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**Haroon Baqai**, principal of [Al-Huda School](#) ...sees expansion in the school's future.



"We are bursting out of the seams here. We have close to 490 students, and we're graduating our first high school class," said Baqai. "Over the next five to 10 years, I could see the 490 doubling."

Founded in 1995, Al-Huda School is one of the few accredited full-time Islamic schools in the nation. Al-Huda students take annual standardized test and are assessed regularly. Their curriculum is guided by the Maryland State Voluntary Curriculum and tenants of the Islam.

"All the subject areas that we teach are taught through a religious lens," Baqai said.