

Hoffman School's PTA-sponsored

Global Language Program

What is the Global Language Program?

Foreign language classes are first taught in the district 34 curriculum in 6th grade. Since 2005 the Henking and Hoffman PTA has sponsored foreign language classes as an extra-curricular enrichment program for grades 1 through 5. The program is self-funded and intended to be fun, effective and affordable to the students. We introduce students to a foreign language while young enough to learn a language naturally and easily.

What is the schedule?

Classes run from October to April. Start and ending dates will be announced in the beginning of September. Each class meets Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays for 40 minutes twice weekly between **2:35– 3:15 PM** for a total of 44 class sessions. After program bus service is not available for Global Language Program participants, so parents are responsible for picking up their child. Students will be dismissed by the front door. Students catching the “Wesley Bus” will be able to do so.

How much does it cost?

The cost of the program is \$225 for 44 sessions. All materials are provided and included.

What teaching methods do the instructors use?

The focus is on speaking, rather than on writing and grammar, although they will start to get immersed in more challenging work as they progress through the levels. 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. Using this method, students acquire their second language in much the same way they learn their first, through interactions with people and with the world around them.

Both beginning and intermediate cover basic vocabulary, phrases, and pronunciation to build conversational skills. Our instructors use games, songs, and projects to immerse the child in their chosen language.

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, culture and much more. Worksheets are used to help reinforce concepts and vocabulary learned in class. Again, homework is for practice and will not be graded.

Parents will receive monthly updates covering the theme, learning goals and songs for each week of the month. The “monthlies” will also have examples of learning-goal sentences. Progress updates will be sent home twice a year, and all students will receive diplomas of completion at the end of year celebration.

What level is right for my child?

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. The GLP teachers reserve the right to place the students according to skill level.

How is the program evaluated?

A parent survey will be sent home during the school year. You can contact the program coordinator or the PTA representatives at any time to discuss any concerns that should arise during the year.

Do you accept late registrations?

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 Kira Maar for openings.

Can I request that my child take class with a friend or a particular teacher?

We will try and accommodate special requests but cannot guarantee that they will be honored. It is our goal that each child has successful experience. The Hoffman Global Language Program reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of each student's placement.

Why don't we offer refunds?

In order to keep the language classes affordable, we have set the price so that it just covers our costs. We hire instructors based on enrollment numbers, and our costs do not change if a student drops out of the class. For this reason, we cannot offer refunds.

What if my child has an allergy or special need?

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

Can I volunteer to help the program?

We can not do this without you! Please let us know if you would be interested in helping out during the 2009-2010 school year.

- **PTA Program Representatives:** Please let us know if you would like to get involved in shaping the future of the program.

To volunteer please call: Liz Coy PTA Representative (846)729-7871

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