



**Global Village Academy Homeschool Meeting
Parent Information Packet**

About Global Village Academy - Northglenn

Global Village Academy is an innovative language immersion K-8 charter school. Students learn core content and a second language through English and language immersion instruction at least one-half of the school day in their choice of Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, or Russian.

GVA is truly a Global Village: Our teachers come from all over the world, each bringing their unique culture and language into the classroom. United by a common, internationally benchmarked curriculum spanning each language village, students are challenged to become world-class thinkers, capable of engaging ideas using multiple languages and cross-cultural perspectives.

Plans for a NEW homeschool enrichment program at GVA

- Beginning this year (2019-2020 school year), we have a classroom inside our school that is specifically for homeschoolers. The students in this program will have a separate daily language program. We will teach one language per day. The focus for these classes will be language based instruction aligned to the ACTFL Standards (American Council of the Teaching of Foreign Language). You can access these standards by clicking on the following link;
<https://www.actfl.org/publications/all/world-readiness-standards-learning-languages>
- There are 11 standards and the standards fall under 5 goal areas known as the 5 C's:
 - Communication
 - Cultures
 - Connections
 - Comparisons
 - Communities
- The 5 “C” goal areas stress the application of learning beyond the instructional setting. The goal is to prepare learners to apply the skills and understandings measured by the standards, to a global competence to their future careers and experiences.

- Students must be at school for one full day per week in order for GVA to receive the necessary funding to run this homeschool program. Our day will begin at 8:30, and it will end at 2:30pm (this start time is different than our Global Village Academy K-8th Grade Program).
- Students will only be able to choose one language and attend one day per week in order for the program to still qualify as homeschool enrichment.

Survey Results

- Based on the results, we will have the following homeschool languages this year:
Spanish
Chinese

Days/Times for Classes

Classes will begin at 8:30 and end at 2:30 on the following days:

Tuesday- Chinese

Thursday - Spanish

- We need at least 7 kids per class to make this work (the class sizes will be no larger than 15 students). The current classes will be mixed age levels. If we end up enrolling a large amount of students into any particular language, we will look into the possibility of dividing the class up into two groups (by age). We will communicate regularly to let parents know where we stand in this area. At this point, the program is new and we're still working to connect with the Denver Homeschool Community to ensure that all who are interested can enroll in our program.

Immersion vs. Language Classes

- The educational standards for BOTH of our programs align with ACTFL Standards (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language). In our immersion program, we also teach other content areas in the target language including math, social studies and some science. Students in the GVA Homeschool Program will focus on listening, speaking, reading, and writing in their new language. Art, music, and movement will be interwoven into classes in age appropriate ways.

Home-School Connection

- GVA will provide resources for families to use at home so that students are exposed to language in the home environment. These resources will include recommendations on interactive language-based websites, music, learning materials, etc. Our plan will be to have options for students to practice their language skills at home that meet a variety of different learning styles and needs.
- Recess- The homeschool classes will take three 15 minute recesses per day. At GVA, we feel that students learn best when they are awake and alert and regular physical activity makes this possible.

Breakfast/Lunch Program

- We contract out our Food and Nutrition Program (breakfast and lunch) with Pinnacle School Food Authority. Parents are encouraged to complete a Free and Reduced Lunch Application to see if your child qualifies for either free or reduced meals. This application will be available to families towards the end of July. The FRL Application must be completed every year prior to the start of school. The breakfast and lunch menus are available on our website.

GVA Community Building Events

- Please subscribe to our e-newsletter, as there are so many wonderful community building family activities at GVA!
- The school sponsored and planned activities include Book Fairs, Literacy & Math Nights, Parenting Classes, and the Science Fair
- GVA also has an active School Accountability Committee and Strategic Planning Committee.

How do I register my child?

- Go to <https://northglenn.gvaschools.org>. Scroll down to the Intent to Enroll button. You will be completing the Intent to Enroll at this point. Please pick the drop down menu for Northglenn Homeschool.
- Once you have completed the Intent to Enroll and have clicked submit, our registrar, Lee Ann Kain (lkain@gvaschools.org) will send you an application that must be submitted. Once this application is submitted, we will work with you to ensure that your child is registered for the appropriate homeschool class.

Flexibility

- Our goal is to create a homeschool language program that meets the needs of local families. We will be reaching out to families to learn from your past experiences so that together, we can create something that meets the needs of our homeschool students. If you have been involved in any homeschool programs in the past that you think were exceptional, please let us know what was great about them. If you have had other more negative experiences, please let us know about them as well. We believe that by encouraging positive and proactive communication with families, our homeschool language program will be a success!

What's great about GVA?

- The languages being offered to ALL students!
- The diversity- we have students, teachers and families from all over the world.
- The community- if you get involved at GVA, you will meet so many wonderful people who are just as excited as you are about exposing their child to language and culture. We are truly a Global Village!

What will SUCCESS look like when it comes to the GVA Homeschool Program?

- Students will be excited about and engaged in learning a new language
- Students will be able communicate effectively in their new language allowing them to be able to function in a variety of different situations.

- Students will function in multiple disciplines in their new language.
- Students will be able to interact with cultural competence and understanding through developing insight into the nature of language and culture and by participating in multilingual communities at home and around the world.

Please reach out to Adrienne Doherty at adohety@gvaschools.org with additional questions. We are looking forward to meeting you this summer at one of our events. Please check the GVA Northglenn website for added dates.

- <https://northglenn.gvaschools.org>

Adrienne :)