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IB World School authorization: 2009

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Lakes International Language Academy (LILA), an IB World School opened its doors in 2004. LILA is a public charter school that serves students from over a 2500 square mile radius. The school is located in Forest Lake, an exurb of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. LILA uses Spanish language immersion from kindergarten through sixth grade. We promote a strong academic foundation in a safe and pleasant atmosphere. Admission is conducted through a lottery system each January, according to the Minnesota state charter school law.

- Demographic information:**
- 600 Students grade K-6
 - 1% African American
 - 88% Caucasian
 - 10% Hispanic
 - 2% Asian
 - 1% American Indian

IB Primary Years Programme:
 At LILA we are all learners. At the heart of our learning community are the attributes of the IB Learner Profile. These attributes help us to be life-long learners, as well as compassionate, internationally minded citizens. With an exemplary team of linguistically-minded teachers and staff who value knowledge and intellectual growth, we are inspiring the leaders and thinkers of the 21st century.

- Program Offerings at LILA:**
- One-Way Spanish Immersion
 - Specialists in Music, Physical Education, Chinese, Media and Technology
 - Special Education
 - Resource teachers for Enrichment and Basic Skills
 - Quality Compensation Program for teachers (Q-Comp)
 - Amigos Extended Day program
 - Amiguitos Off-Day Kinder program

LILA's Program of Inquiry— Content-based language instruction for Spanish Immersion:
 Throughout all grades, an interactive, engaging curriculum encourages students to move toward more prolonged and frequent interactions with their teachers and peers in Spanish. The teaching of the Program of Inquiry in the students' target language provides a meaningful context for Spanish language development through the building of increasingly more complex concepts and transdisciplinary skills.

- Awards and Accomplishments of LILA:**
- Facility renovation and addition of 14 classrooms and Gymnasium 2004-2007
 - International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Applicant School 2005-2008
 - Media Center Renovation Grant (\$500,000) 2008
 - Foreign Language Acquisition Program Grant (\$824,000) 2008-2010
 - ACE Theater Grant 2009-2011
 - International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Authorized School 2009
 - National School of Character Award, 2010
 - ACE Dance Grant 2010-2012
 - MDE Finance Award 2006-2010
 - Parent satisfaction, over five year period, averages over 92%
 - Student retention, over five year period, averages over 94%
 - Faculty retention, over five year period, averages over 91%