



St. Louis Language Immersion School

The mission of the St. Louis Language Immersion School, an innovative, diverse, socially-conscious, public charter school, is to develop empathetic, high-achieving, bilingual, globally-minded students by providing a rigorous academic foundation that fosters critical thinking and problem solving.

Enrollment Policy

Revised Enrollment Policy. Passed by the Board of Directors on September 19, 2018.

SLLIS enrolls students in accordance with the provisions of Missouri Revised Statute 160.410, which requires enrollment of students residing in the City of St. Louis, as well as students who are eligible to attend schools in the City of St. Louis under an urban voluntary transfer program.

In addition to these requirements, and in accordance with Missouri Revised Statute 160.410.3, SLLIS restricts the enrollment of new students to specific grade levels. SLLIS elementary schools will only accept new student applications for kindergarten or first grade. New applicants to SLLIS schools are welcome in grades 2 and up for students who have attended a school during the last calendar year in which 50% or more of instruction is conducted in the target language of the school of application. Students who are native speakers of the target language of the school of application, or who live in a household where the primary language spoken is the target language of the school of application, may also be eligible for enrollment with SLLIS, though these applicant students may be subject to assessment of their language skills prior to enrollment.

Students enrolling in SLLIS for kindergarten must have reached the age of five (5) by October 1 of the year in which enrollment is sought.

Former SLLIS students are eligible to apply for re-enrollment at any grade level at the SLLIS school in which they were enrolled during the previous school year.

The open enrollment period shall begin on October 1 of each school year.

Applicants must provide all required documents in order for their applications to be considered complete. Based on availability, SLLIS will make seat offers on a first come-first served basis to applicants who meet the enrollment criteria and submit all required application documentation.

Enrollment in SLLIS for students eligible to attend schools in the City of St. Louis under an urban voluntary transfer program is subject to the rules and policies established by the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation (“VICC”). Beginning with enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year, and in accordance with VICC policies, only eligible students who are siblings of:

1. Students currently enrolled in SLLIS or other charter schools; or
2. Students participating in VICC as a county-to-city transfer student

will be authorized to enroll as new students at SLLIS. Eligible students may continue to enroll through the 2023-2024 school year. Students who are currently enrolled or who enroll as eligible siblings of current students at SLLIS or other charter schools will be authorized to continue to attend SLLIS through grade 8, or the last grade level offered by SLLIS at the time.