

# OPEN DOORS TO A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY THROUGH LANGUAGE IMMERSION

With two decades of experience, we understand that the perfect time to embark on a language journey begins as early as possible. Language educators unanimously agree that immersion instruction is the most effective way for students to achieve bilingual speaking proficiency, and biliterate reading and writing skills. Our research-backed approach seamlessly integrates language learning with core subjects, allowing skills to flourish naturally. All instructional content meets not only Minnesota academic standards, but the requirements of the International Baccalaureate as well.

Witness your child thrive in an environment where learning is an adventure!



## PRESCHOOL

## GRADES K-5

## GRADES 6-12

### LANGUAGE ACQUISITION ACROSS THE CONTINUUM

- Fun, interactive learning in Spanish and Mandarin Chinese while also speaking, reading, and writing in English.
- Activities designed to spark a natural love of language while building confidence as communicators.
- Kinder Prep is a great jumpstart to our full immersion program.
- Kindergarteners choose from either Mandarin Chinese or Spanish as their target language.
- Instruction delivered in the target language all day, every day in kindergarten and first grade.
- English instruction is introduced in second grade, however, the majority of the instructional day occurs in the target language.
- Resources provided to families to support learning at home.
- No previous second language experience is needed to enroll – students may choose from Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, or French.
- Immersion students can continue immersion studies in their target language or choose another language.
- High school students have the opportunity to earn up to four semesters of college credit through the Minnesota Department of Education Bilingual Seals Program.

***"My immersion experience included living with international teachers, doing an exchange program in Spain, and so many great classroom language opportunities. It helped make me more open-minded, and feel more connected to other cultures and the world around me, while also giving me lifelong language skills that will benefit my future in many ways!"***












**- Emily May, Class of '21**

# WHAT IS AN IB EDUCATION?



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

An International Baccalaureate (IB) education is a globally recognized educational framework designed to foster well-rounded young people who are well prepared for a rapidly changing world. Key characteristics of IB:

-  **Holistic Education.** IB focuses on educating the whole person, nurturing intellectual, personal, social, and emotional growth.
-  **International Perspective.** IB promotes international-mindedness and intercultural understanding, encouraging students to appreciate and respect different cultures, languages, and viewpoints.
-  **Inquiry-Based Learning.** IB places an emphasis on inquiry-based learning where students are encouraged to ask questions, investigate, think critically, and explore topics in-depth. This approach sparks curiosity and a love for learning.
-  **Transdisciplinary Curriculum:** IB subjects are interconnected and taught together, allowing students to make connections between different areas of knowledge.
-  **Language Development.** IB requires students to study one or more language, promoting bilingualism or multilingualism, and nurturing a deep sense of global interconnectedness.
-  **Creativity & Innovation.** IB values creativity and innovation, encouraging students to think creatively and apply their knowledge to real-world situations.
-  **Community & Service.** IB promotes community engagement and service learning. Students are inspired to take action and make a positive difference in their community and the world.
-  **Academic Excellence.** IB is academically challenging, offering a rigorous curriculum with an emphasis on research, critical thinking, and independent learning skills.
-  **Personal Development.** IB encourages the development of personal qualities such as adaptability, empathy, and social responsibility.
-  **Preparation for College & Career.** IB prepares students for success in higher education and future careers. An IB education is highly regarded by universities and employers worldwide.
-  **Assessment.** IB assessment includes a variety of methods such as observations, portfolios, projects, presentations, exams, and essays. This emphasizes understanding, application, and reflection, rather than rote memorization and standardized test scores.



# IB learner profile

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

As IB learners we strive to be:

## INQUIRERS

We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

## KNOWLEDGEABLE

We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

## THINKERS

We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

## COMMUNICATORS

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

## PRINCIPLED

We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

## OPEN-MINDED

We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

## CARING

We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

## RISK-TAKERS

We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

## BALANCED

We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.

## REFLECTIVE

We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

The IB learner profile represents 10 attributes valued by IB World Schools. We believe these attributes, and others like them, can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national and global communities.



