

# Our Teachers and Curriculum

The Seattle Area German American (SAGA) School is a German immersion school located in the Greenwood neighborhood of Seattle. We offer programs for Preschool through Elementary School.

Our Grundschule, a certified, non-profit private elementary school, continues a German immersion model, working towards full literacy and truly bilingual students. The Kindergarten year is the first year of formal school and during this year, children learn to read, write, and begin math. In first grade, English is introduced into the curriculum as a subject.

Our teaching philosophy is that students learn best when challenged at the level appropriate to their individual needs. We have worked hard to develop a curriculum that is both rigorous and flexible. We merge the best practices of early childhood education from German-speaking countries with a curriculum meeting Washington State Standards. Our curriculum content prepares children to transfer at a future date into both the German and American school systems.

At SAGA students work independently, with partners, in small groups, and as a whole class. We believe a well-rounded educational experience and varied learning environment is vital to creating great learners. We use the Second Step (Faustlos Program) to teach social skills and problem-solving strategies. Music, art, and sport programs are weaved into daily learning, helping students engage and imagine at all levels.

SAGA has demonstrated German-immersion educational success in our Preschool programs and Elementary School classes. We look forward to continued successes as a K-5 Elementary School. Willkommen!!

## Location

11010 Greenwood Ave N  
Seattle, WA 98133  
[www.sagaschool.org](http://www.sagaschool.org)

## Hours

Preschool 9:15am-1:15pm  
Ask us about  
before and aftercare options



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# Elementary School

The Elementary School curricular goals are organized into Kompetenzbereiche (competency areas) as is common practice in Germany, while meeting, and often exceeding, Washington State Standards. Beginning with Math, German, Science, and Social Studies, students are challenged to develop their understanding of basic concepts and awaken a passion for learning that will accompany them throughout their developmental years.

## Schedule Example

	9:00	9:45	10:30	11:00	11:45	12:30	1:00	1:30-3:00
<b>M</b>	Morning Circle/ Math	German	Recess	Science	Faustlos	Lunch	Recess	Art/ Sport
<b>T</b>	Morning Circle/ German	Math	Recess	Music	Science	Lunch	Recess	Art/ Sport/ Wort-schatz
<b>W</b>	Morning Circle/ Math	German	Recess	Library	English	Lunch	Recess	Art/ Sport

## Core Competencies

Meeting German and Washington State Standards

- › Math
- › German
- › Science
- › Social Studies (“Sachkunde”)



# The Seattle Area German American School

## Well-rounded Learners

- › Music program with bi-annual school-wide musical
- › Art programs that foster creation and education
- › Sport with emphasis on fitness and movement



## Extracurricular Opportunities

Learning outside the classroom

- › Blockflöte
- › Dancing Program
- › Wilderness Program
- › Robotics Club
- › Chess
- › English Creative Writing



## Cultural Events

We love to celebrate!

- › Laternenfest – St. Martinstag
- › Winterfest
- › Fasching
- › Oktoberfest

