



ISMET/OIA School-Wide Values & Classroom Agreements

Focus Area #1: FOCUS ON LEARNING: (Excellence, Academics, Engagement)

- Be on time and prepared for class
- Do your homework and turn it in on time
- Listen actively and attentively
- Participate to the best of your ability
- Ask questions; participate in class discussions
- Practice good time management, organization, and good study skills
- Love to learn and gain knowledge
- Take risks in your learning
- Challenge yourself; step out of comfort zone
- Be responsible for your learning
- Believe in yourself
- Learn from your mistakes
- Avoid distracting yourself and others
- Responsibly use authorized electronics
- Nourish your mind and body with healthy foods & exercise

Focus Area #2: BE SAFE: Physical and Emotional Safety (Engagement)

- Make smart choices; do the right thing
- Share ideas and opinions willingly and be willing to hear others' ideas
- Engage in safe play and interactions with others
- Walk in all public spaces indoors
- Be a peace-maker
- Be mindful of your personal space and that of others
- Use school playground equipment responsibly
- Use classroom and school property with respect

Focus Area #3: BE RESPECTFUL: (Piety, Character)

- Respect yourself, others, and your surroundings (indoors and outdoors)
- Take turns and avoid speaking over others
- Raise your hand before speaking
- Show appreciation for your teachers and peers
- Celebrate the accomplishments of others
- Before speaking or acting, think how your actions and words affect others and ask yourself, "How would that make me feel?" or "What would Prophet Muhammad do?"
- Be willing to help others; guide others gently
- Display humility & modesty in dress & behavior
- Practice patience and forgiveness
- Keep a clean desk and a beautiful environment
- Take good care of all school property and materials

Focus Area #4: KEEP ALLAH SWT IN YOUR HEART: (Piety, Character)

- Remember Allah SWT always
- Spread salaam/peace
- Show gratitude and thankfulness
- Make duaa' before eating or drinking
- Show reverence for Salah and the Quran
- Actively use Islamic manners
- Be honest in word and deed
- Be a good citizen; a compassionate leader
- Be a good example for others
- Practice healthy hygiene; keep your body clean
- Give generously to others; give of what you love
- Follow the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him
- Practice stewardship of Earth and all of Allah's creation

Sources:

- Universal School-wide Classroom Rules
- Tarbiyah Monthly Themes
- Behavior and Work Ethic Criteria evaluated at the end of each trimester
- PEACE Core Values

Goals:

- Not too general, not too specific, expectations across all classrooms and grade levels
- Focus areas encompass indicators or sample behaviors encouraged/expected within each focus area.