





# Welcome Prospective Students and Families from TCGIS

Pre-Open House  
5:00 - 5:25 pm  
January 26, 2023

# Agenda



- Welcome / Overview
- Curriculum / Programs
  - Immersion in St Paul Public Schools
  - German Immersion at Central
  - IB - International Baccalaureate
- Student Support - Counseling Department
- Student Involvement at Central HS - Counseling Department
- Application process
- Q & A

# Welcome / Overview



Cherise Ayers – *Principal*

We're in this T.O.G.E.T.H.E.R.: Cultivating a Central where Everybody Thrives.

- Academic Rigor
- Student Involvement
- Leadership Opportunities
- Dedicated Staff
- Robust Athletics
- Diverse Arts Options



# Immersion, Indigenous, and World Languages

**Megan Budke** - *Immersion, Indigenous, & World Languages Coordinator*

- 12\* **world language** courses offered throughout the district
  - Dakota/Lakota, French, German, Hmong, Japanese, Karen\*, Latin, Mandarin Chinese, Ojibwe, Russian, Spanish
- **Dual language immersion** programs include:
  - K-8 Hmong
  - preK-12 French
  - K-12 Mandarin Chinese
  - preK-12 Spanish
  - 9-12 German
- Hundreds of **Bilingual Seals** are awarded to SPPS students each year

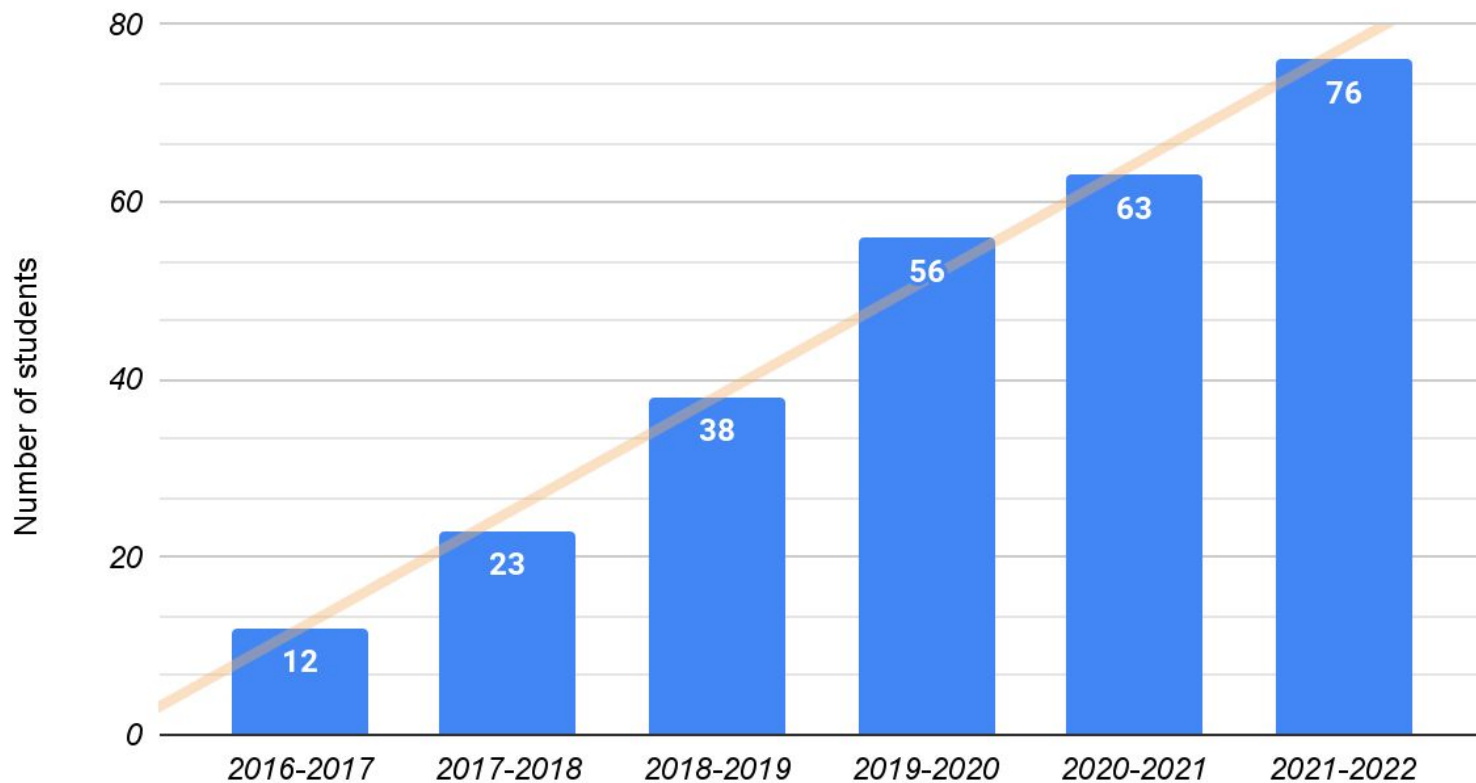
*\*Karen language courses begin 2023-2024*

