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## Lakes international language academy forest lake

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It is a public charter school and therefore does not charge for tuition, but there is an application for Kindergarten and the Upper School grades 6-12.[2] LILA was founded by a group of parent volunteers in September 2004.[citation needed] Since its inception, the school has offered a Spanish language immersion program and, in 2011, LILA expanded to include a Mandarin Chinese language program as well.[1] Teachers plan and deliver lessons at LILA using primarily the target language, or second language. Teachers are either native speakers of the target language, or have acquired near-native speaking abilities. Subjects such as social studies, mathematics, science and technology, arts and physical education are taught in the second language. English, including reading and writing, is introduced as a formal subject in second grade.[2] In spring 2009, the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) awarded LILA accreditation in its International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP). The success of the program also spurred the Forest Lake school district to develop its own language immersion programs.[3] LILA expanded from Pre-K-6 to grades 7-8 in the 2015-2016 school year and added grades 9-12 in the 2016-2017 school year. Students in grades 6-12 (the "Upper School") have the option to take selected classes in their second language. All classes are also offered in English for students without immersion backgrounds or who choose not to continue immersion learning. ^ a b "Lakes International Language Academy". Minnesota Association of Charter Schools. Retrieved October 21, 2013. ^ a b "About Us". Lakes International Language Academy. Retrieved October 21, 2013. ^ Daarel Burnette II, "Cultural immersion in Forest Lake schools", Star Tribune, December 4, 2010. Official website The International Baccalaureate Facebook Retrieved from " This is your one-stop shop! We've assembled a collection of links to frequently used applications and pages. Here you can report an absence, register for sports or activities, check the school calendar, learn about child care, find resources, and much more! Is there something you would like to see added to the Quick Links list? Send us your idea! Lakes International Language Academy provides an international education, preparing students with global competence for the 21st century. There is no tuition for students in grades K-12, and our fee-based 4-Star Parent Aware preschool program has a variety of tuition assistance options for qualifying families. Since 2004, parents have chosen LILA to help guide their children toward becoming responsible, caring, informed, curious, and engaged citizens. Applications for the 2025-2026 school year open November 11. When you choose LILA for your children, you choose a world of possibilities...close to home. Successful global learning starts here. Preschool students jumpstart Spanish or Mandarin Chinese language acquisition through play and guided activities. Students in grades K-5 choose a full language immersion program in either Chinese or Spanish. Grades 6-12 students continue building language skills through immersion, or they may opt for fast-track Spanish, Chinese or French. No second language experience is needed to enroll at Upper School! Education at Lakes International focuses on the whole child. We don't see students as simply test takers. Our curriculum centers around a set of ten learner attributes defined by the IB Organization. These qualities help prepare LILA students to become active, compassionate, and lifelong learners, ready to contribute to their colleges and universities, workplaces, communities, and the world. At LILA, we encourage learning beyond the academic day. Complementing our rigorous curriculum is an array of after-school choices including arts, athletics, clubs, and leadership programs. We host summer language immersion, math and reading camps, partner with the YMCA's Youth in Government program, and more. We also offer a quality child care program with before and after care during the school year, as well as non-school day and summer care. It's ALWAYS busy here! Families who valued a global education initiated LILA. They volunteered countless hours researching best practices, establishing policies, and so much more. We had a Parent-Teacher Organization before we even had a building! Our board of directors is comprised of parents, teachers, and a community representative, all elected by parents and staff. You'll find many opportunities to use your time, talents and treasures to make a difference. Calling all alumni! The new LILA Alumni Association is now forming! The association's goals are to keep alumni connected, provide opportunities to give back to LILA, and keep alumni current on LILA and alumni related news. Now is a great time to get involved, and help guide the future of the new association. Our staff bring the world to our students every day - literally. Many of them have lived outside of the United States, residing on numerous continents around the world. Whether a teacher from another country, or an administrative assistant who lives in the local community, you'll find LILA is truly a unique place. We have a great team, and a great culture. Be great with us. The number of bilingual seals and certificates earned by 55 graduates in the Class of 2024. Earning a seal or certificate provides up to four semesters of college credit. LILA's graduation rate per 2023 Minnesota Report Card data. The cost of tuition for K-12 students. LILA