

**The Summer Language Immersion
and Culture (SLIC) Program**
For Students Entering Grades 1-6

Come Join Us!

July 13-17 and July 20-24

Hosted by Lake Avenue Elementary School, Saratoga Springs

Have some summer fun while exploring another language and different cultures!

MUSIC ART FOOD GAMES SPORTS

Interested in Spanish, French, Irish or Mandarin Chinese?

Then the Summer Language Immersion and Culture Program is a great opportunity for you. The teachers will engage students entering grades 1-6 in enjoyable activities while using the target language as much as possible. They will also introduce students to other countries and customs.

There will be a maximum of 16 students/class. Classes will be taught by qualified teachers (trained language teachers and native speakers with teaching experience). In order to create a dialog among teachers, the classes will be team-taught if they reach minimum enrollment. The program is organized by a certified language teacher and school administrator. There will be a nurse on site. Each session will focus on different topics and activities; join us for two sessions if you can. Students who participate in the Chinese program may be eligible for after-school and online courses during the 2009-2010 school year.

We are also planning family activities so we can share the fun. Family members of program participants are invited to enjoy multilingual activities on Fridays. In addition, on the first day of class, there will be a class orientation. Parents and guardians are invited to attend this short introduction to the teachers and program.

Program Costs



***StarTalk Mandarin Chinese
Immersion and Culture Program***

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

\$25/week non-refundable registration fee
(pending funding from STARTALK)

The program fee is due by May 29th.

Directions will be sent regarding
how to pay this fee once you have registered.

***Spanish and French
Immersion and Culture Programs***

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

\$150/one-week session

(refundable if another student can take your place)

Scholarships

Due to the support of a federal grant,
the Foreign Language Assistance Program,
a limited number of scholarships are available for
students who receive free or reduced lunch.

Parent Comments: "You have set a very high bar...The activities were great and the variety really held my kid's attention...I knew she picked up a lot when she started singing Spanish songs. Great job and see you next year!" "Great child/teacher ratio...We liked the mixture of different activities." "The teachers touched base everyday. The interaction with the children was super. It was really nice to have the family activities. I really appreciate how attentive and appropriate the program was for my son." "Worth every penny!" "The interaction with the children was very warm, consistent, and appropriate. The children liked what they did! My son practiced Spanish at home." "My child had a lot of fun and couldn't wait until we all could share it...We had a blast at the fiesta. This was a wonderful opportunity. We look forward to continuing our adventure in Spanish and Spanish culture."

Please register as soon as possible. Space is limited.

Students will be chosen based on the date applications are received and other factors such as language experience.

Any questions? Feel free to contact Peggy Sharkey,

581-3581 or psharkey@wswheboces.org.

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Registration Directions: 1. Complete the following form for each child. 2. Make a copy of the form for your own records. 3. Mail form to the address below. 4. Once you have been notified of your status, you will forward a check to your district. PLEASE make no payment at this time.

Language and Culture Resource Center, c/o Peggy Sharkey,
WSWHE BOCES, 27 Gick Road, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____
School: _____ Teacher: _____
Home Address: _____
Parent/Guardian Name(s): #1 _____ #2 _____
#1. Home Phone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____
#2. Home Phone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____
E-mail: _____ (How often do you check this e-mail?) _____
Relative or family friend we can call if we can't reach you in an emergency:
Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Course Selection:

Language Choice: **Circle** 1st choice and underline 2nd choice.

Spanish French Irish Chinese

Previous experience with this language (include approximate number of hours):

Circle session choice(s): July 13-17 July 20-24 BOTH!
(Feel free to sign up for more than one session! The activities will be different.)

My child receives free or reduced lunch and would like a scholarship: YES NO

Child Safety Considerations

Transportation. Children must be dropped off and picked up by an adult, unless we receive a letter of permission describing other arrangements.

1. Yes No **There are custodial issues with my child that the program administrator should be aware of.** (Please provide details in an attached letter.)

Health. A school nurse will be present. A more detailed health form will be sent to participating students.

2. Yes No **BOCES can serve food and beverages to my child. My child does not have food allergies.** (If your child has food allergies, please explain in an attached letter.)
3. Yes No **Does your child have medical problems, allergies, or an epi pen?**
(If yes, please provide details for the nurse in an attached letter.)

Other considerations.

5. Yes No **BOCES can photograph/video my child for publications and media.**
6. Yes No **My child has permission to use the Internet during this course.**
I have signed his/her home school Internet Usage Agreement.

My child has permission to participate in this program. I will discuss the BOCES Code of Conduct with my child when we receive it. I understand that refunds are available for the Spanish, French, and Irish programs only if another child is able to take my child's place. I also understand that no refund is available for the \$25 registration fee required for the Chinese program.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Comments: