



Samstagsschule Instructor

Position Title: Samstagsschule German Language Instructor (on-site)

Reports to: Director of Language Education

Wage: starting at \$50 per instructional hour DOE

Position Overview

We are looking for a creative and experienced German language educator with a passion for teaching children ages 4-11 on Saturday mornings throughout the 2024/2025 school year! The emphasis of the GAI Samstagsschule program is the natural acquisition of language in an interactive and fun environment. The classes follow a framework that incorporates singing, crafts, games, and physical motion, along with didactic lessons at an age-appropriate level.

At Samstagsschule, we strive to create an inclusive environment and welcome students from all backgrounds. Our goal is not only to teach the German language, but also to spark our youth's interest and curiosity in Germanic cultures and connect children to a broader world through an intercultural lens.

About the Germanic-American Institute

The Germanic-American Institute is a Minnesota non-profit organization, located on historic Summit Avenue in St. Paul. The GAI is the most prominent center for German language and culture education in the United States, and our mission is to connect people to a broader world through German language and culture. We operate two German Immersion preschools, a Saturday school, summer camps, and adult language classes for every level, in addition to producing a wide array of cultural programs throughout the year. The GAI is also a Goethe-Institut proficiency exam testing center and a sanctioned Kulturgesellschaft.

Hours:

Hours of instruction are 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Saturday mornings. Teachers are expected to arrive at least 10 minutes before class begins. Classes are offered in-person at the GAI.

Duties:

You will work with a group of up to 12 children, between the ages of 4-11 who already speak or understand German at a very basic to advanced level. Samstagsschule is offered from September through May, on Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM to 12:00 in the afternoon. In addition to in-class instruction, teachers prepare their own lessons and send bi-weekly communication to parents with a short summary of class activities.

The ideal candidate is passionate about German language education and has experience teaching German as a foreign language to children (elementary and/or middle school). You are creative, understanding, and have a passion for teaching children and developing lesson plans that follow a framework which incorporates singing, crafts, games, and physical motion. This is a fun and exciting opportunity to share your love of the German language and culture with our youth!

Start Date:

As soon as possible; first day of instruction is Saturday, 9/21/2024

Requirements:

- Native or near-native fluency in German.
- Professional experience / training in teaching German as a foreign language or equivalent.
- Ability to maintain a classroom environment that is conducive to learning.
- Strong ability and willingness to design highly interactive, kid friendly learning activities.
- Familiarity with a variety of instructional methods, materials, and techniques.
- Experience with working with children, ages 4-11.
- Background check.
- Valid US work permit.

To Apply: Send a cover letter and resume to Kelsey Bardon, Director of Language Education at kbardon@gaimn.org. Applications will be accepted until the position has been filled.