

Accola Board Update: December 2025 – Learning In Style

LIS Student Data and Enrollment Status

Student hours through November were up 11.2% over last year. Student head count through November (433) remained similar to last year's (415), despite the fact that new enrollments this year (72) are down compared to last year (108).

As of December, with the ramped up ICE patrols in MSP, some students have contacted us and expressed fear of leaving their homes. We have seen a decline in attendance in December. The average daily student attendance in November was 77 unique students, the December average thru the 11th was 55.

The school is keeping the front door locked in between classes for extra security. We had a meeting with teachers Dec. 10th to share ideas about how to engage students remotely. We discussed hybrid teaching options and other ways to stay connected to students. We will be reviewing plans in our next Staff Meeting. Teacher Eva will present a *Know Your Rights* seminar to all classes on Dec. 16th. She gave this presentation last year as well. One of the students who let us know ICE came to her home last week said she did not open the door, as she learned that from Eva's seminar. We have created a spreadsheet with students who share any need for help (groceries, chores, rides, etc.) that we are managing and coordinating with teachers. We will continue to assess the needs of students and how to provide support to them moving forward.

Contact hours: **Up by 11.6%** thru November over last year (6275 vs 5622)

Childcare: We still have a waitlist for childcare; there are three on the list.

Volunteers: We are onboarding another 4 new volunteers who will start after Winter Break.

Community Support

Minnekahda: This week we received gifts and a gift card for all (140) LIS students and families. Their generosity also included making donations directly to the school through our Amazon wish list.

Blake: The coat drive was a success, and we have distributed most of the items. The French class visited twice with LIS students and conversed and compared what it's like to learn a new language. The Photography class students brought the retouched and restored photos and presented them to LIS students and talked about the work they did on each photo.

UST: As part of our partnership, on November 13th, three School of Social Work students gave a presentation to LIS students about healthcare literacy. The immigration law students and social work students have helped 22 LIS students so far this school year.

Upcoming: Hennepin County libraries is visiting in January to help students set up accounts. MNFEI (Minnesota Financial Empowerment Initiative) is coming in February to present a session on taxes.