



FACILITY SEARCH 2009-10

About Goethe International Charter School

Goethe International Charter School was authorized by the Los Angeles Board of Education in July, 2008. It is a tuition-free, public charter school set to open in fall, 2009. It will provide a top-tier education to students in kindergarten through 5th grade, and ultimately K-12. With an international, multicultural focus, English-German Immersion and Spanish instruction, the curriculum will be based on the well-regarded International Baccalaureate Program (www.ibo.org), which draws from the best of various educational systems worldwide. Goethe will provide into a full and rich international curriculum that also meets all mandatory California state standards.

Facility Requirements

Charter schools are authorized in five-year terms, during which we project our growth as follows:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Number of classrooms	7	9	10	11	12
Combined classroom square ftg	5600	7200	8000	8800	9600
Administration square ftg	+800	+885	+1320	+1380	+4895
Total sq ftg	=6400	=8085	=9320	=10180	=14495

For our opening in fall, 2009, we are looking for at least seven classrooms, for 20 students each, and administrative space. An outdoor play area and nominal parking is preferred while a safe drop-off/pick-up area is required. We are prepared to lease a facility that we would “grow into,” subject to the possibility of subleasing to another educational entity until we are ready to take over the entire space.

Zoning that allows a school by right includes: R4, R5, CR, C2, C4 and C5. A site outside these zones would require a variance, which could be possible but is not preferred. The building’s certificate of occupancy must be an E-1 before we take occupancy, and we are prepared to do tenant improvements to qualify for the E-1 use.

The preferred area for the site is the Mar Vista (90066) and Palms (90034) area of the Westside. Because of the scarcity of commercial real estate in this area, our site may be located some distance away from this neighborhood. However, the site must lie within the borders of the Los Angeles Unified School District. We will consider sites anywhere on the following map, except those falling within the cities of Beverly Hills, Inglewood, Santa Monica and Culver City, which are not under LAUSD jurisdiction.



Financial Backing

In addition to the standard, public education funding provided by the Los Angeles Unified School District as well as state and federal Departments of Educations, Goethe International Charter School has also been awarded private grants amounting to over \$300,000. Goethe is the proud recipient of a \$250,000 start up grant awarded by the Walton Family Foundation (www.waltonfamilyfoundation.org) as well as several private and corporate donations from a broad network of support. Goethe is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Timeline

As soon as possible – Sign lease
June 1, 2009 – Take occupancy of building
July 24, 2009 – Deadline to receive certificate of occupancy
September 7, 2009 – First day of instruction

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