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# Arts, Activities, & Athletics

## EVERY STUDENT INVOLVED

At LILA, we strongly encourage learning beyond the bell. Complementing our rigorous academic programs is a growing array of opportunities to explore sports, the arts, clubs, and more. Participation in co-curricular activities is linked to increased academic achievement. These programs also expand a students' social network, build confidence, and foster leadership, teamwork, and time-management skills.

### UPPER SCHOOL:

EQUITY CLUB  
GARDEN CLUB  
LILAVision  
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
NATIONAL JUNIOR  
HONOR SOCIETY  
STUDENT COUNCIL  
ANIME CLUB  
JOURNALISM CLUB  
FIBER FRIDAYS  
SPANISH CLUB  
FOOTBALL\*  
SOCCER  
CLAY TARGETS  
VOLLEYBALL  
ARCHERY CLUB  
ARCHERY TEAM

*\*Co-op sports*

SWIMMING  
CROSS COUNTRY\*  
BASKETBALL  
TRACK & FIELD\*  
BASEBALL\*  
GOLF CLUB  
GOLF TEAM  
SKI CLUB  
ALPINE SKI TEAM  
SOFTBALL\*  
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS  
CREATIVE WRITING CLUB  
BEHIND THE SCENES  
TIME DRAGON ONE ACT PLAY  
TIME DRAGON SPRING PLAY  
TIME DRAGON THEATRICALS MUSICAL  
YMCA YOUTH in GOVERNMENT  
GENDERS & SEXUALITIES ALLIANCE

LEARN MORE



### LOWER SCHOOL:

ARCHERY CLUB  
ARCHERY TEAM  
GIRLS BASKETBALL  
CROSS COUNTRY  
TRACK & FIELD  
IGNITE - ART STUDIO  
IGNITE - UKULELE  
FLAS COMMUNITY EDUCATION

SKI CLUB  
KARATE  
DAISY GIRL SCOUTS  
GIRL SCOUTS  
ONE ACT MUSICAL  
LANGUAGE CAMPS

LEARN MORE







# SPOTLIGHT ON ACHIEVEMENT

MyLILA.org

## UPPER SCHOOL'S U.S NEWS & WORLD REPORTS RANKING AMONG MINNESOTA PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Upper School ranked 10th among high schools and 6th among charter schools. Rankings include data on nearly 25,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. Schools are ranked on six factors based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college.

Source: [www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/rankings-overview](http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/rankings-overview)

TOP  
10



95.6%



GRADUATION  
RATE

Source: 2023 Minnesota  
Report Card data

## UPPER SCHOOL'S NICHE RANKING AMONG MINNESOTA PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

\*Niche ranks schools on a combination of achievement data, extra-curricular activities, diversity, quality of administration, and parent and student reviews.

Source: [www.niche.com](http://www.niche.com)

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CLASS OF 2024

## NUMBER OF BILINGUAL SEALS & CERTIFICATES EARNED BY 55 GRADUATING SENIORS

Source: Lakes International Language Academy

32



58%

## PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATES EARNING A PLATINUM OR GOLD SEAL, OR WORLD LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE

Sixteen graduates earned the platinum seal. It is the highest bilingual honor bestowed by the State of MN. Institutions within the MN State College and University system award four free semesters of credit in second language.

Sources: Lakes International Language Academy; Minnesota Bilingual Seals Program

## PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATES COMPLETING IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME and/or PSEO COURSEWORK

Forty-four graduates completed one or more DP classes, and thirteen earned the full IB Diploma. Fifteen graduates completed PSEO coursework, and three earned their AAS degree.

