



Tacoma
German
Language
School

Deutsche Schule Tacoma

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REGISTRATION FORM - TGLS Thank you for enclosing your Deposit(s) or Full Payment(s).

Please advise us in advance of any food restrictions or disabilities so that we may accommodate these needs.

FALL TERM SATURDAY SCHOOL 2023 – IN-PERSON and LIVE STREAMING for Adults and IN-PERSON for Children 4 years and older – Saturday mornings September 9, 2023, through January 6, 2024 (15 sessions). Classes meet 9:30am to 12pm. No class on Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Year’s weekends.

SPRING TERM SATURDAY SCHOOL 2024 – IN-PERSON and LIVE STREAMING for Adults and IN-PERSON for Children 4 years and older – Saturday mornings January 20 through May 18th, 2024 (15 sessions). Classes meet 9:30 am to 12pm. Classes are not held over President’s Day, Easter, Memorial Day weekend, and April 27th.

****Please note: all classes and schedules are subject to change/cancellation for student, faculty, and public safety.**

Cost: For each semester Registration Deposit: \$100 per student. Due first day of class: \$175. Total: \$275. Save \$25 for additional student(s) from the same household. Register by September 5, 2023, or January 2, 2024, to avoid late fees.

Adult Courses: Please indicate which **class level** you want to enroll in. [You will receive a confirmation email once registration is received by the office]

1) Adult Name: _____ 2) Adult Student Name: _____
Class Level: Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced Class Level: Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced

Youth Courses: Please circle **New** or **Returning**. [Parents will receive an email confirmation of enrollment for their child/children along with a health/consent form to be returned by mail or submitted on the first day of class.

1) Child Name: _____ Age: _____ Birth date: _____ School Grade: _____
2) Child Name: _____ Age: _____ Birth date: _____ School Grade: _____

Enrollment and Payment Information for All Students:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Student Mailing Address

Make checks payable to **TGLS or Tacoma German Language School.**

_____ **Fall 2023 Deposit(s):** \$100 per student _____ **Spring 2024 Deposit(s):** \$100 per student
Balance due the first day of class. Balance due the first day of class.

_____ **Fall Full Payment(s):** \$275/ student, \$250 additional student from the same household.

_____ **Spring Full Payment(s):** \$275/ student, \$250 additional student from the same household.

_____ **Late Fee(s):** \$10 per registration postmarked after Sep 5, 2023, for Fall and after Jan 2, 2024, for Spring. This fee also applies if you are registering in person on the first day of class for available space.

Late Registration: You may be able to register as late as the Friday before class begins if there is space, paying the \$10 late registration fee in addition to tuition.

(Sorry, TGLS cannot accept Credit Card payments yet. Hopefully soon.)

Class Materials: Students may be required to purchase books or bring school supplies (including laptops) to attend classes.

Mail to: TGLS, 8211 – 112th Street SW, Lakewood WA 98498, USA

Deutsche Schule Tacoma Additional Information

What is the Tacoma German Language School?

Founded in 1970, TGLS is an independent, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, designed to provide the highest quality language and cultural program for students while keeping expenses and tuition as low as possible. Our program introduces German as a second language to American children and adults, also helping children of Austrian, German and Swiss backgrounds improve and maintain their knowledge of the language and culture.

Where is the Tacoma German Language School located?

Classes and Day Camp meet at the comfortable facilities of Christ Lutheran Church located in a wooded setting north of Gravelly Lake. The school's address is TGLS, 8211 – 112th Street SW, Lakewood, WA 98498.

How is the German language taught?

The primary focus in the children's classes is on conversation, although reading and writing are also part of the curriculum. The curriculum gives review/reinforcement and is spiraled for development. Children move through age-based homerooms until they are old enough to join one of the adult proficiency classes. All adult classes use a communicative approach, emphasizing conversation and include reading, writing and grammar. The Summer Day Camp, founded in 1986 by Patsy Hegstad, PhD, features a 300-word target vocabulary built around themes which go beyond the typical Saturday school *Wortschatz*. It is ideal in augmenting learning for the native speaker and the child who has attended Saturday school as well as for beginners. Adult summer classes typically choose a light-hearted theme to ease learning on those warm evenings after work. TGLS usually limits enrollment to a maximum of 12 students per teacher.

What qualifies the faculty?

The excellent, well-qualified and enthusiastic faculty members are fluent in German and current methods of language learning such as Total Physical Response (TPR), TPR-Storytelling and The Natural Way. The faculty members are native speakers, or they have an excellent command of the language and are role models of second language acquisition.

What are the student ages?

For Saturday school, children are at least 4 years old. Summer Day Campers are 5 to 12 years old. Children's classes are divided by age level and Adult classes are arranged by proficiency levels.

Do you have special events?

Yes!! Visitors, family, and friends are welcome and encouraged to visit on the Saturday of Day Camp, our booth at **Oktoberfest** NW, the autumn **Laternenumzug** (lantern parade) in November, the **Nikolausfeier** (St. Nikolaus visit) in December and **Maifest** in May. We often have live performances, along with providing games and crafts for children.

What if I have to withdraw?

In case of withdrawal in advance of classes starting due to an unexpected event or emergency, a full deposit refund is given. The deposit refund will not be given for "no-shows" since we must hire teachers and make classroom arrangements. A full refund will be given if we must cancel the class.

Are classes ever canceled?

The Board of the Tacoma German Language School reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient enrollment or unavailable faculty, in which cases all fees paid by students will be refunded. In case of

weather-related class cancellation, the school reserves the right to decide by 8 am on Saturday morning and will email students if class has been canceled. TGLS also reserves the right to cancel class or move classes from in-person to online/distance learning for the safety of the students, faculty, and public. If a student is unable to continue studying due to the changes, they will receive a prorated refund. Occasionally there are scheduling conflicts requiring us to adjust the semester dates ensuring 15 sessions.

Would you like to observe a class first? To observe a class, please make arrangements with Principal Ericka Baird sending an email to tqls_tacoma@outlook.com.