

HENKING SCHOOL PTA GLOBAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM



About the program: The Henking Global Language Program is a self-funded before-school program available for children in grades 1-2, sponsored by the PTA, a non-profit parent-teacher organization, at Henking School.

Program dates: October to April. Start and ending dates will be announced in the beginning of the regular school year.

Class Duration: Each class meets for 40 minutes twice weekly between **8:05 A.M. – 8:45 A.M.** for a total of 44 class sessions. Materials are provided.

Class days: Wednesdays and Fridays.

Transportation: The parent or guardian is responsible for transporting the student to class. Early bus service is not available for Global Language Program participants.

Instructors: Our instructors are predominantly native speakers with years of teaching experience. Teachers are carefully selected for their teaching talents and effectiveness with children at the elementary level and trained in the physical response method proven to be essential for any foreign language program.

Languages offered: French, Spanish and Mandarin are offered contingent upon enrollment.

Program content and curriculum: Our program, which meets the State Board of Education requirements, is oral based and designed to give students an early start in foreign language study. The teachers, because of the young ages of the students, and because it has been proven to be the most effective in foreign language learning at this level, will use the total physical response method. The instruction includes basic vocabulary, phrases and pronunciation for beginning conversational skills. To add to the fun of learning a foreign language our teachers play games, sing songs, and use audiovisual aids. In our theme based curriculum, we will talk about numbers, colors, shapes, days of the week, the twelve months of the year, seasons, greetings, home, body parts, animals, food, professions, cultural aspects of the countries from where our foreign language originated, and much more. Worksheets are used to help parents assist the child at home. Parents will receive “Monthlies” where they will find out about the week’s

theme, learning goal and songs. The “Monthlies” will also have examples of learning goal sentences. Progress updates will be sent home along with diplomas of completion.

Placement level: Students with no prior knowledge of the foreign language chosen will be placed in a beginner class. Continuing students and students with prior knowledge of the chosen language will be placed in the second level of language learning unless there is a specific reason for a student to repeat the first year.

Policy regarding appropriateness of class placement: It is our goal that each child has a successful experience. The Henking Global Language Program reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of each student’s placement.

Special needs: If a child has special needs or allergies please make sure to list on registration form.

Late registration: Registrations are accepted as long as there are openings in a class. Enrollment is made on a first-come basis. Tuition will not be prorated. Please check with the coordinator for openings.

No refund policy: Our teachers are hired contingent upon enrollment, therefore we cannot offer any refunds. Please note if your child is going into first grade, it is critical that you consider their schedule prior to registering. The program will extend their day, however, the program has been designed to begin in October to allow your child to adjust to their new schedule.

Program Evaluation: A parent survey will be sent home during the school year. You can contact, Beth Valenziano or Kira Maar at any time to discuss any concerns that should arise during the year.

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