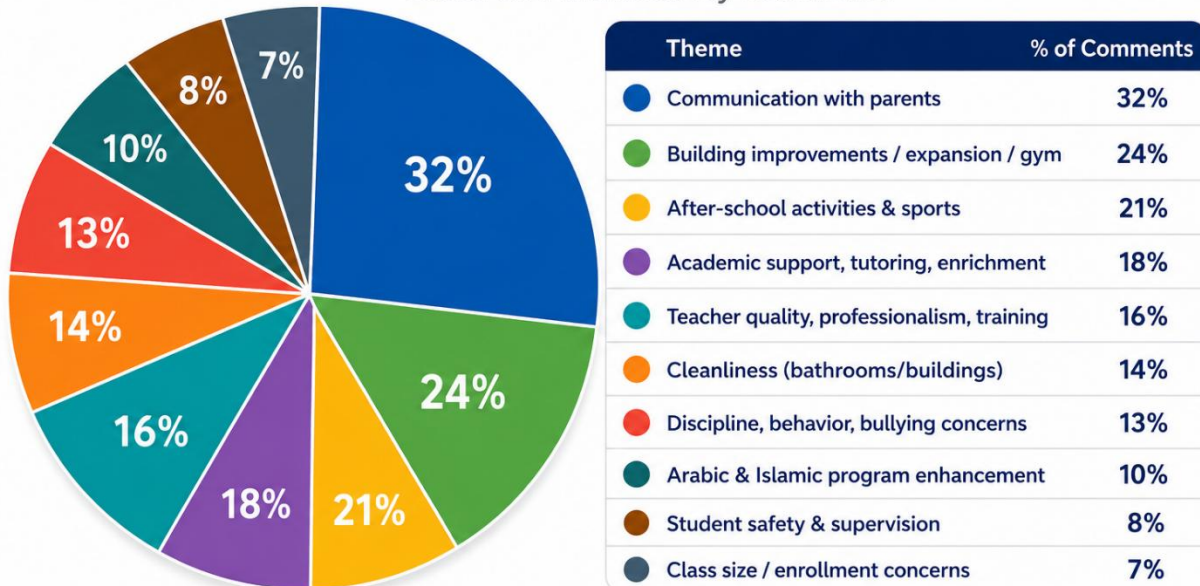
What Parents Love Most



The Areas for Improvement at Sunrise Academy

Top Areas for Improvement at Sunrise Academy

Based on Parent Survey Comments



Parents most frequently requested **better communication, facility improvements, more activities and sports, academic support, and continued focus on teacher quality.**

Note: Respondents could mention multiple themes.

Key Takeaways

Top strengths

- Strong Islamic environment
- Quran and Arabic instruction
- Caring teachers and staff
- Community atmosphere

Top priorities for improvement

1. Improve parent-school communication.
2. Continue facility/buildings upgrades (gym, classrooms, bathrooms, outdoor areas).
3. Expand extracurricular activities and sports.
4. Increase academic support, tutoring, and enrichment opportunities.
5. Address concerns regarding consistency in teacher quality, discipline, and student support.

Looking Ahead: 2026–2027 Goals

Stakeholders Communication and Engagement

Strengthen the communication and engagement with all stakeholders through regular meetings and events.

Buildings Improvements and GYM Expansion

Sunrise Academy will improve the cleanliness, maintenance, and appearance of school facilities by implementing a proactive maintenance plan and increasing all stakeholders' satisfaction.

Academic Achievement

Increase the percentage of students meeting grade-level expectations in reading and through targeted interventions, tutoring, enrichment programs, hiring quality teachers, and addressing behavior issues consistently.