Source: Lakes International Language Academy

100%



235

## NUMBER OF IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME COURSES COMPLETED BY 44 DP STUDENTS

Source: Lakes International Language Academy

## POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Sources: Student/Parent Self-Report; Community Scholarship Foundation;  
Other Community Organizations; Post-Secondary Institutions

\$2.1  
MILLION



### OUR MISSION:

To prepare tomorrow's critical thinkers and global citizens through language acquisition and inquiry-driven study.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

## **Minnesota's Mandatory Early Childhood Screening Program**

Early Childhood Screening is a free and simple check of how your child is growing, developing and learning. The law requires your child be screened between the ages of 3 and the start of kindergarten. Screening is NOT an examination to determine readiness for school. Its purpose is to identify conditions which might interfere with your child's ability to learn. Because detecting and addressing developmental issues early promotes later success in school, screening at age 3, and no later than age 4, is recommended.

LILA partners with resident school districts for screening and early intervention services. At the screening, a trained professional will check your child's vision and hearing; height and weight; immunizations; large and small muscle development; thinking, language and communication skills; and social and emotional development. Parents/guardians will be provided feedback on their child's development and have the opportunity to ask questions. Your resident school district will typically reach out to you to schedule your child's screening. You may also contact them directly to schedule an appointment. Please send a copy of your child's screening record to LILA as soon as it has been completed.

For your convenience, here is a list of Early Childhood phone numbers for nearby districts. If your resident school district isn't on this list, please contact them directly.

**Forest Lake: 651-982-8301**  
**Chisago Lakes: 651-213-2281**  
**North Branch: 651-674-1220**  
**Centennial: 763-792-6120**  
**White Bear Lake: 651-653-3100**  
**Stillwater: 651-351-4000**



# 2024-2025

## Kinder Prep Preschool

### Enrollment Options, Payment and Fees

Program Options Hours: 8:00am to 2:00pm	Monthly Payments on the 22nd of the Month (August through April)	Yearly Rate	Daily Rate	Attendance Days
Monday-Friday (5 day program)	\$781.11	\$7,030.00	\$41.60	169
Mon/Wed/Fri (3 day program)	\$448.33	\$4,035.00	\$41.60	97
Tues/Thurs (2 day program)	\$332.78	\$2,995.00	\$41.60	72
<b>Other Fees</b>				
Application fee for each student	\$50 (non-refundable)			
Overdue/late payment	\$25 per occurrence			
Insufficient funds/returned check	\$40 per occurrence			
Late Pick-Up Fee	\$1.00 per minute/per child			

## Payment Information

### Online Tuition Payment and Automatic Payment Authorization

Kinder Prep tuition fees are due the 22nd of the month, August through April. Monthly tuition is paid through our online payment system, LILAPay. Families may choose to have their account automatically billed each month by completing the Automatic Payment Authorization Form. To avoid late charges, this is the recommended option.

**To set up online bill pay:** Submit your first payment through the LILAPay system by August 22nd by going to MyLILA.org. Click LILAPay and submit your information and payment. Save your credit/debit card information when you check out by clicking the option **Store card on USAePay's secure servers**.

**To sign up for automatic billing on the 22nd of each month:** Complete the Automatic Payment Authorization Form. Kinder Prep Preschool will charge remaining monthly fees automatically on your behalf. The card saved in the LILAPay system is the card that will be automatically billed each month.

### Important Reminders:

- Payments will be billed to your credit/debit card on the 22nd of the month prior to the services. For example, October tuition will be billed on September 22.
- If you have more than one card saved in LILAPay, the most recent card saved will be the one automatically billed each month. If you prefer a different card be used, you are responsible for making the change in LILAPay.
- **To stop automatic payments at any time**, submit the Cancellation of Automatic Payment Authorization Form by no later than the 15th of the month to give our finance department staff time to process your cancellation request.

### For online payment assistance, contact:

Melissa Bent, Finance Clerk  
mbent@MyLILA.org  
651-464-8989 ext. 308

### For more information:

[www.mylila.org/kinder-prep-preschool](http://www.mylila.org/kinder-prep-preschool)





## Little Explorers Before & After-School Care

Little Explorers Child Care Program, located in the newly renovated Kinder Center, offers safe and convenient care before or after Kinder Prep Preschool, or on non-school days.

Program activities are primarily play-based and intentionally designed to enrich the preschool day.

