

Islamic Arabic Weekend School is a heritage school run by The Islamic Association of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Inc. at which we emphasize teaching classical Arabic (فصحى) and Islamic Studies. Arabic is a language spoken by many and, as such, has developed many different dialects over the years and regions. By teaching classical Arabic to both Arab speakers and non-Arab speakers, we are contributing to the goal of returning to a more formal and unified version of the language to allow for improved communication between the dialects and a better understanding of our religious texts. Our main objectives as educators are to teach the skills of reading, writing, and understanding the language. We have recently adapted the world renown Madinah Arabic Books by Dr. V. Abdur Rahim at the core of our curriculum and have already seen significant changes in our students' abilities to understand and communicate in Arabic.

We believe that learning a new language connects different nationalities in a better way. It is exciting to watch students from different ethnicities learn a common language and then be able to comprehend things directly from it, especially when it helps them read and understand directly from ancient texts.

Last year, we participated in the International Arab Reading Challenge for the first-time led by our Arabic teacher, Buthina Kherdeen. The competition was brought to Canada for the first time in order to unite native and non-native Arabic speakers with literacy. Ahmad Dakouri won second place in all of Canada and represented Canada at the international competition in Dubai.



*Ahmad Dakouri receiving his medal from H.H. Sheikh
Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum*