LAKES INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE ACADEMY
2022 UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Lakes International Language Academy (LILA) is a public K-12 International Baccalaureate charter school, offering Chinese and Spanish immersion programs and requiring language acquisition courses at every grade level. Our mission is to prepare tomorrow’s critical thinkers and global citizens through language acquisition and inquiry-driven study.

LILA combines academic rigor and second-language acquisition with the whole child approach to education, guiding character development and social emotional learning in a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment. Students gain cultural awareness as they become biliterate in a second language and English.

Our Action Statements: THINK FOR YOURSELF, THINK ABOUT OTHERS, THINK BEYOND TODAY

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

K-12 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

As an accredited International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, all LILA students participate in IB coursework. The school features the IB Primary Years Programme for grades preK-5, IB Middle Years Programme for grades 6-10, and the IB Diploma Programme for grades 11-12.

The IB Diploma Programme is an academically challenging and balanced curriculum framework, with final examinations that prepare students, ages 16-19, for success in college and beyond.

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

All LILA students must complete language acquisition classes during each year of study. PreK-grade 5 choose the full-immersion Mandarin Chinese or Spanish program. Upper School students may choose Spanish or Chinese immersion courses in Science through grade 9. They may also choose Spanish immersion courses in Individuals & Societies through grade 10. Students not on an immersion track may choose Spanish, Chinese, or French.

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100% ARE ON TRACK TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT BY GRADUATION

CLASS OF 2023

39% AS IB DIPLOMA CANDIDATES
41% AS IB COURSE CANDIDATES
27% THROUGH PSEO COLLEGE CLASSES
61% THROUGH A BILINGUAL SEAL OR CERTIFICATE

Source: Lakes International Enrollment Data

77% LILA GRADUATES ATTEND COLLEGE OR ENLIST IN MILITARY SERVICE

4-YEAR COLLEGE: 52%
2-YEAR COLLEGE: 22%
MILITARY ENLISTMENT: 3%

Source: Lakes International Graduation Survey 2018-2022

GRADUATION RATE

97.5%

Source: Minnesota Report Card
INTERNATIONAL FACULTY

LILA’s Upper School teaching staff brings the world to students every day. Over a third of LILA’s teachers have lived outside of the United States, on five different continents, and in 33 different countries. Many are bilingual in Chinese, Spanish, French, German, Italian, Cantonese, and Arabic. LILA students grow each day as global citizens, both in the classroom and beyond, with the support of this diverse faculty.

APPROACHES TO LEARNING

As an IB World School, LILA staff focuses on delivering course content as well as helping students develop their Approaches to Learning (ATL). These intentional strategies, skills, and attitudes permeate the teaching and learning environment, providing opportunities for students to develop thinking, communication, social, self-management, and research skills. ATL is also intrinsically linked to the IB Learner Profile attributes, further enhancing student learning, and ensuring LILA students are well prepared for life beyond high school.

LEARNER PROFILE

The IB Learner Profile represents a broad range of traits that transcend academic success. IB helps students become globally conscious and develop a respect and understanding of themselves, others, and the world around them. LILA graduates exhibit these attributes:

- Thinkers
- Inquirers
- Risk-Takers
- Open-minded
- Communicators
- Caring
- Balanced
- Principled
- Reflective
- Knowledgeable

STUDENT LIFE

LILA strongly encourages learning beyond the academic day. Complementing LILA’s rigorous curriculum is an array of after-school athletics, clubs, arts, and leadership opportunities. These programs allow students to diversify interests, deepen their social and intellectual growth, enhance their well-being, and strengthen leadership, time-management, and other skills.