Enrollment is limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

For program hours, fees, or availability,  
please call (651) 252-6720 or  
email [explorer.office@MyLILA.org](mailto:explorer.office@MyLILA.org).



Apply online at [www.MyLILA.org](http://www.MyLILA.org) today!

## Now Offering Tuition Assistance for Qualifying Families!

### Questions? We're Here to Help!

[admissions@MyLILA.org](mailto:admissions@MyLILA.org)  
Phone: 651-252-6710  
[www.MyLILA.org](http://www.MyLILA.org)

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**KINDER CENTER**  
121 11th Ave. S.E.  
Forest Lake, MN 55025

### 4-Star Parent Aware

We earned our 4-Star Rating by showing  
that we are committed to:

- School readiness
- Ongoing professional development
- Growing strong relationships with families



LAKES INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE ACADEMY  
An IB World School



## Kinder Prep Preschool



- Chinese and Spanish Language Acquisition
- International Baccalaureate Curriculum
- A Commitment to the Whole Child





## Eligibility

- Children must be 3 or 4 years of age by Sept. 1st of the school year.
- Children must be toilet trained and able to use the bathroom independently.
- Parents are responsible for transporting children to and from Kinder Prep.

## Easy Enrollment

Apply online at [www.MyLILA.org](http://www.MyLILA.org) now. We welcome children on a first-come, first-served basis. Children are formally enrolled upon receipt of application, enrollment forms, and non-refundable registration fee.

Please note that, by law, Kinder Prep enrollment does not ensure placement in Lakes International Language Academy's kindergarten program, which is determined by the January 15th lottery.

Current tuition rates and other enrollment information can be found at [www.MyLILA.org](http://www.MyLILA.org).

## Kinder Prep Preschool Makes Learning Fun

Our students develop the skills necessary for success in kindergarten and beyond by:

- Participating in our award-winning program, focused on developing inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who love to learn.
- Experiencing our language-infused kindergarten readiness program, which features fun preschool lessons in Spanish, Chinese, and English.
- Exploring language, science, math, literacy, the arts, and physical development through hands-on and age-appropriate activities in our recently renovated Kinder Center...where health and safety come first.
- Learning from our caring, creative, and experienced staff led by licensed teachers.



## Schedule Options

Monday - Friday  
Monday/Wednesday/Friday  
Tuesday/Thursday  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## Sample Full-Day Schedule

### ARRIVAL / FREE PLAY TIME

- Morning Meeting
- Greeting
- Song
- Unit Books/Activities

### PLAYGROUND - SNACK SELF-GUIDED CENTERS

- Magic Math, Alphabet, Shapes, Colors, and more!

### LUNCH - PLAYGROUND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- Storytelling Time
- Arts and Crafts, Games, Music, and more
- Afternoon Meeting

Kinder Prep Preschool follows Lakes International Language Academy's school year calendar.





## Summer Explorer Club

**All Day Care: 6:00 am - 6:00 pm**



Explorer Club School Age Care offers a fun and exciting summer enrichment program with an international twist, for students enrolled at LILA in the upcoming kindergarten school year through summer after 5th grade. Our program continues to foster Spanish, Chinese, and English language skills and cultural appreciation throughout our summer program. Summer Explorer Club features fun in the sun, outdoor adventures, water activities, field trips, and much more!

**Location:** LILA Main Campus

## Summer Little Explorers

**All Day Care: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm**



Summer Little Explorers Care program offers a fun and exciting summer enrichment program with an international twist, for children turning 3 years old by June 1st, and who are registered with the Kinder Prep preschool program. Our program continues to foster Spanish, Chinese, and English language skills and cultural appreciation throughout our summer program. Summer Little Explorers features fun in the sun, outdoor adventures, water activities, on site field trips, and much more!

