



German Language School Seattle Registration 2023-2024

Registration

Registration for the school year 2023-2024 started on April 15. We encourage early registration through June 3 by offering a \$100 discount per family. After that, registration continues through September 23, which is the first day of school.

The school year 2023-2024 includes 32 classes and the dates are listed in the [GLS Calendar 2023-2024](#). Classes will be held in person on Saturdays from 9:30am until noon at the Villa Academy. The only exception from this schedule is the online Beginner Adult Class. It consists of a 12-week session in the fall and a 20-week session in the spring. Both sessions will be held virtually on Wednesdays from 4pm to 6pm (or TBD) via Zoom.

We offer quick and easy online registration* in four simple steps through our website. New families will complete all four steps. Returning families wishing to update their information will complete all four steps. Returning families wanting to register only will jump directly to Step 4.

Step 1 – Member Area: Please visit the “[Register](#)” portion of the website to create a member account. You may sign up using your email, Facebook, or Google credentials. The person setting up the account is the first parent/guardian or adult student (“member”).

Step 2 - My Account: Once you have created an account, you will log in with your email, Facebook, or Google credentials. You will land on the “My Account” menu item where you provide (or update) the contact information for the first parent/guardian or adult student.

Step 3 - Student Information: Next, the first parent/guardian or adult student selects “Student Information” from the menu and fills in the required fields in this section. This includes information about the student(s), the second parent/guardian (not required for adult student), and the emergency contact.

Step 4 – Registration: Once these three steps are completed, the first parent/guardian or adult student selects “Registration 2023-2024” (for most students) or “Registration Beginner Adult Class” (only for beginner adults) from the menu and fills in the required fields in this section. The registration can only be completed after all previous steps have been followed. Upon checkout, you will receive a booking confirmation by email.

Classes

Classes are offered for different skill levels. Enrollment will be determined based on age and existing German knowledge. Our school offers the following classes:

Preschool/Kindergarten - Vorschule

This class for our youngest students (ages 4-6) teaches German in a playful way. Students explore topics through song, story, play, movement, as well as arts and crafts. The class emphasizes the spoken language, but students also learn to read and write letters and simple words at their level. They acquire knowledge about cultural traditions in German-speaking countries through specific events and activities.

Elementary School – Grundstufe

This class for students in elementary school (ages 6-9) brings a playful approach to the academic content of German language learning. Activities include games, songs, stories, and seasonal arts and crafts. Students strengthen their communication, reading, and writing skills at their level. They acquire knowledge about cultural traditions in German-speaking countries through specific events and activities.

Beginner - Anfänger

This class is intended for middle school students with beginner knowledge of German. The spoken language plays a predominant role in this class, but students also expand their reading and writing skills. They learn about cultural traditions in German-speaking countries through specific events and activities.

Middle School – Mittelstufe

This class is intended for students (ages 9-12) in elementary and middle school with intermediate to advanced knowledge of German. Both the spoken and written language receive attention in this class, and students expand their reading and writing skills. They learn about cultural traditions in German-speaking countries through specific events and activities. Students may take the National German Exam (Level 1) and the *Internationale Vergleichsarbeit* (Level A1).

High School I - Oberstufe I

This class is geared towards students in middle school (ages 11-14) with intermediate to advanced knowledge of German. Students learn to maintain a fluent conversation in German about everyday topics, and they enhance their reading and writing skills through more complex texts. Students also explore contemporary culture in German-speaking countries through songs, movies, and other media. Students may take the National German Exam (Level 2 and 3) and the *Internationale Vergleichsarbeit* (Level A2).

High School II - Oberstufe II

This class is geared towards students (ages 12 and up) in middle and high school with advanced to fluent knowledge of German. Students explore the German language through different and complex types of texts as well as audio and video materials. All four language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) are strengthened, and emphasis is placed on reproductive oral and written language skills in preparation for exams. Students explore contemporary culture in German-speaking countries through songs, movies, and other media. Students may take the National German Exam (Level 3 and 4), the *Deutsche Sprachdiplom* (DSDI and DSDII), and the Advanced Placement (AP) German Exam.

Beginner Adult – Anfänger Erwachsene (This class is held online!)

This adult class is designed for students with no or little German language skills. Students acquire beginner-level communication, reading, and writing skills. They also learn about the culture, history, and geography in German-speaking countries.

Intermediate Adult – Fortgeschrittene Erwachsene

This adult class is designed for students who have taken German in the past and who can communicate at a basic level. Students acquire beginner to intermediate communication, reading, and writing skills. They also learn about the culture, history, and geography in German-speaking countries.

Trial Class – Schnupperstunde

A student interested in enrolling at the GLS may sign up for a free trial session in the desired class. This is an opportunity to meet the teacher, learn about the curriculum, and experience the school's culture. A trial session will help the student determine if the class is the right fit for the student's language skills and goals.

Tuition Structure

We strongly encourage early registration for next school year. This will help us plan our class structure and staffing need. As an incentive, we provide a \$100 discount per family for early registration by June 3.

Our tuition structure reflects a moderate increase to account for an increase in rent, accounting, technology, and class materials. Tuition will be the same amount for children and adults. The discount for families with two, three, or more children will remain in effect.

\$150 of tuition is non-refundable.

We will offer a refundable volunteer deposit of \$50 per family for two hours volunteer time. This will help us make sure that we have enough volunteers for our community events throughout the school year.

Tuition may be paid in full or in three installments. The full tuition payment or the first installment is due with registration. A late fee of \$25 applies to all payments received after their due date(s).

For installments, 50% of tuition is due with registration, 30% of tuition is due by November 11, 2023, and 20% of tuition is due by February 10, 2024. There is an installment fee of \$30 per family.

The withdrawal policy is laid out the **GLS Parent Handbook**.

1. Tuition for 2023-2024

Early Registration (April 15, 2023 - June 3, 2023)	\$1,100
Regular Registration (June 4, 2023 - September 23, 2023)	\$1,200
Second Student Discount	\$100
Third Student Discount	\$150
Refundable Volunteer Deposit (per family)	\$50

2. Tuition with Early/Regular Registration

	Early Registration (April 15, 2023 – June 3, 2023)	Regular Registration (June 4, 2023- September 23, 2023)
First Student	\$1,100	\$1,200
Second Student	\$1,000	\$1,100
Third Student	\$950	\$1,050

Questions

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*Please contact us if you wish to register by paper.

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