

The German Saturday School in Connecticut

GSC was established in 1978 in response to a decline in German language instruction in Connecticut high schools.

GSC is the only professional German Saturday school in the state. It has a student body equal to 20% of the total German enrollment of Connecticut's public and private schools.

GSC became the first private German language school in the US to be authorized by the State Department in Bonn to administer Sprachdiplom I and II. Previously, these exams were offered only to students attending German day schools supported by Germany throughout the world.

The Department of Education of the State of Connecticut recommends that local high schools give credit for German courses taken at the German School of Connecticut.

Tuition

Tuition is low. GSC is partially funded through the Annual Fund Campaign and a yearly stipend from the Federal Republic of Germany. To continue to offer low tuition fees, parent volunteer work is strongly encouraged.



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Classes: 9:30am -12:15pm
Saturday ~ September through May
Pre-K through Adult
Beginner through Advanced

Visitors are always welcome! Come join us!

The GSC is a nonprofit, nonsectarian German language school, open to students of all races, creeds and national origins.



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bridging cultures in

**West Hartford
Stamford**



What is a German Saturday School?

The German Saturday school provides quality German instruction, cultural activities and language maintenance for children and adults, from beginners to native speakers.

In the United States, there are about 50 such schools that are currently registered with the German Embassy in Washington, DC. To keep up to date in teaching methodology, most of these schools are affiliated with the German Language School Conference (GLSC) and the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG). They are also in close contact with consultants sent by the State Educational Authorities of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Why on Saturday Morning?

Classes meet for thirty (30) Saturdays from September through May. Morning classes are over in time for Saturday afternoon activities; therefore, the school does not interfere with already busy calendars during the week.

Faculty

The faculty consists of over 25 experienced German teachers with native speaking ability and American or European degrees.



German Language Programs

Our programs allow us to tailor instruction to accommodate both beginners and those with native or near native fluency. Our syllabus includes basic geography, history, culture and literature of the German speaking countries.

Curriculum

Preschool and Kindergarten children from English and German speaking families are immersed in spoken German. Songs, games and simple directions are taught in a friendly atmosphere. Emphasis on playing while learning is an integral part of this program. Beginning **elementary** school children are introduced to basic language concepts. Emphasis is on comprehension and simple communication skills. Students with previous knowledge are introduced to reading, writing and simple structural concepts of the language. The buildup of vocabulary and idioms strengthens student's communicative ability. **Middle and high school** students continue their education with the addition of content related material referring to German culture and to German-American life in the US. **Adult** classes are offered from beginner through advanced. Most textbooks and teaching materials are imported from Germany.

How we learn is half the fun!

Students participate in a number of cultural activities, including St. Martinstag, Weihnachtsfeier (winter celebration), Fasching (Carnival) and Maifeier. For over twenty (20) years, GSC representatives have performed at the Connecticut Organization of Language Teacher's (COLT) annual Rhymefest. We have a rich heritage of German *folk music* to help students learn culture and vocabulary. Musicians of all ages demonstrate their talents during our winter and spring school-wide celebrations and by invitation at various public venues.



Photos by Parent Volunteer, Toby Junker

Examinations

GSC prepares its students for the AATG high school exams, the NY State Regents, the Advanced Placements tests, and Sprachdiplom I and II.

The Sprachdiplom I and II examinations test 10 and 12 years of spoken and written German, including German culture, history and literature. These examinations satisfy the German government's language requirements for matriculation at a German university.