**Location:** LILA Kinder Center

## Questions?

### CONTACT US:

Phone: 651-252-6720

Email: [explorer.office@MyLILA.org](mailto:explorer.office@MyLILA.org)

Website: [MyLILA.org/lower-school/child-care](http://MyLILA.org/lower-school/child-care)

*Come join the fun!*



Floyd & Jeanette Marcott Family

### KINDER CENTER

121 11th Ave. S.E.

Forest Lake, MN 55025

### LOWER SCHOOL

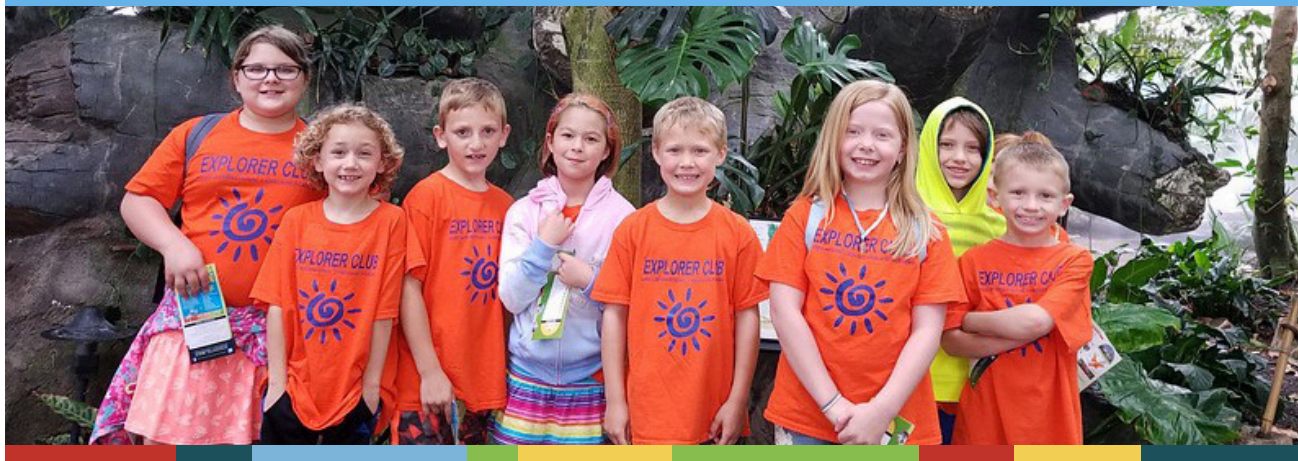
246 11th Ave. S.E.

Forest Lake, MN 55025



[MyLILA.org/lower-school/child-care](http://MyLILA.org/lower-school/child-care)





## Explorer Club

EXPLORER CLUB School Age Care program seeks to provide high quality care for Lakes International Language Academy children attending Kindergarten - 5th grade. Our program provides a safe, fun, caring environment where children can pursue a variety of interests, develop positive relationships with peers and non-parent adults, learn life skills, and grow in confidence and respect for themselves and others. Explorer Club continues to foster the acquisition of the Spanish, Chinese, and English language through play and age appropriate enrichment activities. Explorer Club continues to strengthen learning and youth development through reinforcement of concepts and practical applications of skills with staff that have professional training and job experience.

### EXPLORER CLUB HOURS:

#### School Days

Morning: 6:00 am – 7:30 am  
Afternoon: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

#### Non-School Days

All Day Care: 6:00 am - 6:00 pm

Flexible care options scheduled by monthly calendar – see website for price options.  
[MyLILA.org/lower-school/child-care](http://MyLILA.org/lower-school/child-care)

## Little Explorers

Before or after preschool, your child can enjoy a fun, engaging, nurturing, and safe environment at Lakes International Language Academy's preschool care program. Our well qualified staff plans a play-based learning environment with many opportunities for social interaction, enrichment activities, and physical development. Committed to the development and excellence of the whole child, Little Explorers Preschool Care echoes LILA's Kinder Prep learning goals, language immersion philosophy, and approach to classroom behavior management. Little Explorers provides onsite care for students enrolled in the Kinder Prep preschool.