Islamic Culture & Positive Environment

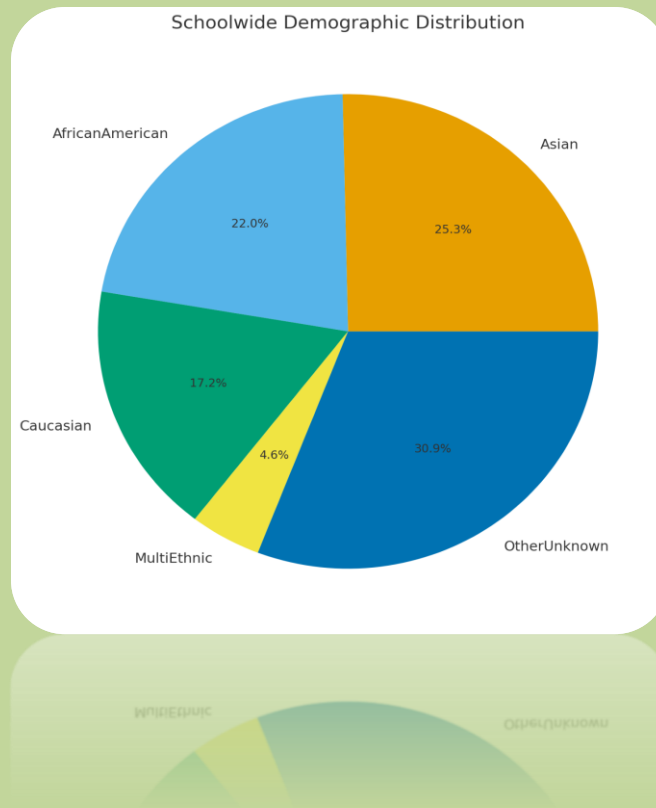
Continue strengthening the school's Islamic values and positive culture through monthly initiatives and consistent expectations across the school.

High School Program

Sunrise Academy proudly celebrated the graduation of its first senior class in the 2025–2026 school year, marking a significant milestone in the school's history. During the 2025–2026 school year, the high school enrolled **40 students**, and we remain committed to strengthening and expanding the program. Building on this success, Sunrise Academy continues to enhance its high school offerings by expanding College Credit Plus (CCP) opportunities, Advanced Placement (AP), Honors courses, and dual enrollment pathways. These ongoing improvements reflect our dedication to providing a rigorous, college-preparatory education that equips students with the knowledge, skills, and character needed for success in higher education, future careers, and lifelong learning.

Enrollment & Demographics

In the 2025–2026 school year, Sunrise Academy enrolled approximately **651 students**. The school remains committed to maintaining high academic standards, promoting student retention, and strengthening family engagement while fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment for all families. For the **2026–2027 school year**, student enrollment has remained stable, with reenrollment rates maintained and new admissions sustaining the school's overall enrollment. This continued stability reflects the confidence families have in Sunrise Academy's academic programs, Islamic environment, and commitment to student success.



Financial Overview (2025-2026)

During the 2025–2026 school year, Sunrise Academy generated revenue from tuition, scholarship programs, nutrition services, leased facilities, grants, and fundraising efforts. The largest portion of expenses was dedicated to payroll, with additional investments supporting building maintenance, utilities, instructional materials, technology, and student programs. Alhamdulillah, Sunrise Academy concluded the fiscal year in a strong financial position, allowing for continued investment in staffing, facilities, and high-quality academic and student services.

Looking ahead to the **2026–2027 school year**, Sunrise Academy is excited to begin construction of the **Middle School/High School (MSHS) Gym**, a major milestone that will enhance student learning, athletics, physical education, and schoolwide events. This transformational project will require the support of our entire community. We sincerely invite families, alumni, friends, and community members to contribute by **making a direct donation, providing an interest-free loan (Qard Hassan-قرض حسن), or helping spread the word** about this important initiative. With the continued generosity and support of our community, Insha'Allah, we will create a lasting facility that will benefit current and future generations of Sunrise Academy students.

Student Life and Leadership

Sunrise Academy students actively engage in leadership, service, and extracurricular opportunities that build character and teamwork.

