
NOOR QURAN CLASSES

The Hifz Program Guide

A structured path to memorizing the Quran — method, assessment,
and progress tracking for students and parents.

Prepared for students and parents considering online Hifz
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THE FOUNDATION

What Is Hifz, and Why Does It Need a System?

Hifz means committing the entire Quran — all 30 Juz — to memory, recited exactly as revealed with correct pronunciation (Tajweed). It is cumulative: every new portion has to coexist, permanently, with everything memorized before it.

Very few students fail from lack of ability to memorize. What derails progress is the absence of a **revision system** — new memorization never revisited fades within days. A real Hifz program is as much a system for revision as a plan for memorization. That is the premise of this guide.

The Problems Most Hifz Students Actually Face

- **New memorization fades fast.** Without same-week revision, freshly memorized verses can be forgotten within days.
- **Old memorization gets neglected.** Once a Juz is "done," it's tempting to stop revisiting it — it starts slipping within days.
- **Similar ayat get confused.** Verses with overlapping wording (mutashabihat) are a specific, well-known source of errors.
- **Mispronunciation gets locked in.** A word memorized with wrong makharij deepens with every repetition — harder to unlearn than prevent.
- **Unrealistic daily targets cause burnout.** Pushing beyond what a student can retain often ends the habit entirely.
- **Online students lack built-in structure.** A physical madrasa provides accountability by default; online, it must be built deliberately.

OUR FRAMEWORK

The Noor Hifz Method & Four Pathways

The goal is not “how many pages did the student memorize.” It is: how accurately and consistently can the student recite what they have already memorized, today, without warning. Every part of this program is built around that standard.

1. Assess & Plan

Reading fluency, Tajweed, prior Hifz, and available time are evaluated; the student is placed on a realistic pathway with an honest daily target.

2. Memorize (Sabaq)

Small, correct, and slow — quality gate before quantity, every time.

3. Recite & Correct

The student recites Sabaq live to the teacher the same day. Nothing is marked memorized until it's heard and corrected.

4. Revise (Sabqi + Manzil)

Recent and long-term revision is done before new Sabaq in the next session — never after.

5. Assess & Progress

Weekly/monthly review against a defined mistake scale; Juz completion logged and a parent report issued.

Four Pathways — Not One Speed for Everyone

Pathway	Who It's For	Primary Focus
Beginner	Starting from scratch, or under 1 Juz memorized.	Building the daily Sabaq/Sabqi habit before speed matters.
Intermediate	Roughly 1-10 Juz already memorized.	Sustaining pace while strengthening Manzil rotation.
Advanced	10+ Juz memorized, working toward completion.	Managing a large Manzil load without crowding out new memorization.
Muraja'ah-Only	Completed or paused Hifz, rebuilding retention.	No new memorization — pure structured revision.

NEW MEMORIZATION & REVISION

Sabaq, Sabqi & Daur/Manzil

Sabaq is the new portion memorized that day and brought to the teacher for evaluation — the smallest but most scrutinized part of the daily cycle, since errors here become permanent habits.

Step	What Happens
1. Prepare	Read the new portion silently, then listen to a correct recitation of it to fix pronunciation before memorizing.
2. Memorize in small units	3-5 lines/day for beginners, up to a full page for advanced students — always teacher-adjusted.
3. Recite to the teacher	Live, same day — self-checked memorization is not verified memorization.
4. Correct & confirm	Meaning-changing mistakes corrected on the spot; the student repeats until recited cleanly before it's logged complete.

Sabqi (Recent Revision) & Daur/Manzil (Long-Term Revision)

Sabqi covers the last 1-2 weeks of memorization — the window where forgetting hits hardest, which is why revision always comes before new memorization, not after. **Manzil** is continuous rotation through everything memorized beyond the recent weeks — older Juz and completed Surahs — and is the single biggest predictor of whether a student's Hifz survives long term.

Cadence	What Gets Reviewed
Daily	Yesterday's Sabaq, recited from memory before any new material is introduced.
Weekly	The full past week reviewed together before it graduates into the Manzil rotation.
Daily Manzil	15-20 min rotating through older Juz on a fixed schedule so nothing goes unvisited beyond ~2 weeks.