# SPPS: K-12 Leaders in Immersion and Indigenous / World Language Education

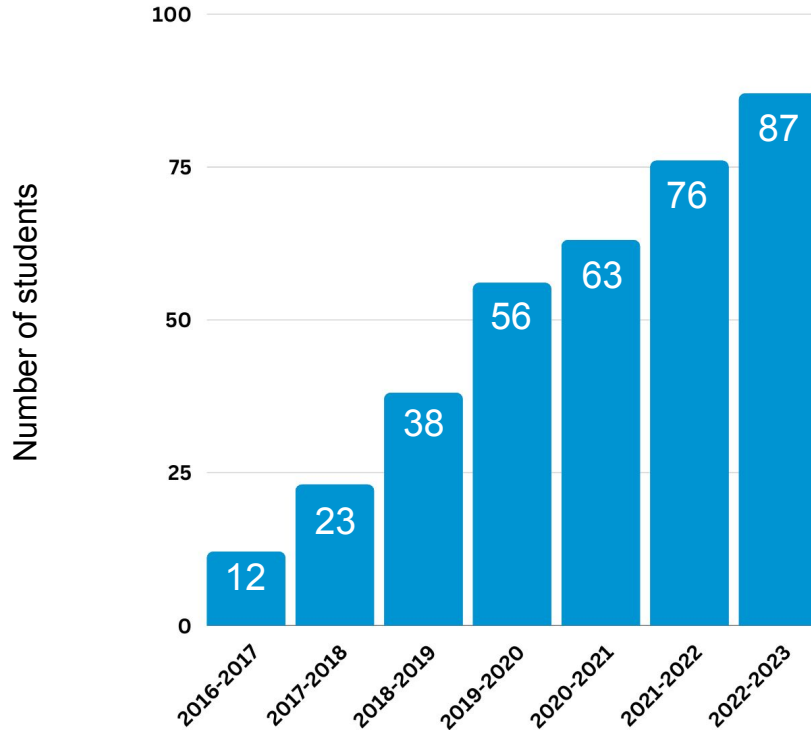
## *History of Immersion/Dual Language in St. Paul Public Schools:*

- Spanish Immersion (K-12) – 1986 / started at one elementary (now at 3)
- French Immersion (K-12) – 1996
- Hmong Dual Language (K-8) – 2002 / started at one elementary (now at 2)  
(First Hmong Dual Language program in United States)  
– 2022 / opening Hmong Immersion M.S.
- Mandarin Chinese Immersion (K-12) – 2011
- German Immersion (9-12) – 2016

# German Immersion Central HS



# SPPS German Immersion Enrollment





# Why German Immersion at Central High School?

1 Be biliterate

2 Unique opportunities

3 Get noticed



# German Immersion Overview

Chuck Bublitz + Jake Richmond



## Full year courses:

*IB Immersion 9*

*IB Immersion 10*

*IB Immersion 11 (Honors)*

*IB Immersion 12 (Honors)*

## Semester courses:

9th or 10th grade:

*Your Voice in German*

*German Writer's Workshop*

11th or 12th grade:

*Construction of German Identity*

*Future Course TBD*



# Post-secondary Benefits

Free credits at Minnesota State Colleges & Universities

- STAMPS 4s

Study at a German university

- DSD II (Only at Central)

Internationally recognized curriculum

- IB German HL

Recognition for program completion

- German Immersion Certificate + Graduation Cord



# Native speaking intern

- Host in your home!
- Support students with native language input and cultural insights



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# International Baccalaureate



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German  
Immersion  
SCHOOL

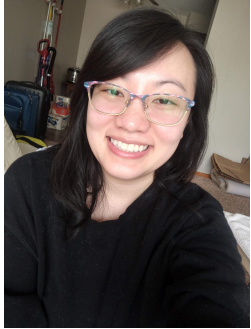
Joleen Armstrong - *co-coordinator of IB programs*

Ethan Cherin - *co-coordinator of IB programs*

How does German Immersion fit into the  
full IB program at Central HS?

*(Please visit the **IB table** during the Open House.)*

# Counselors



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# Counselors



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# Student Involvement



- **40+ Clubs & Activities** - Examples:
  - Animé
  - Chess Club
  - Environmental Social Justice
  - Math Club
  - Mock Trial
  - Youth in Government
- **24+ Sports** - Fall / Winter / Spring
  - Team and Individual Sports
  - For all skill levels
  - Examples: Cross-country, Badminton, Lacrosse, Nordic Ski, Tennis, Track
- **Performing Arts**
  - Band, Orchestra, Choir, Theater, Dance



# Application Process



- Apply Online at <https://apply.spps.org/onlineapplication>
- Application deadline is *Friday, February 3.*
- Secure your spot at Central High School by applying online prior to the deadline.



# Application Process



Enrollment is confirmed by mid-April through the SPPS Student Placement Center.

Afterwards, Central will send you information about course requests for 2023-2024 School Year.



# Fragen? / Questions?

