We are the I.Ge.L Schule, a local co-op school of native German speaking families!

I.Ge.L stands for Indianapolis German Language Institute and it was created in 2002. Our group meets on Tuesdays at the Athenaeum (407 E Michigan Street, Indianapolis) from early September until mid-May from 4:30 PM until 6 PM.

We are a group of mothers and fathers who value the importance of speaking German with our children daily. Our goal is to improve the listening, speaking, writing and reading skills of our children in a German-speaking environment.

We are a cooperative school for children of native German speakers, and at least one parent of each participating child helps lead our weekly classes and groups since we do not have paid teachers. We currently have classes for age 0-8 years old. We also value the cultures of the German speaking countries. The I.Ge.L school celebrates a variety of traditional festivals including the start of the new school year (Einschulungsfest), St. Martin’s Day, a Christmas celebration, carnival, and a summer festival. Each co-op family helps to plan and contribute to these events.

Our children are divided into groups based on age and German language ability. They learn through natural language acquisition since we exclusively speak German with them at the I.Ge.L school. We like to think that we are using German, not necessarily teaching German language lessons. Our younger children learn through play, songs, crafts and communication. The older kids learn through reading and writing, as well as play games and use a variety of media and technology.

We hope that by participating in the I.Ge.L school, our children will become more fluent and strong German speakers. This co-op group can only be successful through active participation by the families. We value punctuality and regular attendance.

Our annual fees are as follows:
* One-time registration: $50
* 1 child $85
* 2 children $155
* 3 children $190
* 4+ children $225

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