



Tacoma  
German  
Language  
School

**Deutsche Schule Tacoma**  
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**REGISTRATION FORM - TGLS thanks you for enclosing your Deposit(s) or Full Payment(s).**

**Please advise us in advance of any food restrictions or health/learning conditions so that we may accommodate these needs.**

**FALL TERM SATURDAY SCHOOL 2026 – IN-PERSON for Adults and IN-PERSON for Children 4 years and older – Saturday mornings September 12, 2026, through January 9th, 2027** (15 sessions). Classes meet 9:30am to 12pm. No class on Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Year's weekends.

**SPRING TERM SATURDAY SCHOOL 2027 – IN-PERSON for Adults and IN-PERSON for Children 4 years and older – Saturday mornings January 23rd through June 5th, 2027** (15 sessions). Classes meet 9:30 am to 12pm. Classes are not held over President's Day, Easter, or Memorial Day weekend.

**Cost:** For each semester Registration \$300 per student. NEW: Tiered Family Discount: save \$25 for 1<sup>st</sup> additional student, \$40 for 2<sup>nd</sup> additional student, and \$50 for 3<sup>rd</sup>+ additional student(s) from the same household. Deposit: \$100 per student, remainder due on the first day. Total: \$300 for One student, \$575 for Two students, \$835 for Three students, \$1,085 for Four students. Register by September 8, 2026, or Jan. 19, 2027, to avoid late fees.

TGLS accepts payments via cash, check, Venmo, and PayPal. There is a \$5 discount for paying with cash or check.

Due to updates to Washington State's sales tax codes, 10.1% sales tax will be added to final payments. Tax will be calculated and sent with the confirmation email.

**Adult Courses:** Please indicate which **class level** you want to enroll in. [You will receive a confirmation email once registration is received by the office]

1) Adult Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Adult Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class Level: Intro/ Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced Class Level: Intro/ Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced

**Youth Courses:** Please circle **New** or **Returning**. [Parents will receive an email confirmation of enrollment for their child/children along with a health/consent form to be returned by mail or submitted on the first day class.]

1) Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ School Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ School Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

New: Spanish-to-German Class for children 6-10 years-old:

**Enrollment and Payment Information for All Students:**

Responsible Person Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous

German

Experience:

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Make check payable to **TGLS or Tacoma German Language School.**

**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Please select:** Deposit for Fall or Spring  
Payment for Fall or Spring

Full Tuition

\_\_\_\_\_ **Late Fee(s):** \$10 per registration postmarked after Sep 8, 2026, for Fall and after Jan 19, 2027, for Spring. This fee also applies if you are registering in person on the first day of class for an available space. You may be able to register as late as the Friday before class begins if there is space

**Class Materials:** Students may be required to purchase books or bring school supplies (including laptops) to attend classes.

**Mail registrations to:** TGLS, 8211 – 112th Street SW, Lakewood WA 98498, USA



### ***What is the Tacoma German Language School?***

Founded in 1970, TGLS is an independent, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, designed to provide the highest quality language and cultural program for students while keeping expenses and tuition as low as possible. Our program introduces German as a second language to American children and adults, also helping children of Austrian, German and Swiss backgrounds improve and maintain their knowledge of the language and culture.

### ***Where is the Tacoma German Language School located?***

Classes and Day Camp meet at the comfortable facilities of Christ Lutheran Church located in a wooded setting north of Gravelly Lake. The school's address is TGLS, 8211 – 112th Street SW, Lakewood, WA 98498.

### ***How is the German language taught?***

The primary focus in the children's classes is on conversation, although reading and writing are also part of the curriculum. The curriculum gives review/reinforcement and is spiraled for development. Children move through age-based homerooms until they are old enough to join one of the adult proficiency classes. All adult classes use a communicative approach, emphasizing conversation and include reading, writing and grammar. The Summer Day Camp, founded in 1986 by Patsy Hegstad, PhD, features a 300-word target vocabulary built around themes which go beyond the typical Saturday school *Wortschatz*. It is ideal in augmenting learning for the native speaker and the child who has attended Saturday school as well as for beginners. Adult summer classes typically choose a light-hearted theme to ease learning on those warm evenings after work. TGLS usually limits enrollment to a maximum of 12 students per teacher.

### ***What qualifies the faculty?***

The excellent, well-qualified and enthusiastic faculty members are fluent in German and current methods of language learning such as Total Physical Response (TPR), TPR-Storytelling and The Natural Way. The faculty members are native speakers, or they have an excellent command of the language and are role models of second language acquisition.

### ***What are the student ages?***

For Saturday school, children are at least 4 years old. Children's classes are divided by age level and adult classes are arranged by proficiency levels.

### ***Do you have special events?***

Yes!! Visitors, family, and friends are welcome and encouraged to visit on the Saturday of Day Camp, our booth at **Oktoberfest** NW, the autumn **Laternenumzug** (lantern parade) in November, the **Nikolausfeier** (St. Nikolaus visit) in December and **Maifest** in May. We often have live performances, along with providing games and crafts for children.

***What if I have to withdrawal?***

In case of withdrawal in advance of classes starting due to an unexpected event or emergency, a full deposit refund is given. The deposit refund will not be given for "no-shows" since we must hire teachers and make classroom arrangements. A full refund will be given if we must cancel the class.

***Are classes ever cancelled?***

The Board of the Tacoma German Language School reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient enrollment or unavailable faculty, in which cases all fees paid by students will be refunded. In case of weather-related class cancellation, the school reserves the right to decide by 8 am on Saturday morning and will email students if class has been canceled. TGLS also reserves the right to cancel class or move classes from in-person to online/distance learning for the safety of the students, faculty, and public. If a student is unable to continue studying due to the changes, they will receive a pro-rated refund. Occasionally there are scheduling conflicts requiring us to adjust the semester dates to ensure 15 sessions.

***Would you like to observe a class first?*** To observe a class, please make arrangements with Principal Ericka Baird sending an email to [tgls\\_tacoma@outlook.com](mailto:tgls_tacoma@outlook.com).