The St. Louis Language Immersion School is a public charter school offering an elementary Chinese Program, French Program, Spanish Program, and International Program middle school. The school is an authorized International Baccalaureate school, implementing the IB Primary Years Programme.

Mission
The mission of the St. Louis Language Immersion School, an innovative, diverse, socially-conscious, public charter school, is to develop empathetic, high-achieving, bilingual, globally-minded students by providing a rigorous academic foundation that fosters critical thinking and problem solving.

WHAT MAKES SLLIS UNIQUE?

Three Language Immersion Programs
SLLIS is the only language immersion charter school in St. Louis city that offers three different language programs: French, Spanish, and Chinese. SLLIS believes that learning another language from a very young age leads to more native-like pronunciation. Additionally, brain research shows that children who acquire another language create additional neuropathways that have been shown to stave off Alzheimer’s, and allow them to perform better at verbal tasks, solve puzzles quicker and more. SLLIS’ language immersion program leads to globally-minded students that think beyond the local. Language is culture, so as students acquire the language they learn about the cultural of that language, too. This gives students an interest in the world, and leads to more socially-conscious children.

Diverse by design
SLLIS was founded to be diverse by design. Currently, the student body is approximately 55% African American, 32% Caucasian, and 10% Hispanic. Parents choose SLLIS because they believe in social justice and hope to raise their children in a diverse school. “Tremendous benefits are to be gained when students are exposed to people who think differently, look differently, and come from different background,” Lilith Werner, Superintendent, said. “This creates a more well-rounded child, who thinks more critically, and works through differences.”