

# Islamic Association of Raleigh

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## IAR Playground Murals Project Call for Designs

*The Islamic Association of Raleigh is accepting proposals from artists to paint Islamic-themed murals on the wooden fence behind the playground. InshaAllah, we hope that featuring these beautiful displays from Muslim artists will celebrate our Ummah's artistic history and community talent, beautify the masjid, and make the area more welcoming for families and children. InshaAllah, this will be a unique art project for our community that celebrates our community space and Islamic values.*

### Overview of the Process

1. **Submissions:** Artists who are interested in painting a mural should submit a **color sketch** of their design and a **short statement** explaining the design. You may submit multiple designs.
2. **Artist Selection:** A **Work Group**, comprising IAR stakeholders and school administrative staff, will review all design submissions and make final selections of artists and designs.
3. **Deadline:** Designs may be submitted until **February 1, 2019**. Earlier submissions are appreciated so the Work Group and artist can begin a collaborative process to finalize the design as needed.
4. **Painting Day: Painting weekend** will be sometime in late spring, before Ramadan InshAllah. We hope that the painting and completion will also bring a few days of community celebration. (If you would like to help plan the events for the **painting weekend** and/or **mural reveal**, please contact the Work Group).
5. **Contact:** Please submit designs to the **IAR Playground Project Work Group**
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  - o Sr. Abdah Khalifa ([abdahkhalifa@gmail.com](mailto:abdahkhalifa@gmail.com))
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### Mural Guidelines

- We encourage artists to create a colorful, **Islamic themed** mural that would be appropriate for a place frequented by children and families. You may take inspiration from the Muslim community, Islamic values, Quran, Hadith, etc. For example:
  - o The Verse of Light (Surah Noor, V. 35)
  - o "A good word like a good tree," Surah Ibraheem, v 24-25
  - o The greeting of Salaam
  - o The diversity of our Ummah
- Each mural may be **up to 10 ft long by 5 ft high**. Please include size specifications with your design.
- Murals must **conform to Islamic values** and may not contain any improper images or themes. Designs may not include faces of people or animals and should not attempt to specifically depict the form of Allah or any Prophet.
- The Work Group may make specific recommendations or requests for modification once you submit a design and will work with you to determine the painting supplies needed.
- For design and painting medium purposes, artists should note that murals must be done in exterior paint to protect against weather conditions. We will have volunteers to help put a sealant on the murals once they are dry.

## Mural Categories

**General Murals:** We have several spaces designated for murals of general Islamic-themed designs. Please follow the guidelines above to create a design for these murals.

**School Murals:** Each of the IAR’s schools will have a designated space for their own mural. We welcome proposals for murals inspired by these requested themes:

- **Al-Furqan School:** “Community” (unity, diversity, cooperation, etc.)
- **An-Noor School:** The Quran (as whole or any specific verses, its guidance, hifdh, etc.)
- **Al-Iman School:** “Values” (good character, kindness, respect, caring, honesty, etc.)

**Collaborative Community Murals:** We welcome designs for collaborative murals. The artist would create a design that would allow community members, especially youth, to contribute to the painting. For example - the artist would outline a design and supervise community members to paint certain sections. Please be aware that all murals have to be done in exterior paint, so handprints might not be the safest for young children. The Work Group will help find volunteers to help manage this on painting day.

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**Donations:** We are in the process of allocating budget and receiving donations for paint supplies and for the community celebrations accompanying the mural painting and reveal. If you would like to donate to this project, please visit this direct [link](#) or visit [www.iaryouth.com](http://www.iaryouth.com), select “Donate” and write “*Playground Mural Project*” in the “Optional Memo” field. You may also donate in the IAR lobby donation box; please write “*Playground Mural Project*” on the envelope.

*Thank you, Jazakum Allah Khair, for helping us make the IAR a more welcoming and beautiful place for children and families. You are welcome to contact the Work Group with any questions, suggestions, or donations to the project.*