



School Tour Information and Questions

Elementary

General Information

- The South Academy of International Languages (SAIL) is a uniform school K-5. No uniforms for middle school students, however middle school students have a dress code. The SAIL PTSO has gently used uniforms for sale, as well as SAIL spirit wear.
- Transportation
 - Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Transportation Department will assign bus stops before school starts. Transportation will not have the available stop for your student until the week before school when all bus stops are finalized.
 - Our school serves students who live in the blue and green transportation zones; any student living within these areas is eligible for transportation to our school. Ride times may be up to two hours. Shuttle and consolidated bus stops are available to lessen the ride times.
 - School office staff will not have any information about transportation before school starts.
 - The CMS transportation main number is 980-343-6715. Please do not call before the 1st week of school.
 - Complete transportation alternate stop requests online through the CMS transportation department website. [Transportation Website](#)
- Students learn one foreign language K-5 and may add a 2nd language in 6th grade. For example, a student takes French K-5 and would like to learn another language in middle school, they continue in the 1st immersion language and register for Spanish, French, German, Chinese or Japanese as their 2nd language.
- New student enrollment - [Enrollment](#)
- Visit the main CMS website (www.cms.k12.nc.us) for the most current information on the magnet student choice lottery options.
- All students receive Free Breakfast throughout Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.
- Each student has a lunch account for free/reduced or to purchase lunch. You can use Paypams to track items your child receives at lunch, and/or to add money to your student's lunch account. [Online Payments](#) Students and parents will receive information on how to use their lunch account the first week of school.
- Volunteering is an important part of our school community. Please register at <https://www.cmsvolunteers.com/>
- Afterschool Enrichment Program (ASEP) has before school and afterschool care available for a fee. The hours are 6:45 am – 8:00 am Before School, 3:15 pm – 6:00 pm After School. For more information visit <http://www.cms.k12.nc.us/cmsdepartments/asep/Pages/default.aspx>
- SAIL offers several extracurricular activities throughout the school year. Information is sent home with the students.
- **Visit the main website for the South Academy of International Languages and our PTSO website to learn more about our school** to stay informed.

FAQ

- Can I do anything to gain priority entry into SAIL? **No.** The Magnet Lottery is a random lottery.
- There will be one lottery for the upcoming year.
- Do I send my Kindergarten student every day the 1st week of school? We use staggered entry for our K students during the first week of school. Parents will receive notification by mail of the assigned day their student should report to class the first week and the date when all Kindergarten students will report.
- Kindergarten students have a rotating schedule for Special Area classes: PE, Music, Art and Media Center. The Special Area classes are conducted in English.
- Is there any other way to enter SAIL outside of the lottery? **Yes.** Language assessments are administered and students must demonstrate grade level proficiency in the language in grades 1-7. If the student successfully meets the requirements and there is space available, the student may enter SAIL. Students are not admitted in Gr. 8.
- Will there be homework in the foreign language? Yes and No. At the beginning, homework will be in both English and the target language. As the students develop language skills, homework will be in the target language. Students should be able to complete their homework independently.
- How will my student learn English? Reading to your student at least 30 minutes a day everyday will help to build English vocabulary.
- Remember SAIL is a public school teaching foreign language using the North Carolina standard course of study.
- SAIL (Formally known as Waddell) is recognized as a North Carolina Global-Ready School, a Magnet Schools of America School of Excellence, and one of the top Magnet Schools in North Carolina (U.S. News & World Report).