



**Iran Cultural and Educational Center  
(ICEC)**

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**The ICEC offers its programs at:**

Ritchie Park Elementary School  
1514 Dunster Road  
Rockville, Maryland, 20854

## ***About the Center***

The Iran Cultural and Educational Center (ICEC) is an institution dedicated to preserving and promoting the rich Iranian culture. Teaching Persian language, organizing cultural events and participating in local art festivals as well as cultural and educational events are all part of the effort to achieve these goals.

**Thus, our mission at ICEC is to create an environment where through cultural and educational events, youngsters learn to connect with and take pride in Iranian heritage and thus become ambassadors of cultural awareness and diversity.**

ICEC is a non-profit organization under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Center obtained its non-profit status on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1991 from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). All donations to ICEC are tax deductible per U.S. law regarding non-profit organizations.

ICEC admits students of any race, color, nationality, and ethnicity to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to the students at the Saturday school. ICEC does not discriminate based on race, nationality, or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational goals, admission policy, and scholarship awards.

## ***Center's Program***

The ICEC's programs, from kindergarten to grade 8, include Persian language, Iran's history, geography and rich literature. These classes are offered to all interested individuals. All classes are offered during the standard school year and are held between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays at Ritchie Park Elementary School in Rockville, Maryland.

ICEC is privileged to be supported by a highly qualified and dedicated instructional team that goes extra miles to provide their students with a learning environment that is engaging and goal-oriented.

ICEC has a library of over 800 books and videos. This library is an integral part of the children's learning experience.

## ***ICEC Board of Trustees***

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## ***Center's Extra-Curricular Activities for Students***

### **Persian Dance Troupe (PDT)**

Persian Dance Troupe (PDT) that was established in 1992 aims at furthering awareness of the Iranian diverse culture, through folkloric dances at ICEC and also in the surrounding communities. PDT has regularly presented several original dances at the ICEC annual Nowruz celebration and one of its groups has also performed at the University of Maryland's Nowruz event.

### **Young Iranian Musicians (YIM)**

Young Iranian Musicians (YIM) ensemble was established in 2000. The main mission of YIM is to provide ICEC students and other interested youngsters an opportunity to play Iranian music as an ensemble. YIM has performed at various community festivals in addition to the ICEC Nowruz celebrations. In 2019, YIM ensemble played at Strathmore Music Center.

### **Young Iranian performers (YIP)**

The Young Iranian performers (YIP) group was established in summer of 2004. Since its inception, its main mission has been to give the students at the center an opportunity to perform in a play that is rooted in the Iranian literary works. The play by the young Iranian performers has been an important part of the ICEC Nowruz celebration.

## ***Center's Community Activities***

Iran Cultural and Educational Center firmly believes in cultural diversity as the cornerstone and peace and prosperity. In pursuit of this belief, the Center seeks to bring the Iranian culture and heritage to places where it can be shared with all individuals who value the same ideal.

In pursuit of its mission, the Center has been involved in many cultural events in the past few years including the cultural festivals for children in Bethesda and Silver Spring.

## ***Center's Community & School Association - "Anjoman"***

The Community and School Association (CSA) of the Iran Cultural and Educational Center is a liaison between the families, the community at large, and the Center. The Association's main purpose is to build a support network to assist the Center in implementing its stated mission aimed to promote the Iranian culture. The Association's

various committees are actively involved in the planning and implementing cultural events at the Center and in the community.

## *Center's Operations*

### Contacting School

Iran Cultural & Educational Center's office can be reached at (301) 545-0143.

In addition, the center can be contacted through its information line at:

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## *School Closing*

Iran Cultural & Educational Center holds classes at Ritchie Park Elementary School facilities, which is part of Montgomery County Public Schools. Use of the public facilities, such as Ritchie Park ES, on the weekends is administered by the Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF). Therefore, CUPF is responsible for the decisions regarding emergency closings as well as opening the facilities on the weekends.

In case of inclement weather conditions, please call **ICB at 240-777-2710** or listen to local radio stations regarding school closing. Iran Cultural and Educational Center will also inform the families via email, and ICEC website as soon as the closing decision becomes available.