

The Importance and Urgency of Educating Junior Youth

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The 2000 Ridvan Message of the Universal House of Justice makes it very clear that the education of junior youth is an "urgent matter of great importance." This presentation first defines "junior youth" from physical, cognitive, social, moral and spiritual perspectives. The junior youth phase is then examined as part of the lifespan of human development. In the third section, the needs of junior youth are discussed. Finally, the Ruhi Institute's junior youth educational program is presented as a model curriculum. In sum, the junior youth constitute a unique age group in transition from childhood to young adulthood. Therefore, their educational program must be also unique.