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A Local Public Charter School with an International Perspective

The International School of Louisiana (ISL) envisions a public school offering a foreign language-based academic program with a global perspective. By offering a new choice in public education, ISL hopes to generate educational opportunities of the highest caliber for all students in Louisiana.

The Program:

- A challenging Kindergarten-8th grade academic program
- Critical language studies
- Full language immersion in French or Spanish
- Introduction of Chinese Language Arts in Middle School
- Enrichment classes including music, art, library use, physical education, computer science, circus arts, or third language (French or Spanish)
- After-school care, including homework help and special interest classes
- Advisory Program

The Benefits:

- Fluency in a second language
- High academic achievement
- Increased mental flexibility and critical thinking ability
- Emphasis on awareness of the global community and respect for the variety of peoples and cultures
- Stronger science, math and problem solving skills
- As barriers to movement between countries are taken down, the earning power of bilinguals rises.
- Further advantages include raised self-esteem, increased achievement, and greater proficiency with other languages.



**2007
National
Charter
School of the
Year**

**Chinese
Immersion in
2012-13**



**First
Multi-Language
Immersion School
Chartered by the
State of LA**

ISL is the first multi-language immersion school chartered by the State of Louisiana and the only Louisiana school to be named a "Charter School of the Year" by the Center for Education Reform. At ISL children acquire a second language naturally, through everyday conversation and classroom instruction. From their first day of school, students learn core academic subjects in either French or Spanish. In 2008, ISL became the first public school in New Orleans to offer language classes in Mandarin Chinese.

An integral part of the ISL mission is to promote respect for and understanding of other cultures, which is reflected in its diverse staff and faculty. Teachers come from over 19 different nations, many of which reflect the history and culture of New Orleans. Faculty from France, Spain, Africa, Mexico and over a dozen other countries help to bring the diversity of this city into sharp focus for our students.

