



## Community-Based Program

### Background Information

**Institution:** Korean Academy of Language and Culture

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**Languages/dialects taught:** Korean

**Grades taught:** PreK to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and adults

### Program Description

**Purposes and goals of the program:** The Korean Academy of Language and Culture, located in Bloomington-Normal, is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Korean Church of Bloomington-Normal. The goal of the academy is to promote a greater understanding of the Korean culture and language to the community at large. Membership is open to the public. No prior knowledge and association with Korea is required. The academy is different from Korean language schools for second-generation Korean Americans. The focus is on Korean-adopted families and non-Korean speaking families.

**Type of program:** The Academy offers 2 hours of language and cultural classes (reading and writing, conversation, and cultural activities) every Saturday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Cultural activities consist of Korean traditional dance, calligraphy, oriental art, drawing, music, and drumming.

**Program origin:** The program was founded in 2000.

## **Parents**

**Parents' expectations for the program:** Most of parents are in adult class as well. Their expectations are mostly to understand the Korean culture and communicate in simple Korean language with their children.

## **Staff**

**Instructors' and administration's expectations for the program:** Teachers' expectations for the program are as follows:

1. To have helpful materials
2. To have more financial support
3. To have more consistent enrollment

## **Students**

**Students:** 20% of students are adopted children, 20% are parents of adopted children, 20% are American, 15% are half Korean, and 25% are second-generation Korean.

## **Instructors**

**Number of instructors in the program:** Seven

**Languages in which instructors are proficient:** The teachers are bilingual, proficient in Korean and English.

## **Instruction**

**Total contact hours per week:** 2 hours per week

**Student grouping:** They are grouped by age: adults, children (4-6 years and Pre-K – 6 grade), and nursery (under 4 years)

## **Language skills**

**Heritage language skills:** Listening, speaking, reading, and writing

## **Culture**

**Aspects of culture taught:** mostly arts and traditions

## **Methodologies**

**Materials used for instruction:** *Seo-gang Korean Language* by Seo-Gang University and various other books and materials

### **Assessment**

**Assessments used to evaluate students' progress:** Teachers design all the tests for students every time evaluation is necessary.

### **What the program has in place**

**Financial support the program receives:** Financial support comes from religious organizations that support students' tuition.