

Accola Board Update: October 2025 - Learning In Style School

LIS Student Data and Enrollment Status

Overall, we are pleased and thankful that our student head count for September 2025 enrollment was on par with last year and that students logged more hours in class this September over last year. In general, we are seeing fewer new to the US enrollees, and more students who have been in the US for a while, who want more English for either job or immigration status purposes. We have also seen some internal migration of new students who have moved from other states to Minnesota.

These changes have caused our student population bubble to move up from the pre-literate and low beginning literacy levels, to the high beginning to intermediate levels. We have waitlists for these classes and are working on refining the leveling of classes, to accommodate more people on the waitlist.

New this year, we have two Computer Literacy classes and a Literary Support class. Students in these classes have been identified by teachers as needing extra support in these areas. These classes are in addition to a student's English class, so they are helping to boost our Student Contact Hours, while targeting issues that may be hampering a student's progress.

Student enrollment: **Stable**, 133, compared to 134 last year

Contact hours: **Increased 18%** over last September, 1945 vs 1652

Childcare: We have a waitlist for childcare for both the 9:00 and 10:30 classes.

Volunteers: We onboarded four new volunteers in September. Our goal is to provide a classroom volunteer for any teacher that wants one.

St. Thomas IPC, Interprofessional Center Program

LIS has partnered again with IPC, which provides counseling and legal services twice a month to LIS students and transformative educational experiences for St. Thomas students. In their first two sessions, IPC served 15 students. This is a powerful partnership for both LIS and UST and we are pleased it is growing and continuing.

Community Support

We are continuing our partnership with Blake school. Their high school Global Connections team just visited LIS and shot and produced a video for the fourth-grade coat drive. They did a great job with the video and gave us permission to use it on social media to highlight our partnership. Also, their photography class is doing a photo restoration project with LIS students, and the French class will be doing class visits.

Minnekahda Country Club reached out to LIS offering to reconstruct the Adopt a Family program. We are in process of working with them so that each of our students can create a wish list and benefit from MCC's support.

LIS is hosting the Minneapolis Consortium meeting on October 23, 2025. The Minneapolis Consortium is a network of schools providing adult basic education.