PLANNING & MEASURING PROGRESS

Realistic Schedules & The Assessment System

No single schedule suits everyone. Ranges below are planning references, not guarantees — consistency of revision, not memorization speed, is the biggest factor in completion time.

Student Type	Daily Time	Realistic Timeline
Young Student	30-45 min	4-6 years
School-Age Student	60 min	2.5-3.5 years
Serious Part-Time	90 min	2-3 years
Full-Time Hifz Student	2-4 hours	~1-1.5 years
Adult Student	30-60 min	5-10 years

We deliberately avoid promises like "complete the Quran in X months." Anyone offering a fixed timeline regardless of the student is optimizing for marketing, not retention.

The Three-Tier Mistake Scale

Tier	Definition	Action
Needs Correction Now	Meaning-changing error — wrong word, dropped ayah, major Tajweed violation.	Corrected immediately in-session.
Needs Strengthening	Minor makharij slip; doesn't change meaning.	Flagged, logged, extra repetition given.
Solid	Accurate, correct Tajweed, confident recitation.	Cleared into the Manzil rotation.

Assessed daily (Sabaq/Sabqi), weekly (full week's Sabqi), and monthly (Manzil rotation + formal Tajweed review + parent report).

SUPPORTING THE JOURNEY

The Parent's Role & How Online Hifz Works

For younger students especially, parental involvement is one of the strongest predictors of whether Hifz sticks. It doesn't require Arabic fluency — it requires structure and steady encouragement.

- Create a quiet, distraction-free space for daily revision.
- Protect a fixed daily time slot — short and consistent beats long and occasional.
- Encourage rather than pressure. Praise consistency, not just speed.
- Monitor revision without performing it for the student.
- Expect plateaus — they're normal, not a sign the program isn't working.

Online Hifz at Noor Classes

The Sabaq/Sabqi/Manzil methodology doesn't change online — what changes is that the structure a physical madrasa provides automatically has to be built deliberately, since it doesn't exist by default over video. Sessions include live 1-on-1 recitation directly to the teacher, immediate correction, digital progress tracking, regular parent communication, and flexible timing across timezones. Digital tools support consistency between sessions — they never replace the teacher, since only a qualified, live teacher can correct Tajweed and pronunciation in real time.

What If I Miss a Day?

Situation	What To Do
Missed one day	Resume Sabqi as normal. Don't double up Sabaq to "catch up."
Falling behind target	Re-plan the pace with the teacher — a slower sustainable target beats an abandoned ambitious one.
Exams, travel, illness	Switch temporarily to Muraja'ah-only mode — even 10 min/day — rather than stopping completely.

QUESTIONS PARENTS ASK

Frequently Asked Questions

How long does Hifz take?

Typically 1-10 years depending on age, daily time, and consistency of revision. Anyone promising a fixed timeline regardless of the student isn't being honest with you.

Can my child do Hifz while attending school?

Yes — this is the most common path. A 60-minute daily schedule is designed around school hours.

Can adults start Hifz?

Yes. The method is identical; the daily schedule is built around work and family commitments, and the timeline is usually longer.

Can I join if I've already memorized several Juz?

Yes — the assessment places you on the Intermediate or Advanced pathway, and Manzil planning starts from your current memorized base.

What happens if I forget what I memorized?

It's flagged to the teacher and folded into the Manzil rotation with extra frequency until it's solid again.

Do I need to know Tajweed before starting Hifz?

Fluent, correct Quran reading is required first, so verses are memorized correctly and don't need re-learning later.

Can students learn Hifz completely online?

Yes, with the same Sabaq/Sabqi/Manzil structure used in person, delivered through live 1-on-1 sessions with immediate correction.

Can I focus only on Muraja'ah, without new memorization?

Yes — this is the Muraja'ah-only pathway, built for students rebuilding retention on Quran already memorized.

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Ready to Start Your Hifz Journey?

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