



ABOUT SAGA

The Seattle Area German American School (SAGA) opened in 2006 by a group of parents who share a vision of a full **German language and cultural immersion** education for children in Greater Seattle. We offer preschool, pre-k, and K–2nd grade programs.

PHILOSOPHY, PROGRAM & CURRICULUM

Native, natural and nurturing are hallmarks of SAGA's educational philosophy. We emphasize developing the "whole-child" and fostering a self-motivated love of learning, diversity, and linguistic awareness.



Our daily instruction focuses on building each child's intellect, gross and fine motor skills, emotional and social skills, as well as providing them with many projects to develop creative problem-

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solving and artistic talents. SAGA alumni successfully integrate into both American and German-speaking countries' primary education systems.

The SAGA curriculum employs large parts of the Creative Curriculum® for early childhood learning. Additionally, our programs Entenland, Zahlenland, and Second Step (Faustlos) are custom designed by our teachers to educate age-appropriately.

PRESCHOOL/PRE-K

SAGA's preschool program, for children thirty months to five years old, is available Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 1:30pm. Parents may choose a schedule between 2 to 5 days a week. It is desirable, but not necessary for your child to be potty-trained. For Pre-K, students are required to attend at least 4 days a week (Mon-Wed, Thurs and/or Fri).

KINDERGARTEN/ FIRST, SECOND GRADE

SAGA's kindergarten is a Monday to Friday program, half or full days, for children five years of age. Students learn fundamental reading, writing and math skills necessary for success in first grade and gain a strong foundation in science, creative play, artistic expression as

well as classroom and world citizenship skills. Both first and second grades are daily programs which run from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Students keep a 'foot in both worlds' as these programs meets academic standards for Germany and the United States.



LANGUAGE & CULTURE

We emphasize teaching the language through immersion and exposing students to various cultural traditions from German-speaking countries. Holidays such as Oktoberfest, Laternenfest, Nikolaus, and Fasching are celebrated. **No prior exposure to the German language** is necessary for preschoolers. German language skills are highly recommended for Kindergarteners and required for students in grade 1 or above.

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OUR TEACHERS

Our chief asset is our teaching staff. In addition to their professional designations, our teachers are dedicated, nurturing and committed to teaching German language and culture. Most of our teachers have teaching experience in both Europe and the US and are native speakers.

SAGA's OPERATIONS

We are a **parent involved** school and we operate as a non-profit. Our board works with various parent committees to leverage the resources and talents of our com-



munity in the school's operations. We require that parents volunteer a minimum of twenty hours per school year (2011-12) to help build the SAGA experience.

TUITION & SCHEDULE

We intentionally keep tuition as affordable as possible. We aim to provide flexibility by allowing enrollment on the days that best suit your family's schedule. Although any exposure to a foreign language in early childhood is beneficial, we encourage your child to attend at least three days per week to gain the most from our immersion experience.

SAGA's SOCIAL LIFE

SAGA emphasizes community and encourages parents to interact with each other at our many social activities. We have regular events, including pizza parties, seasonal celebrations such as Winterfest, and monthly breakfasts.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

We offer spring and summer camps so children can continue to develop their German language and academics. Our camps are a wonderful opportunity for existing SAGA students to supplement their academic development and for interested families to explore whether an immersion program is right for their children. Our camps, which run during the spring and summer breaks, are often themed-based,

introducing children to beloved characters and stories from German-speaking countries. We also offer a robust after-school program, which offers K-3rd grade academic development, playgroups and sports and music enrichment. These programs are a fun way for children to practice German through reading, writing, singing, and celebrating German cultural festivities.

FOCUS ON COMMUNITY

Central to the SAGA experience is our on-going commitment to promoting German language and culture immersion opportunities in our local community. We sponsor German events which are open to the general public and maintain a German lending library.



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