



# Lakes International

LANGUAGE ACADEMY

AN IB WORLD SCHOOL

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**IB World School authorization : 2009**

**IB Schools code 7523**

**Lakes International Language Academy (LILA), an IB World School** opened its doors in 2004. LILA is a public charter school that serves students from over a 2500 square mile radius. The school is located in Forest Lake, 40 minutes North of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. All students within the state of Minnesota are eligible to attend LILA. Students from Wisconsin are eligible, but must pay tuition. Admission is conducted through a lottery system, according to the Minnesota state charter school law.

**Demographic information:**

516 Students grade K-6  
1% African American  
87% Caucasian  
10% Hispanic  
2% Asian  
0% American Indian

**IB Primary Years Programme:** At LILA we are all learners. At the heart of our learning community are the attributes of the IB Learner Profile. Staff and students strive to be Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Good Communicators, Principled, Open-Minded, Caring, Risk-Takers, Balanced and Reflective. These attributes help us to be life-long learners, as well as compassionate, internationally minded citizens.

**LILA's Program of Inquiry— Content-based language instruction for Spanish Immersion:** Throughout all grades, an interactive, engaging curriculum encourages students to move towards more prolonged and frequent interactions with their teachers and peers in Spanish. The teaching of the Program of Inquiry in the students' target language provides a meaningful context for Spanish language development through the building of increasingly more complex concepts and transdisciplinary skills.

**Program Offerings at LILA:**

- One-Way Spanish Immersion
- Specialists in Music, Physical Education, Chinese, Media and Technology
- Special Education
- Resource teachers for Enrichment and Basic Skills
- Quality Compensation Program for teachers (Q-Comp)
- Professional Learning Communities for staff
- Ongoing Professional Development for staff
- Amigos Extended Day program
- Amiguitos Off-Day Kinder program
- MIA Art Adventures

**Awards and Accomplishments of LILA:**

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| • International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Prospective School | 2003      |
| • International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Candidate School   | 2004      |
| • Facility renovation and addition of 14 classrooms and Gymnasium        | 2004-2007 |
| • International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Applicant School   | 2005-2008 |
| • Media Center Grant (\$500,000)   | 2008      |
| • Made Adequate Yearly Progress according to No Child Left Behind        | 2004-2008 |
| • FLAP Grant (\$824,000)   | 2008-2010 |
| • ACE Theater Grant  | 2009-2011 |
| • International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Authorized School  | 2009      |