

English Language Development Program at TCGIS



TWIN CITIES
**German
Immersion**
SCHOOL



The Twin Cities German Immersion School offers English Language Development services for students who are English learners. These services are aligned to content and proficiency standards at their grade level, offering the appropriate level of services to both challenge and support English-learning students.

Pathway to English Language Support

1.

Your child is enrolled at TCGIS. All parents / guardians who are new to TCGIS fill out the Minnesota Language Survey as part of their registration forms.

2.

When it is indicated that your child uses a language other than English, a English Language teacher meets with your child to assess their English proficiency in listening, reading, speaking, and writing.

3.

If TCGIS discerns your child would benefit from English language support, we send a letter offering English language services to them. Parents / Guardians choose to accept or decline these services

4.

Your child receives explicit instruction in academic English by our licensed English Learner teacher that aligns with and supports state content standards for their grade

Your child's English Language instruction will take place during their regular class (push-in), in a small group setting (pull-out), or a combination of both depending on their English language development needs.

English Language Learners take ACCESS assessments in English listening, speaking, reading, and writing every year to measure their progress in English proficiency. Students receive a score in each of these modalities and in overall English proficiency. When students reach the proficiency level determined by the Minnesota Department of Education, they exit the program.

Parents / Guardians have the right to decline the ACCESS assessments. Results of the assessments are mailed home in the fall of the following year.

For questions about the English Language Development program at TCGIS, or to receive this information in another language, contact Esther Neu eneu@tcgis.org or English Learner Teacher, Heidi Scholtz hscholtz@tcgis.org