

Accola Board Update: February 2026 – Learning In Style

LIS Student Data and Enrollment Status

	January 2025	January 2026
Student Contact Hours	1559	1148
Unique Student Count	141	120
New Student Enrollment	46	4

In January we saw further decreases in student contact hours, student count and new enrollments. As of Feb. 3 teachers moved to HyFlex classes (both in-person and online option) for classes who have students staying at home. If all students in a class are attending in person, the teacher is only doing in-person. Teachers are keeping an eye on attendance and adjusting as needed. They did an amazing job switching to HyFlex, many had online attendees the first day of HyFlex class, including students who hadn't attended in-person for a while. Teachers have noted the importance of the classroom community with students joining on-line. They think that for some students, this is their only daily contact with the outside world. Hyflex is the most difficult class layout, and we are continuing to support teachers in any way we can through tech support, classroom volunteers and idea sharing. **A bright spot for LIS**, in the February Minneapolis Consortium of Adult Language schools, they shared that the Consortium student hours were down -3.4% from last year May – January. LIS's student hours were up 7% for that time frame, so we have seen less student hours loss than other schools and hope the HyFlex classes will bring in more students and hours moving forward.

Student Safety

As of January, our front door is always kept locked and we have volunteer door monitors posted during the morning class passing times. They keep an eye on the parking lot and open the door for students. We also have an ICE Response Protocol and Team and greatly appreciate the work and support Accola gave in putting that together. It gives us **confidence in being ready** and able to handle an ICE encounter.

Student Support

We continue to inventory 8 – 10 necessities kits for students who need food support. Lindsey is coordinating shopping and home drop offs with volunteers and students. We also have a shelf with food items and produce for students to grab as needed. Any food donations that go over our storage capacity, we direct to Sabathani Food Shelf and DHH Church (Dios Habla Hoy), which have a large capacity for intake and delivery. We are continuing to help with rent as able and have been using donated gift cards for food shopping.

Community Support

Volunteers stepped up to our increased needs in January. Five new volunteers logged 32 hours for door monitoring. We have 11 volunteers (8 new) for delivery (22 deliveries) and 10 for shopping. We have seen strong support from the **Waldorf School, Blake, and MNFEI**.

UST: The immigration law students and social work students continue to visit LIS twice monthly and help students navigate issues. January 3rd students from the School of Social Work presented a class on stress management and Feb. 12th they offered a HyFlex class on job interview skills.