



What can you expect from the Language Academy program?

1. Students will develop and improve social English skills
2. Students will develop and improve academic English skills
3. Students will develop and improve content knowledge and skills in Math, Science, and Social Science.

What are the benefits to students who participate in the Language Academy?

1. Students will experience a comprehensive and specialized level of language instruction and support to accelerate their English language learning by maximizing the unique talents of each student.
2. Students will benefit from quality instruction in English and content area classes from highly trained teachers with advanced training in language acquisition.
3. Students will improve English literacy in the areas of speaking, writing, listening, and reading.
4. Students will benefit from support in their native language.
5. Students will be enrolled in rigorous courses that maximize their academic achievement and language learning in English.
6. Students will benefit from the support of both a program guidance counselor and home school guidance counselor.
7. Students will develop quality friendships with students in their home school as well as the Language Academy.
8. Student academic program will be carefully monitored.

How does the Language Academy work?

1. All English Language Learners or students with limited academic English skills will attend the D155 Language Academy located at Crystal Lake Central High School periods 1 – 4 daily.
2. Students will attend classes during periods 6 – 9 daily in their home school.
3. Students will be required to participate in this accelerated language learning program until such time as the students passes the State of Illinois required ACCESS test (Assessment of English Language proficiency). This assessment is given each year in February.
4. Students will participate in sports and co-curricular activities in their home school

How does my child get to Crystal Lake Central High School?

Students will be picked up at their regular/designated bus stop and taken directly to Crystal Lake Central High School each day. After period 4, students will be transported to their home school where they will have lunch and attend classes until the end of the school day.

What if my child misses the bus?

It is vital that your student is ready and on time in the morning. If he/she wakes up late or, for some reason, misses the bus, **YOU WILL BE REQUIRED** to transport them to Crystal Lake Central High School.

Academic success starts every day by getting to the bus on time!

If a student is late to class, he/she will be marked tardy. After the 3rd tardy in a given class is received, the student will receive a detention in his/her home school.

What happens on Late-Start Mondays?

Every Monday during the school year, students will arrive at the normal time (7:00am) and will have an hour of guided study hall. During this hour they will have the opportunity to complete homework, have access to a computer and the internet, and work with teachers who will be available to help. There will also be peer tutors available to work individually with Language Academy students. In addition, this time on Mondays will be used to take any missed tests, quizzes, or other assessments due to excused absences.

Attendance to the study hall is REQUIRED for all students in the Language Academy.

What if my child is sick or cannot attend school?

Each semester, your student is allowed **6 excused absences**. In order to excuse an absence, you must call the home school (see below) and report that the student will not be in class.

Crystal Lake Central



Attendance Hotline

815-455-8507

Cary Grove



Attendance Hotline

847-474-6100



Crystal Lake South

Attendance Hotline

815-893-5270



Prairie Ridge

Attendance Hotline

815-893-5600

What else do I need to know?

- Students will receive a locker at their home school and a Language Academy locker at Crystal Lake Central High School.
- There will be minimal homework assigned from Language Academy classes; so your student will have time to work on coursework from their home school.
- Students will receive the opportunity to earn rewards each quarter of the school year by arriving to class on time and by behaving properly in class. Students who do not receive discipline referrals or excessive tardies will be allowed to take field trips, earn prizes, and more!

Who do I contact with questions?

Contact Mrs. Sara Huser, the program facilitator, with questions.

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