

## Class Schedule 2019-2020

Classes begin in September and end in May. We follow the Minneapolis Public Schools holiday/release calendar and other release days specific to each school. Days, times and start dates are subject to change.

**Space is limited, so register early!**

School	Times	Start
<b>Armatage</b>		
TTh	2:00–3:00 PM	9/24
TTh	3:10–4:10 PM*	9/24
<b>Burroughs</b>		
MW	3:40–4:40 PM	9/23
<b>Hale</b>		
TTh	2:00–3:00 PM	10/1
TTh	3:10–4:10 PM*	10/1
<b>Kenwood</b>		
TTh	2:35–3:35 PM	10/3
TTh	3:45–4:45 PM*	10/3
<b>Lake Harriet Lower Campus — Before School</b>		
MW	8:25–9:25 AM	9/25
MW&F (Plus)**	8:25–9:25 AM	9/25
TTh	8:25–9:25 AM	9/24
TTh	4:05–5:05 PM	9/24
<b>Lake Harriet Upper Campus</b>		
MW	8:25–9:25 AM	9/23

\*Second session available for children who go to Minneapolis Kids.

\*\*For children coming from Spanish-immersion schools and/or Spanish-speaking households.

Bus service is not available. Parents must arrange for their child's transportation.

### First Class and Parent Orientation

Instructions for the first day of class will be sent via email approximately one week before the first day of class.

## Tuition and Payments

Tuition is \$795 when you register before Friday, August 23 and includes a \$150 deposit plus 5 monthly payments of \$129. Payments are due on the 15th of each month from October through February.

After August 24, tuition is \$820 and includes a \$175 deposit plus 5 monthly payments as indicated above.

Special pricing applies to our MWF Spanish Plus Class at Lake Harriet Lower Campus only. Check our website for pricing and details.

### 8th Grade

We offer an additional \$25 discount when you pay in full by October 15, and a \$25 discount off full tuition for a second child (or more) from the same family.

Material fees are included in the price of tuition.

### Registration, Cancellations and Refund Policy

An initial deposit is required to register. Your child may attend up to eight consecutive classes with no further financial obligation if you should decide for any reason that our program is not a good fit.

After the 8th class, we may issue refunds at our discretion. To withdraw your child, you must notify us in writing on or before the day of the 8th class.

Deposits, minus a \$25 administration fee, are refundable until one week before the first day of class.

Deposits and tuition are fully refundable for classes that are canceled due to low enrollment.

Please visit our website: [www.ulanguage.com](http://www.ulanguage.com)

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## Before and After School Spanish

Armatage, Burroughs, Hale, Kenwood,  
Lake Harriet Lower  
and  
Upper Campus

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## Learning to speak Spanish is a great idea!

Spanish is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, with 450 million native speakers and 100 million more who speak Spanish with near-native fluency. In the United States, 41 million people speak Spanish at home, making us the second largest Spanish-speaking nation in the world. Spanish is by far the most widely studied second language in the U.S.

Learning a second language at a young age enhances a child's overall language skills and produces life-long benefits. Children who learn a second language:

- ❖ Increase their mental flexibility, creativity and critical thinking skills
- ❖ Transfer skills used between their first and second languages
- ❖ Improve their understanding of English
- ❖ Naturally develop cultural competency as they learn to understand, appreciate and respect diverse cultures

## Let's Speak Spanish!

Welcome to *¡Hablemos Español!* the leading before- and after-school language enrichment program in the Twin Cities. We are a Minneapolis-based business, offering language instruction for children and adults, as well as translating, interpreting and proficiency testing services since 1985.

In the mid-1990s, we responded to the parent-led demand for high-quality language instruction by developing *¡Hablemos Español!* We now provide a rich, meaningful language-learning experience for hundreds of students in K–8 schools throughout the metropolitan area. We continue to offer language instruction to adult learners year-round in our Minneapolis classrooms.

## Teaching Methods & Curriculum

We design our curriculum using the latest in language acquisition research and teaching methods. ULC specializes in *Accelerated Learning*, a method defined by a whole-mind, whole-body approach that engages all of the senses in the learning process. Children respond especially well to our classroom-tested dynamic activities that combine movement, music and art to boost language acquisition. Our students learn by doing, with outstanding results.

ULC provides all curriculum and materials for each course. The strength of our *Accelerated Learning* program is that it incorporates all four components of language: reading, writing, speaking and listening, from the first to last class.



We organize our curriculum with a focus on communication rather than structure, masterfully designing activities and materials that are age appropriate. We emphasize comprehension over speaking in the earliest stages of their language acquisition.

## The “Immersion Classroom”

Children learn a second language best when their native language is not used for the instruction. Remember that a child develops comprehension skills in their first language long before they speak their first words. Our teachers use the target language as much as 95% of the time, using English on a very limited basis to support comprehension in the first few lessons. Children are extremely adaptable to this communication strategy and typically adjust quickly.

## Our Teachers

Our professional commitment to excellence in language acquisition attracts the best and brightest educators from a worldwide pool of talent. Each of our instructors has the proficiency of an educated native speaker, a bachelor's degree or higher in education or a related field, and has demonstrated effectiveness in working with children. For our dedicated staff, 'multicultural' describes both the richness of experience gained from living abroad as well as their endeavors as artists, musicians and scholars. The talent they share is in nurturing the innate gift children have of learning a new language.

