



Assalamu' Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wabraktuh!

Welcome to Hamza Academy's 2019–2020 academic year. It is an honor to introduce myself as the new Principal of Hamza Academy and to join this extraordinary school community. My staff and I are looking forward to a wonderful year of fun filled learning.

Every action and decision I've taken in my life so far has always pushed me towards the Education field, confirming that this is where I was always meant to be. My motivation and determination to teach the future began in my childhood years and continued into my college years. I have a Masters in Childhood Education 1-6 (SpEd and GenEd) and a Bachelors in Business Administration with a major in Accounting.

I started my career as a Teacher Assistant at Brentwood School District while attending full time at college, helping me with time management and improving my multitasking abilities. I was hired at MDQ Academy as teacher in 2005 when the school only was up to 1st Grade and there were only 45 students in total. In 2009, I was hired as an Administrative Assistant at the same school and then as the Preschool Director in 2016 which included Universal Prekindergarten funded by the NYS Education Department. I was employed in this position till 2018, working with the Assistant Superintendent of Brentwood Union Free School district, ensuring the funds were effectively being used to benefit the students and community. I was part of the growth of MDQ Academy, as it grew into a high school and over 450 students. A few months ago, I began as a School Administrator at Hamza Academy. Being in the Education field is a noble profession. This profession requires dedication, sincerity, teamwork and an attitude that will always keep you grounded and balanced between my duty as a Principal and Co-Worker. I understand the endless impact that leaders make on the lives of the students and staff. The skills and knowledge acquired in the classroom will be used by young people throughout their lives. Therefore, as a leader, I hope to be a role model and I promise myself to make an impression and a difference in many lives.

My mission is to have an Islamic School that achieves high levels of academic and Islamic growth for its students and to prepare our next generation to take on leadership roles in society in all realms and gain success in both worlds. My goal is to create trusting and caring relationships among administrators of Masjid Hamza and Hamza Academy, faculty, staff, students, families and community for supporting a seamless transition of school leadership and ultimately school success. Under my Administration, my hope is for Hamza Academy to grow in the same manner as my previous experience.

Despite limited resources, I firmly believe that Islamic Schools can perform at the same academic levels as public schools given hard work, dedication and commitment by administration and staff as well as the support of the Board of Education. I also firmly believe that Muslim children attending Islamic school are an Amanah entrusted to us by their parents and as an administrator I believe it is their right that we fulfill this Amanah in the best possible manner.

In closing, please know that my door is always open to you. I welcome your feedback throughout this year with an open heart. Let us always put our future ummah first. I look forward to celebrating our collective successes and create wonderful memories together during the 2019-2020 school year.


Sr. Asma Khan

Principal at Hamza Academy

*"One hundred years from now, it will not matter, what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money was in my bank account, nor what my clothes looked like but the world may be a better place because I was important in the life of a child."
(Excerpt from "Within My Power" by Forest Witcraft)*