Clubs and Activities:

- Clubs (Science, Drama, Art, and STEAM)
- National Honor Society (NHS) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)
- Weekly Halaqa for Middle & High School Boys and Girls
- Tarbiyah Club for Elementary
- Monthly Theme and Assembly
- Character-Building Events, Spiritual Engagement, and Reflection Programs
- Quran, Salah, Arabic Spelling Competition
- Weekly Morning Skit
- After-school Hifz program
- High School Students Council
- Middle & High School Soccer

The Improvement Committee (IC)

The Sunrise Academy Improvement Committee (IC), established in 2023 to support the school's accreditation efforts, serves as an advisory body dedicated to continuous school improvement. Composed of parents, administrators, teachers, board members, and community representatives, the IC reviews stakeholder survey data, identifies school priorities, and collaborates with school leadership to develop and implement initiatives that enhance academics, student well-being, communication, and school operations. The committee meets regularly to monitor progress, recommend new initiatives, and support the school's strategic growth.

Improvement Committee Achievements (2025–2026)

- **Expanded STEM and Innovation Opportunities** by partnering with the PAST Foundation to establish an Innovation Lab, introduce design-based learning, and develop pathways in engineering, medical sciences, and career exploration.
- **Supported High School Growth** by recommending expanded College Credit Plus (CCP) opportunities, internships, STEM competitions, and future program expansion to better prepare students for college and careers.
- **Strengthened Community Engagement** by recruiting new committee members, encouraging parent involvement, and fostering collaboration among families, staff, and school leadership to support Sunrise Academy's continued growth.

Health and Wellness Committee

Sunrise Academy is committed to creating a healthy and supportive environment that promotes the well-being of our students, staff, and families. In accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Ohio Department of Education, this wellness policy aims to establish a comprehensive approach to physical, emotional, and social wellness within an Islamic framework.

On 2025-2026, Sunrise Academy hired a school counselor; hiring a dedicated MSHS counselor is a valuable investment in students' overall well-being and success. A counselor provides academic, social, emotional, and college and career guidance while supporting students through the challenges of adolescence. By offering counseling services, monitoring student progress, addressing mental health concerns, promoting positive behavior, and partnering with families, a school counselor helps create a safe, supportive, and nurturing learning environment. This role not only improves student well-being and academic achievement but also strengthens school culture, increases college and career readiness, and supports Sunrise Academy's mission of developing well-rounded students who are prepared for success in school and in life.

Please feel free to take a look at our wellness policy, meeting minutes, and other documents on our website: <https://sunriseacademy.net/life-at-sa/health-and-wellness>

Technology at Sunrise Academy

The school has 51 teachers, each provided with a school laptop, all of which are fully utilized. Additionally, 600 students are provided with school Chromebooks, which are also consistently used. The school is equipped with 26 smartboards, which teachers utilize approximately 90% of the time.

For network and internet security, the school employs a Meraki firewall (SRA-MX-250) along with 5 Meraki switches. The campus is supported by 33 Meraki wireless access points (MR44), ensuring reliable connectivity throughout the school.

Board of Education

Mr. Sohial Khan (Chairman)
Mr. Saif Nawaz (Finance)
Ms. Hend Al-Kharashi (Planning)
Ms. Jathiya Abdullah-Simmons (Education)
Ms. Heather O'Bannon (Human Resources/Education)

Gallery



8th Grade Graduation Class of 26



First Senior Graduation Class of 2026



STEM Activity



Project Based Learning Activity



Field Day May, 2026



Water Purification
Science Experiment



Kindness Theme



Student Council 25-226



NJHS



Quran Competition 26



Hajj Demo



Eid Celebration



Preschool Masjid Visit



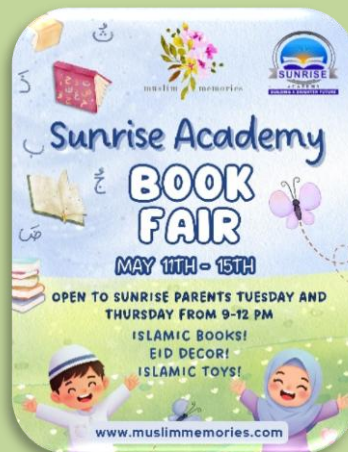
**Two 7th Graders Finish
Quran Memorization**



Fun Art Class



5th Grade Islamic Studies Project



AQIS Book Fair



**Monthly Teacher Spotlight
Awards**

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