

# FLICS Foreign Language Immersion & Cultural Studies

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## What is FLICS?

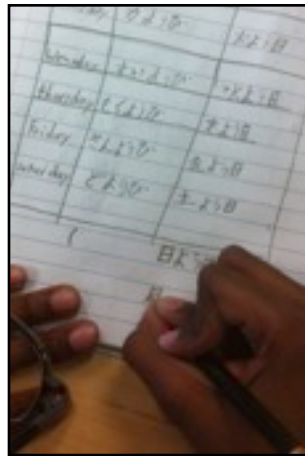
*A child's path to a global education.*

The Foreign Language Immersion & Cultural Studies school (FLICS), a Detroit Public School, offers one of the only public, foreign language partial immersion, dual-language schools in the state. FLICS is a K - 8 program, in which students enter in the early grades (K - 3) and continue through to 8th grade. FLICS is a school of choice and a commitment.

FLICS is a unique learning environment that is devoted to preparing students for a rigorous, college-preparatory high school, while also producing students who are proficient in a second language.

FLICS provides a partial second language immersion environment in the student's choice of French, Spanish, Chinese, or Japanese. Most subjects are taught in, or interwoven with, the second language. Reading and Spelling being taught at home by parental support with teacher guidance.

A FLICS education is a global education. Students learn content, a second language, and appreciation and respect for other cultures. A FLICS student is prepared to succeed in the multi-cultural tapestry of today's global marketplace.



### Is FLICS right for my child?

A significant portion of every student's day is spent in a second language. As a result, FLICS is not the best educational environment for every student. Parental support is essential for providing the English Language Arts instruction that would normally be provided at school. The FLICS student must maintain a 2.5 Academic GPA and be able to read in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for his/her grade level.

Along with a rigorous academic curriculum, the focus at FLICS is second language acquisition, leading towards proficiency in that language. FLICS is not a school for the arts nor does it provide a complete remedial program.

### REQUIREMENTS

- FLICS only accepts application for grades K - 3
- Students must maintain a 2.5 minimum GPA
- Students must maintain grade-level equivalency in reading and math
- Students must adhere to the uniform policy
- Students must be in attendance all day, every day
- Parents are required to volunteer at the school and in school functions

## School Activities

- Technology-infused instruction
- Girl Scouts
- Annual family activities and cultural festivals
- Boys & Girls Basketball
- Chess Club
- On-site Latchkey Service
- Soccer
- Junior & Varsity Cheer Squad
- On-site language & tutorial services

## The word on the street is...

I am a Principal in a affluent suburban school district, but a resident of Detroit and I proudly send my daughter to FLICS. I cannot wait for my younger son to begin attending the school next year. The students are immersed in the culture and language of their choice. My daughter is in the Spanish program and people are generally astounded by how well she speaks, comprehends, reads and writes Spanish. We have a very active parent group and my daughter loves her school.

-Submitted by a parent

I attended F.L.I.C.S from k-8. I was in the first Chinese class to attend. I will always love this school no matter what! Hopefully it will still be open in the future so my kids as well as others may get a chance of a lifetime to attend F.L.I.C.S.

-Submitted by a former student

My children have flourished at FLICS. They are strong in their subjects, and have progressed in both the Japanese and French languages. The premise of the school definitely works when parents are involved. If you do not have time to focus on your children, and enhance their development in the coursework as well as the foreign language, then this is not for you. I really love the multicultural philosophy. It has nice science labs, air conditioning and adequate space for the children. I believe FLICS is a great school of choice!

-Submitted by a parent

## Common Questions

1. Can a student change choice of language?

- No. Changing of languages is not allowed.

2. Will my child become fluent in the language?

- "Fluency" is very subjective. The linguistic objective at FLICS is to produce students who are proficient in a second language. Such proficiency depends on student motivation, parental support, and year of entry into the program.

3. Is there transportation?

- No. Transportation is not provided to Schools of Choice.

## ...FLICS is world-class.



This is one of the best schools I have ever been in. This is my last year and I am going to miss it there.

-Submitted by a student