### LITTLE EXPLORERS HOURS:

#### School Days

Morning: 6:00am – 7:30am  
Afternoon: 2:00pm - 6:00pm

#### Non-School Days

All Day Care: 7:00am - 5:00pm

*"I want to thank you for your first rate care of the boys over the years. They are better people because of it."*

– Justin, LILA parent

## What we do at EXPLORER CLUB & LITTLE EXPLORERS:

- Physical Activity (gym, outside)
- Homework Time
- Academic Enrichment (reading, math, science)
- Dramatic Play
- Music Activities
- Fine Art and Arts and Crafts
- Social Studies and Cultural Awareness
- Sportsmanship and Team Building
- Activities
- Field Trips
- Clubs
- Community Involvement
- Play-based Activities

## A DAY AT A GLANCE:

### 6:00 am – 7:30 am

- Structured free play
- Small group time: songs, stories, share, circle time
- Dismissal - transition to classrooms

### 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

- Snack
- Transition time: wash hands, use bathroom, water break
- Outside
- Group time: songs, stories, share, circle time, calendar, special days
- Centers or activity
- Structured free play



# Get Involved!

## THIS IS **YOUR** SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Families who valued a global education for their children initiated LILA. They volunteered countless hours researching best practices, establishing policies for state and national compliance, navigating international hiring regulations, and so much more. LILA had a Parent-Teacher Organization before it even had a building!

You, too, can ensure a bright future for LILA's students by getting involved! Our board of directors is comprised of parents and teachers with one community representative, all elected by parents and staff. You'll also find many opportunities to use your time, talents and treasures. Make a donation. Volunteer in a classroom. Host a Language Ambassador. Join the Foundation, PTO, Advocates, or Booster Club.

This is the school you chose, and it's the place where YOU belong. Welcome to LILA!



To fully realize our vision, LILA must be able to attract and retain quality staff, and provide opportunities for students and staff to learn and teach here and abroad. These are the reasons core a group of parents and staff formed the LILA Foundation in 2008. To that end, the Foundation's mission is to establish and maintain an endowment through fundraising activities and donor cultivation. Learn more at [www.mylila.org/get-involved/foundation](http://www.mylila.org/get-involved/foundation).

Contact: [foundation@MyLILA.org](mailto:foundation@MyLILA.org)



The goal of Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) is to enrich the educational experience for students and staff through community-building activities, and fundraising for needed programs, equipment, and supplies. Every parent of a student at Kinder Center and Lower School is welcome to become a member. Joining the PTO gives parents an opportunity to meet other parents as well!

Contact: [PTO@MyLILA.org](mailto:PTO@MyLILA.org)



The goal of the Advocates is to educate and inform stakeholders about charter school funding inequities, and advocate for change at the state legislature - and it's easier than you might think! The team, comprised of parents, grandparents, staff, and students, are champions of school choice. There are numerous ways to get involved and there is NO fundraising. Learn more at [mylila.org/get-involved/advocates](http://mylila.org/get-involved/advocates).

Contact: [advocates@MyLILA.org](mailto:advocates@MyLILA.org)



The Booster Club plays a key role in the initiation, growth and development of Upper School Arts, Activities, and Athletics programs, ensuring a coordinated approach to fundraising, structure, consistency, accountability, continuity, and success. They provide enthusiastic support of the Upper School community, teams, and organizations. Members serve as an ambassador for their individual sport or activity.

Contact: [LILABoosterClub@MyLILA.org](mailto:LILABoosterClub@MyLILA.org)



Language Ambassadors are a vital part of LILA's language immersion program. They are interns from Spanish- and Chinese-speaking countries who assist teachers in the classroom, and provide language and culture models for our students. Host families serve as a LA's substitute family for half the school year. They provide room and board, and are encouraged to involve ambassadors in social, cultural or family events. Learn more at [mylila.org/get-involved/host-a-language-ambassador](http://mylila.org/get-involved/host-a-language-ambassador).

Contact: [ls.frontdesk@MyLILA.org](mailto:ls.frontdesk@MyLILA.org)