is a tuition-free public charter school. Total scholarships awarded to the Class of 2024. Niche.coms ranking among MN Charter Schools. LILA is ranked 39th in the state among all public schools. The percent of Class of 2024 students on track to earn college credit before graduation. Other Forms of Payment: LILA will accept personal check, cash, or money orders for tuition and fee payments if families are unable to make payments via LILAPay with a credit/debit card. Checks should be made payable to LILA, and placed in the payment drop box at the Kinder Center. Non-Sufficient Funds: If a personal check payment is returned for non-sufficient funds, it is the parent or guardian's responsibility to resubmit the full NSF amount plus a non-sufficient fee of \$40.00 per occurrence to the Kinder Prep office by cash, money order, or certified check. Failure to comply may result in termination of services. After the second NSF incident, Kinder Prep Preschool will only accept credit card payments via our online LILAPay system, or cash or money orders. Past Due Accounts: Late payments and/or past due balances will result in a late fee of \$25.00 per occurrence which will automatically be added to the next month's fee. Chronic late payments or past due balances may result in termination of services. Please contact the Kinder Prep Preschool office if special payment arrangements need to be made. Withdrawal from the Program: There are no refunds for withdrawal for any reason once a program month has started - e.g. moving, changing your mind etc. All outstanding balances must be paid in full by the withdrawal date. See the toilet training section of the Kinder Prep Preschool Family Handbook for withdrawal terms specific to toilet training. Lakes International Language Academy (LILA) is a K-12 tuition-free public charter school that merges proven Spanish or Mandarin Chinese language immersion instruction with an accredited International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme curriculum for kindergarten through 5th grade. The IB PYP curriculum and language learning are also cornerstones for the affordable 4-Star Parent Aware Kinder Prep Preschool program for ages 3-5. Kinder Prep now offers full and partial scholarships for qualifying families. LILA's Upper School offers a unique curriculum as an authorized school for the IB Middle Years Programme for grades 6th through 10th, and the internationally-recognized IB Diploma Programme for grades 11 and 12. Students in Upper School grades are welcome from any district, regardless of their second-language proficiency. Visit www.MyLILA.org to learn more. © 2025 Forest Lake Area Chamber of Commerce | Site by GrowthZone © 2025 Forest Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. All Rights Reserved. Site by GrowthZone Login to Write Your Review There are no reviews yet. Login to Write Your Review There are no reviews yet. KINDER-CENTER PreK & Kindergarten 121 11th Ave SE Forest Lake, MN 55025 Lower School - Grades 1-5 246 11th Ave SEForest Lake, MN 55025 Preschool & Kindergarten 121 11th Ave SE Forest Lake, MN 55025Programmatic FocusInternational Baccalaureate, Chinese & Spanish Immersion MissionTo prepare tomorrow's critical thinkers and global citizens through language acquisition and inquiry-driven study.HistoryOpened Fall, 2004Awards & RecognitionMDE School Finance Award - 2007-2021 2020 - 2015 Consecutive National School of Character Promising Practices Awards 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2015, 2012 Award of Excellence in School Board Governance and Award of Excellence in School Financial Management and Oversight from the Volunteers of America - Minnesota 2021 - 2005 Consecutive Education Finance Awards from the Minnesota Department of EducationAccountabilityData for Parents and EducatorsLearn MoreEnrollmentKathy Bystrom, Director of Advancement kbystrom@mylila.org651-252-6710 MN Association of Charter Schools 161 St. Anthony Avenue, Suite 1000 St. Paul, MN 55103 Map & Directions 651-789-3090 - Email Us © 2025 MN Association of Charter Schools. Rights Reserved. Website by Bicycle Theory. The Kinder Center building is home to Kinder Prep Preschool and Kindergarten programs. School Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Drop-Off & Pick-Up Hours: Drop-off begins at 7:30 a.m. Pick-up is from 2:05-2:25 p.m. If you are also picking up Lower School siblings at Kinder Center, you must wait until 2:10 PM to enter the Kinder Center lot. Calendar Since 2004, parents have chosen Lakes International Language Academy (LILA) to help guide their children toward becoming responsible, caring, informed, curious, and engaged global citizens. Students gain the knowledge and good study habits that come from the rigorous International Baccalaureate program as they develop literacy and proficiency in their second (or third) language and English. Along the way, LILA students learn to appreciate the world and its many cultures. They are prepared for greater challenges in their academic journey, and ready to make an impact in their communities and the world. LILA, a tuition-free K-12 public charter is located in Forest Lake, MN, a growing suburb approximately 30 minutes north of the Twin Cities. Here, you'll find robust community with an excellent public library, a YMCA, ample shopping, and numerous recreational amenities including the Hardwood Creek Regional Trail, municipal and private golf courses, and several neighborhood trails and parks. Lakeside Park is located on the shores of Forest Lake, right downtown. It is a popular gathering spot for the community and features a beautiful picnic area, swimming beach, and recently remodeled playground. It