



# German-American International School

## The International Middle School at GAIS



GAIS Bilingual Learning Project Announcement

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### Dear GAIS Parents,



I am delighted to share that GAIS again will collaborate with the Illuminate Consulting Group (ICG) on a major research project.

ICG has already volunteered two projects for the school: The "International Baccalaureate MYP Success Factors Analysis" report, and the "International Baccalaureate Diploma Demand Index" model. You can find both surveys in our Downloads Section on our website.

Going forward, ICG will conduct an investigation of bilingual language learning at GAIS. The project will center on 3-8 year old students and their progress towards English and German language proficiency to the point of bilingual capability.

Research will include an online survey which will be sent to parents of students in the above mentioned age cohort. Starting in November 2013, extensive classroom observations will commence and run until the end of the 2013-14 academic year.

Based on the survey and observed language usage, ICG will create Language Learner Profiles which GAIS can utilize to assist students with individual learning trajectories. Results are also planned for publication in academic journals and at IBO conferences.

Participating in this research is a priority with regard to the School's academic development plan. We are keenly aware of the importance of language learning on our students' academic success and social integration abilities.

If you are a parent of a 3-8 year old student at GAIS, we ask you to participate in the language environment survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/gais2013](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/gais2013) until November 15.

Please click here for a detailed description of the project, developed by Dr. Daniel Guhr: [GAIS Bilingual Learning Project Overview](#)

I appreciate your cooperation.

Best regards,

Dominic Liechti  
Managing Director, GAIS

P.S. In line with GAIS policies, ICG will not report on individual students. You may opt your children out of participating in this project (please notify Roman Ruegger, Communication Specialist, at [communications@gais.org](mailto:communications@gais.org)).