

What is the German Saturday School?

The German School of Connecticut (GSC) is a high-quality German educational program for children and adults that meets on Saturday mornings during the school year. At GSC, students at all levels, from beginner through native speaker can learn, improve and maintain German language skills.

In the United States, about 50 Saturday Schools are listed with the German Embassy in Washington, D.C. 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 education consultants from the Federal Republic of Germany.



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“My Business Studies got me the interview, but I am convinced my fluency in German landed the job.”

– FORMER STUDENT / BUSINESS MAJOR



B R I D G I N G C U L T U R E S

German School of Connecticut



A Saturday German Language School
for Children and Adults



The German Saturday School in Connecticut

The German School of Connecticut, Inc. 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. Across its two Connecticut school locations, the GSC has an enrollment of over 350 students, equal to approximately 20% of the total German language class enrollment in Connecticut's public and private schools.

Why Saturday Morning?

Students arrive rested and ready to learn. Morning classes are over in time for Saturday afternoon activities and the school does not interfere with already busy calendars during the week.



German food is enjoyed by all during holidays and celebrations.

“I want to attend University in Germany, so I need to learn German now. GSC is helping me prepare.”

– STUDENT



GSC German Language Programs

GSC offers a two-track curriculum:

Track I – German for beginners and non-native speakers

Track II – German for students with native and near-native fluency

CURRICULUM

Preschool and Kindergarten

Children are immersed in spoken German, with songs, games, and simple directions taught in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

Elementary Grades 1 – 4

Track I – Children are introduced to basic language concepts. Emphasis is on comprehension and simple communication skills.

Track II – Children are introduced to reading, writing, and structural and semantic concepts of the language.

Middle School Grades 5 – 8

Track I – Students increase proficiency in spoken German and practice reading and writing skills.

Track II – The continued study of language elements is augmented by studies in German history and culture.

High School Grades 9 – 12

Track I – Students improve their ability to comprehend, speak, read and write German.

Track II – Students practice advanced German language skills and continue studying German literature, history, and geography.

Adult Classes

Beginning, intermediate, and advanced students develop and polish German language skills for communication in social and business settings. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly.

Business German Instruction

GSC offers on-site language instruction tailored to the needs of employees in local businesses.

Examinations

GSC prepares its students for the AATG High School Exams, the N.Y. State Regents Exam, the SAT II Subject Test in German and Advanced Placement Tests and Sprachdiplom A1, B1, C1.

The Sprachdiplom exams test students with 10 and 12 years of German instruction on their mastery of spoken and written German as well as on German culture, history, and literature. These exams satisfy the German language requirement for matriculation at a German university.

Textbooks

Most textbooks and teaching materials are imported from Germany.

“I’m planning a career in banking – my ability to speak German is already opening doors for me.”

– STUDENT



School age students participate in performances and cultural events throughout the year.

“Fluency in German certainly helped my daughter get into her first choice of college. It gave her that extra edge, and later helped her find a job as well.”

– MOTHER OF FORMER STUDENT

“It’s important that children know the language of their parents. My children have learned so much at GSC that when we go to Germany, the children feel at home there.”

– GERMAN PARENT



Our youngest students benefit from learning German while having fun.