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## 2013-2014 OAKS\* Results for ISMET/OIA Students

**Tigard, Oregon, USA - 6/20/2014** - The Muslim Educational Trust is proud to release overall school results of both the Islamic School of MET (ISMET) and the Oregon Islamic Academy (OIA) for the Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) for the 2013/2014 academic year. 3rd, 4th, and 6th graders were tested in mathematics and reading/literature, 5th and 8<sup>th</sup> graders were tested in mathematics, reading/literature, and science, while 8<sup>th</sup> graders were tested in mathematics, reading/literature, science, and social studies. Overall, ISMET/OIA students performed well.

- Overall, 81% of all tests taken in ISMET and OIA met or exceeded state expectations with 48% exceeding state expectations; for comparison, approximately 28% of all state tests across subjects in the state of Oregon exceed state expectations.
- 84% of all ISMET tests taken (in mathematics, reading/literature, and science) met or exceeded state expectations (with 66% of all tests exceeding state expectations).
- 86% of ISMET tests met or exceeded state expectations in mathematics.
- 83% of ISMET tests met or exceeded state expectations in reading/literature.
- 94% of ISMET tests met or exceeded state expectations in science.
- 60% of ISMET students exceeded state expectations on at least one test.
- 55% of ISMET students exceeded state expectations in mathematics.
- 45% of ISMET students exceeded state expectations in reading/literature.
- 50% of ISMET students exceeded state expectations in science.
- 76% of all OIA tests taken (in mathematics, reading/literature, and science) met or exceeded state expectations (with 45% of tests exceeding state expectations).
- 72% of OIA tests met or exceeded state expectations in mathematics
- 79% of OIA tests met or exceeded state expectations in reading/literature
- 83% of OIA tests met or exceeded state expectations in science
- 54% of OIA students exceeded state expectations on at least one test.
- 50% of OIA students exceeded state expectations in mathematics.
- 40% of OIA students exceeded state expectations in reading/literature.
- 50% of OIA students exceeded state expectations in science.

The 3rd, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5th, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders performed comparably with or outperformed many of the leading individual public school districts in many or all subject areas. These districts include the Beaverton Public School District, Lake Oswego Public School District, Portland Public Schools District, and the Tigard-Tualatin Public School District.

There were many strong class performances. As a group, 97% of all 3<sup>rd</sup> tests met or exceeded state expectations in mathematics and reading/literature, with 20% of all tests in the 90<sup>th</sup>+ percentile. 56% of all tests in 4th grade exceeded state expectations. 50% of all 5th grade students exceeded state expectations in all subjects, with 32% of all 5th grade tests scoring in the 90%+ percentile. 87% of all reading/literature tests in 7th and 8th grade met or exceeded state expectations, with 60% of the tests exceeding state expectations. Remarkably, 42% of 8th grade tests in reading and mathematics scored in the 97th+ percentile.

ISMET/OIA is extremely proud of its students, its teaching staff, its administration, and its community volunteers. We thank and praise Allah for His help and guidance and look forward to continued success in the future, in shaa Allah (God willing).

**OAKS Background and Upcoming Assessment Changes Next School YEAR:** Each student had the chance to write the OAKS exam twice for each subject matter, and only the highest score was recorded. These scores are part of each student's permanent school record. The standards for meeting and exceeding have increased over the years. There are more changes on the horizon to this standardized state-wide benchmark exam starting next school year. The Smarter Balanced exam will be adopted to replace OAKS statewide in Language arts and Mathematics for 3rd grade and up, and each student receives one opportunity to take it. OAKS will continue to be administered for both Science and Social Studies. For Kindergarten thru second grade, we have re-introduced the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) in an effort to prepare our younger students for the standardized statewide assessment in 3rd grade. *As a private school, we are not required to run these annual assessments; however, we use them as a benchmark measure that we expect all our students to meet and exceed. All curricula and classes are rigorous enough to meet and exceed these state-set standards for each subject matter.*

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**\*OAKS is Oregon State Standardized Benchmark Assessment of Knowledge and Skills**