

Miscellaneous Information

Emergencies

In case of an emergency every effort will be made to contact parents or their designated representatives before other arrangements are made. Therefore it is utmost important that we have your correct contact information.

Telephone & Email Messages

The school can be contacted by phone or text messaging during class hours on Saturday's. Alternatively we can also be reached via email to office@sbds.org.

Parent Involvement

Parents are strongly urged to support their children in the endeavor of learning German. The school cannot be effective as an educational institution without the active support and involvement of parents.

Tuition

The school is financed with tuition and various fundraising activities. Tuition is payable in advance at the beginning of each semester or for the entire school year.

A \$10 material fee per students and per semester in the Preschool and Kindergarten Classes will be assessed.

Annual registration/membership fee is \$30.00 per family.

Tuition per semester:

1 st Student / Family.....	\$250.00
2 nd Student / Family.....	\$210.00
3 rd Student / Family.....	\$180.00



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South Bay Deutscher Schulverein San Jose

German Language School

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Over 30 years experience in
teaching German language, culture
and tradition.

History

The South Bay German School of San Jose is a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of California. The school was founded in 1963 by German speaking immigrants to enable their children to learn about their heritage and to maintain fluency in their native language.

Did you know?

The German language is based on the Germanic language and standard German (Hochdeutsch) is considered a universal language. About one hundred million people consider German as their mother-tongue.

Purpose

The main objective of the School is to provide an opportunity to learn the German language in a contemporary context. Students are taught to speak, read and write in German, and are introduced to German customs, history, culture, literature and songs.

Location

Classes are held on the premises of Willow Glen Middle School, located at 2105 Cottle Avenue, San Jose, CA 95125, see map.

Duration/Time

The school year extends from September to the end of May and consists of two semesters with at least 15 weeks of instruction.

Classes are held every Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, except on regular holidays.

Class Placement

Classes are offered from toddler through adult courses, with a minimum of seven students per class. The minimum age for pre-school is 3 years, provided that the child is potty-trained.

Generally, classes will be offered at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels, with students being assigned to the class best representing their proficiency.

Teaching Methods

The toddler / preschool / kindergarten group focuses on learning German through rhymes, games, finger plays and other activities appropriate for the age of the students. The children will sing songs, listen to fairy tales, work on arts and crafts projects and occasionally see a film.

In classes of all levels the material used will be geared toward the students' interest and will focus on conversation and grammar. Using contemporary materials, students will be involved in role plays, performances and other participatory activities.

Students will be introduced to the diverse German accents, speech patterns and idiomatic expressions.



Faculty

To ensure high quality instruction, teachers are selected both for their knowledge of German and their teaching ability. Most of our instructors are native speakers of German and are well qualified to recognize the proficiency of their students.

Board of Directors

The school is administered by a Board of Directors consisting of elected and appointed officers. In addition to running the school, the board keeps members informed of the curriculum, schedules, special events and other pertinent matters. The board also arranges the school's activities and events.

Membership Meetings

Parents are requested to attend as many school activities as possible, especially the General Membership meetings which are held twice during the school year. This is the best occasion to make suggestions to the Board of Directors or to address any questions or concerns.

Parent Involvement

Parents of enrolled children are expected to help with yard supervision and snack shop during break times on one of the Saturdays per semester.