is particularly busy on Tuesday evenings during the summer. Arts in the Park is family friendly event featuring a farmers' market, live music, children's activities, and year-end community corn feed. Thank you for considering LILA! We look forward to hearing from you. Aria Bergman Rylan Briggs Ash Carter Henry Cramer Grace Domino Anika Farquhar Paul Foner Connor Gillespie Jordan Gockowski Braden Gregory Sierra Heiden Connor Holland Sienna Hollibush Carter Hotakainen Matthew Hudson Jeremy Johnson Lily Kempenich Gavin Kohler Sam Kuhlman Elijah Larson Ellie Lazarchic Antonio Liston Marisa Lebens Margo Maki Meah Marker Ilsa Martinez Colin Marx Lakes International Language Academy ( LILA) is an award-winning public school that focuses on language learning and inquiry-driven study. We opened our door in September 2004 to 174 students. Today, we are one of the state's fastest growing and highest performing public charter schools in Minnesota. Our achievements can be summarized through our expansion, parent satisfaction, student retention, faculty retention, standardized test scores, rigorous IB coursework completion, and facilities development. LILA has become a symbol of excellence in education. Our numerous academic, professional, and financial achievements and awards have placed our schools near the top of state and national rankings. We are eager to continue growing, inspiring, and creating a better world through our students and staff. Lakes International Language Academy (LILA) is located in Forest Lake, Minnesota, a mid-sized suburb approximately 30 miles north of the Twin Cities. Our staff brings the world to our students every day - literally. Many of them have lived outside of the United States, residing on numerous continents around the world. Whether a teacher from another country, or an administrative assistant from the local community, you'll find LILA is truly a unique place to belong. As a Chinese and Spanish immersion school, some of our positions require competency in a second language. But, not all! If you are a high school graduate, college graduate, or retiree looking to supplement your income, LILA has employment opportunities available. Our Human Resources team looks forward to working with you to uncover your talents and find a position you'll love. Join our community of talented, committed, and caring educators today - YOU are welcome here! Please contact us with questions or for additional information. The Lower School building is home to Grades 1-5. School Hours: 7:50 a.m. - 2:10 p.m. 2024-2025 Drop Off & Pick-Up: Drop off begins at 7:25 a.m. Pick up is from 2:10-2:25 p.m. If your child does not attend the Explorer Club child care program in the morning, please do not drop off prior to the posted times as there is no adult supervision available before this time. Calendar 2025-2026 Enrollment Lottery - Wednesday, January 15, 2025 Enrollment Lottery Application Deadline - Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 4:00 pm Once the lottery is complete, we will enroll on a first come, first served basis, based on availability in each grade. Start by completing an application and the Enrollment Manager will connect with you. WHAT IS THE ENROLLMENT LOTTERY? As required by law, all eligible students who submit timely applications to a charter school must be enrolled unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or building. At LILA, class sizes are determined by the school's board of directors. If enrollment/applications EXCEED capacity at any grade level, PreK through Grade 12, students must be accepted by lottery. If enrollment/applications DO NOT EXCEED capacity at lottery deadline, NO LOTTERY WILL BE HELD and all students will be eligible to enroll. Example: If there are 100 seats available in kindergarten and LILA receives 120 applications, a lottery will be required. If there are 100 seats available, and 100 or fewer applications are received, a lottery is not required. Refer to LILA School Board Policy 122 for additional information. INSTRUCTIONS STEP 1: Determine eligibility. For example, preschoolers must be at least three-years-old on September 1 of their enrolling year. Eligibility guidelines for each program level is located in the application tabs. STEP 2: Complete the application by 4:00 pm on the last school day prior to the January 15 enrollment lottery. Once you submit your application, an auto-confirmation will be sent to let you know the application has been received. If you do not receive an auto-confirmation within an hour of submission, please email admissions@MyLILA.org. STEP 3: Wait for the lottery results. LILA will contact you by email with the results within 48 hours post-lottery. Please do not contact us during this period of time. All families will be notified post-lottery. Eligible students will be sent enrollment information, and ineligible students will have the option to be placed on a waitlist. STEP 4: Once the lottery is complete, families will be sent an email with the following information: School Hours: 7:47 a.m.-2:20 p.m. Arrival Time: Between 7:30 & 7:43 a.m. Building Hours: 7:25 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Students who are in the building before or after building hours must have an appointment with a teacher, or be involved in a school activity, sport, or study group. Any student staying after school, who is not involved in a sport, activity, or study group, will need to wait outside the building, or walk to the local YMCA or Hardwood Creek Library to wait to be picked up. Calendar Contact Upper School - Grades 6-12 19850 Fenway Ave N Forest Lake, MN 55025 us.frontdesk@MyLILA.org 651-464-8989 651-464-8990 (FAX)