

Welcome to ALPS at Kimball Union!

Let me be the first to congratulate you on your wise decision to learn another language. Knowing other languages and cultures will enrich your life in ways that are hard to predict right now.

I think that language is much more than another subject at school. It is singing, dancing, cooking, playing, acting, and opening your eyes to the world around you. So many young people come to our program with a sense that learning a language can be more than what they have learned in school. Good news: they are right!

At ALPS at Kimball Union, you will speak more, sing more, and dance more. You will laugh, make plenty of mistakes, and then laugh again. You will cook authentic food, create art that reflects the culture you are learning, and make friends with people from around the world.

Our goal is to make learning feel like play. We emphasize speaking over writing, and hands on activities over passive listening. We do not give homework or tests, yet year after year, our campers leave Meriden surprised at how much they learned and hungry for more.

Here is a quick look at a typical day:

9:00 Master Class	2:20 Drill/Activity 4
9:55 Drill/Activity 1	2:55 Drill/Activity 5
10:30 Snack	3:30 Drill/Activity 6
10:50 Drill/Activity 2	3:55 Diagnostic (Master Class)
11:25 Drill/Activity 3	4:05 End class day
12:00 Lunch (performances)	4:15 Snack
12:55 Free Time	4:30 Sports and Activities
1:30 Master Class 2	6:00 Dinner
	7:30 Evening Activities

Language drill classes, developed by Professor John Rassias at Dartmouth, are small groups where students are led by trained Assistant Teachers in fast-paced, energetic spoken exercises. We also offer a variety of other activities as well, like cooking, art projects, preparing skits for lunchtime presentations, and camp-wide historical reenactments (the annual storming of the Bastille, par exemple).

Afternoon and evening activities include a variety of sports and cultural events that give you a chance to socialize with students who speak the language you are studying, under the supervision of Assistant Teachers.

At the end of each two-week session, the entire camp puts on a gala show for

parents and friends.

I hope you join us this summer!