



German International School of Houston

German-English Dual Language Immersion Preschool Program

ONE CHILD. TWO LANGUAGES. UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES.

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OUR CLASSROOMS + PROGRAM

The **German International School of Houston (GISH)** is a small Preschool serving students in the Houston area offering a German - English Dual Language Immersion program. Our educational program is dedicated to enriching the lives of students, parents and teachers through cross-cultural interaction. Students learn a second language naturally through exposure to stimulating content and a language rich environment.

Instructions are provided from **Monday through Friday** in classrooms with a low student-teacher ratio with school hours from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm.

To accommodate our parents' needs, we offer an **Extended Day Program** until 5:30pm.

We offer part time enrollment for 3-days + 2-days, subject to limited availability and based on the classroom outline for our youngest 2 - 3 year old students.

Our **academic year** consists of a ten-month school year from the end of August until mid-June. Spring and Winter Breaks are in alignment with the HISD academic calendar.

Our Preschool offers multi-age classroom settings for children 2 - 5 years of age with a low child-teacher ratio (ideally 8:1).

Our team in the classroom consists of one English Lead Teacher, one German Lead Teacher and a Teacher's Assistant.

Educational Philosophy:

Our program provides a teacher-directed, child-engaged classroom setting. We provide children with interactive and age appropriate hands-on activities that promote cognitive, physical, social-emotional and language development. Small group settings allow for direct social and verbal interaction with teachers and peers. The multi-age classroom enables children to form an understanding of age differences and helps them to develop leadership skills. **Our goal** is to enable children to become self-sufficient, independent, critical thinkers and social individuals.

Language:

On a typical day, both languages will be present in the classroom and co-exist. In addition to free play, students will participate in **circle time** and **small group** activities. During small group activities the target language is based on the executing teacher.

Students will be exposed to and receive daily instructions in German and English. Language exposure is based on the student's daily assignments and is subject to change, with the overall goal to have equal language experience per week.

Our teachers focus on the children's needs first. Our priority is to make each child feel safe and secure. Language is never forced. Students can freely choose in which language they communicate with their peers during the course of the day. Teachers emphasize on the use of their target language in their group time and will model, motivate, re-direct and assist children to use the teacher's target language.

No prior knowledge or experience in both of the target languages German/English is required. However, students have to be proficient in one of the two target languages (mother language).



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Our classrooms are beautiful, bright and inviting. We have so much fun learning and exploring in the German-English Dual-Language Immersion Program.

WELCOME



Please visit us and find out for yourself.
Wir freuen uns auf Ihren und Euren Besuch!



**Sprichst Du Deutsch?
Komm und lern mit uns.**

**Do you speak English?
Come and learn with us.**

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