

**17<sup>th</sup> Arya Maha Sammelen**  
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**Workshop Summary**

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**Workshop Title:** How to implement DAV School curricula in the North America Arya Samajs?

**Goals & Objectives**

The workshop was designed to discuss how different Arya Samaj's across North America can embark on the effort of starting a Sunday/ DAV Sanskriti School (DAVSS), learn how DAVSS in Houston is running its operations, understand the logistics involved in starting the school, come up with a framework of how the curricula that is currently in place can be shared with other like minded schools and a process for ongoing maintenance of the curricula through feedback.

**Highlights of the workshop**

Workshop was conducted by the representatives of DAVSS, Houston and was attended by Arya Samaj representatives from various cities.

Workshop was kicked off with a presentation on DAVSS, Houston which helped introduce the school and its activities to the attendees. During the workshop various issues/ points were raised and discussed:

1. What should the ratio of the students/teachers be like? How to structure classes for different age groups?
2. What kind of Havan should be done with the kids? Should there be 1 Havan with adults and kids together or should there be 2 Havans?
3. What kind of extra curricular activities should be considered and how should they be coordinated vis-à-vis the regular classes?
4. Since teachers are mostly parent volunteers, their training and feedback is equally important for a school to be successful.
5. Importance of involving parents/ guardians in school's activities.

**Deliverables**

1. There are few Arya Samaj that are already running some form of Sunday school – Dallas, Toronto, New Jersey and New York. The immediate need is to share with them the Hindi and Naitik Shiksha curricula.
2. Some of the cities that are interested in starting a Sanskriti school have requested a blue print/ guideline for what all has to be considered or

should be in place for starting a Sanskriti school from the representatives of Houston, Arya Samaj.

### **Action Plan**

1. Process for obtaining relevant curriculum is described in #3 #4 below.
2. Samaj interested in starting a Sunday school should organize an initial discussion with Bhushan ji and Acharya ji from ASGH.
3. Arya Samaj interested in obtaining curricula should contact Acharya Soneraoji with request for curricula for specific classes. He will then issue a CD containing the curricula for them to print and use.
4. The Samaj starting the use of curricula should organize a conference call with Acharya ji for guidance in contents of the CD and implementing the curricula.
5. At the end of every semester, feedback should be provided to Acharya ji for review and disposition with the curriculum committees.