

Summer 2015

What Summer Language Academy Parents Say



"Lucy has had amazing experiences through the Academy both this year and last. **Truly an amazing educational and life experience.** Thank you!"

"My daughter absolutely loved and valued her time in Beijing!"

"She had an excellent academic experience. She learned a lot and **was excited and proud of her improvement** in speaking Chinese."

"In the beginning, my son went in not very enthusiastically and admits the first few days were hard. However, by the end of his first week, he was having a great time and seemed to be learning and absorbing so much there. I have no regrets about sending him there and **would recommend the program to anyone** looking for a way to improve their language proficiency."

"I am amazed at the **level of guidance, promptness and understanding of the staff.** Amazing!"

"We particularly appreciated the orientation. Our child was very happy with her teacher and with the residential advisors... **lots of personal attention and encouragement,** and the program challenged our child too."

"My daughter had a terrific experience!! The staff and faculty were amazing!!"

"Such an unknown going into the process and the program's communication with both my daughter and myself definitely exceeded my expectations. I am astounded by her language level upon completing this program, and she agrees that she gained skills in overall language learning, not just in the language she studied at MMLA. **My daughter had a life-changing experience.** She lived independently, while learning and exclusively using a foreign language, had nurturing support from all of the staff and formed lifelong friendships."

"Her confidence in the language increased immensely."

"My daughter **gained fluency and confidence, boldness to speak in French.**"

"It is an outstanding program. Our son thrived there. His Chinese improved a great deal, and **he also grew in personal maturity, gaining confidence in accomplishing goals** and living away from home. We were also grateful for the cooks who provided individualized food for his allergy situation. Just a great program in every way. Very impressive academically and socially. Our son was well cared for throughout the summer, and he grew in many ways. **I would highly recommend the Academy to other parents.**"

"We couldn't be happier! **Best experience of my rising 9th grader's life.**"

"The city and environs of Quebec were a wonderful place for the French Academy. I am glad my daughter had the opportunity to explore the city as part of the program."

"The program **confirmed the direction for her study in college** and showed her that she could live in another language."

"My child gained a sense of self. **Independence. Confidence. Rising to a challenge.** Thinking, thinking, thinking, with high level of focus and commitment. Laughing and making new friends. French!"

"I can't fully express how much Anna and I appreciated the program! **She learned so much more than she had the summer before at an actual university course**, because the Academy uses the immersion method and is well-constructed. It's given her clarity on where she wants to go and what she wants to do in college. Thank you so much."

"I had two children at the Academy, and they both loved the experience!"

"**Amazing advancement and confidence in her language skills**, SO much better than her usual school foreign language class."

"My child had some health challenges, which were addressed quickly, professionally and successfully."

"Nejat gained a great deal. **She developed a greater appreciation for her native language.** Seeing other people with no affiliation to the language travel and enter the program because of a desire to learn a language that wasn't theirs made her value it more. Being in an immersion environment has made it easier for her to find the words when she is speaking in Arabic and made her more comfortable and confident conducting conversation in Arabic. She is committed to continue improving and dedicating more effort to her Arabic studies at home. She was able to expand her vocabulary. "

"Fiona came home very 'fired up' to continue learning German. **I couldn't be more pleased that she had such a stimulating experience.** The program was pretty flawless start to finish. She would enjoy immersion in a German-speaking country, and we may look for such a program next year. She placed out of first year high school German and has such a great sense of accomplishment."

"My daughters improved their German enormously. Even more importantly, my older daughter continued to read her German book after the camp ended. She obviously takes pleasure from reading German, and that is fantastic."

"**My son LOVED his supportive, intuitive teacher who really seemed to understand him as a person and a learner.** After disliking his last three Spanish teachers, this was wonderful and propelled his learning."

"My son absolutely loved his time there and was sad to leave! **He excelled in his Spanish, loved his time there and made good friends.**"

"Simply remarkable advancement in skill level - from novice to Intermediate-Mid! **And getting credit at school for a language she does not normally study!**"

"Benny enjoys learning languages. Already fluent in Spanish, he wanted to broaden his experience with French. Having no formal classroom time with French, he started his senior year last week placing into French 3 Accelerated. **He couldn't be more pleased with his accomplishment this summer.** Well done! Benny gained knowledge of French vocabulary and grammar and pronunciation. Having no experience with French, he left the program with a nice grasp of the language and a desire to further his studies."

"Three and a half weeks has been the longest my daughter Regina has ever been away at camp. I had some initial concerns, but she loved it and never looked back. **She made some great friends and wants to come back next year.**"