



# Milwaukee German Immersion School

An unparalleled language immersion experience...  
right in your backyard

## A Rich History

The Milwaukee German Immersion School (MGIS) is a K4 through 5th grade public elementary school founded in 1977. Its unique curriculum offers your child the academic, social and economic benefits of becoming proficient in two languages through language immersion. It isn't just teaching German; it's teaching the standard Milwaukee Public Schools' (MPS) curriculum in German. The program's unparalleled success is what draws students not only from across Milwaukee, but also from many outlying suburbs.

The immersion teachers, educational assistants and the principal are bilingual, with more than a third of the teaching staff being native speakers. In addition, a number of teaching interns from Europe also are on hand each year to bring fresh perspectives from German-speaking countries.

MGIS has been recognized by a variety of organizations for its outstanding achievements:

- U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School
- Redbook magazine's "Best in State"
- National Magnet School of Merit Award
- Milwaukee City PTA School of the Year
- Deutsche Partnerschule, (fifth grade students participate in, and overwhelmingly pass a world-wide standardized assessment of German language skills)

## Easy Access

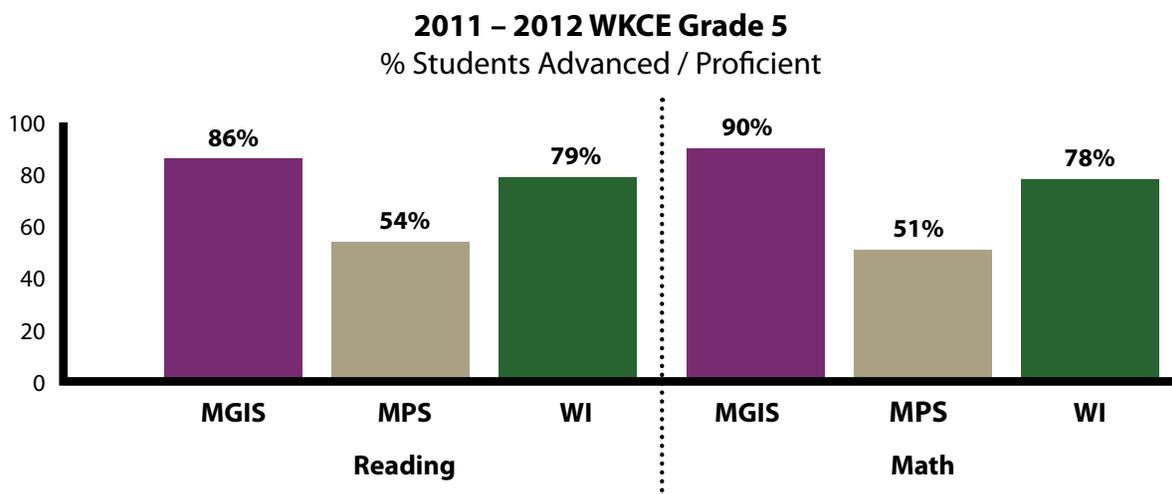
This unique learning environment offers your child the opportunity to become bilingual especially if your family has no German heritage or knowledge of the language. In fact, very few of our families speak German. For parents interested in learning along with their children, evening classes in beginning German are available each semester.

## High Standards

MGIS provides an innovative academic program designed to reach the highest levels of student achievement by incorporating international best teaching methods. We take pride in our ability to exceed federal and state standards while delivering instruction rooted in more than 35 years of experience in total language immersion education.

From the first day of Kindergarten through 5th grade, students are taught reading, writing, math, social studies and science in German. English reading instruction begins in 2nd grade and continues through graduation.

Although nearly all of the instruction is given in German, MGIS students consistently exceed local and state average scores on standardized tests that are given in English.



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## Well-Rounded

After-school recreational sports are available thanks to the school's strong Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and the MPS Recreation Department. Extra-curricular instrumental music instruction also is available in violin and piano.

## Strong Community...Rich Traditions

MGIS offers opportunities for the entire family to learn more about the world around us, through events such as Laternennacht (Lantern Night), Multicultural Night, Weihnachtsmarkt Holiday Market and a variety of other events.

Students not only learn about the German culture, but also develop an appreciation for diversity and other cultures. The school also benefits from the strong support and interaction of students' families during fun events, such as the annual Grillfest, movie nights, skate nights and much more.

In addition to a very active PTA, MGIS benefits from a parent and staff-lead German Immersion Foundation that helps to support the school's mission and special funding needs. There also are many parent volunteers who regularly support the school by helping in the lunchroom, with field trips or in many other ways. They add to the caring environment your child will encounter.

## The Basics

As a Milwaukee Public School, MGIS is tuition-free and, in most cases, offers free bus transportation. New students are accepted in K4, K5 and 1st grade through a computer lottery. School hours are 9:10 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. Low-cost before- and after-school child care also is provided by Learning Links from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., on a first-come basis, at an additional fee.

The school is located in a residential area, adjacent to Nash Park on the northwest side of Milwaukee. The school offers 26 classrooms, gymnasium with stage, private courtyard, lunchroom, in-house kitchen and a 6,000 sq. ft. Instructional Media Center. The center encompasses a library that houses more than 10,000 books in German and 10,000 books in English, Computer Lab, Reading Resource Center and Teacher Resource Center.

## Take a Tour & Enroll Today

If you are interested in enrolling your child in this safe, caring and creative environment, please call the school for the exact dates of the winter sign-up period. Milwaukee families will need to show a certified birth certificate, immunization record and proof of residency. Suburban families may apply through the Chapter 220 or Open Enrollment program by contacting their local school district for more information. Students who are not selected are placed on a waiting list for the upcoming year.

Admission in grades 2-5 is dependent upon a student's German/English skills and space availability. Graduates of MGIS also have a guaranteed seat to continue their immersion learning in grades 6-12 at the Milwaukee School of Languages (MSL). Families must fill out an application in the fall, prior to MSL's early registration deadline to hold their seat for the upcoming year.

To request a tour, contact Dr. Albert Brugger, Principal, or Mary Engelbart, School Secretary, at 414-393-5600.

## Where to apply:

Milwaukee German Immersion School

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Principal Dr. Albert Brugger

