

RILKE SCHULE AMITY INTERNSHIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

RILKE SCHULE has hosted interns since the very first year of the school's existence (2007-2008). Since that time we have hosted more than one hundred interns, averaging about 10 interns per school year, or five per semester. Our interns live with host families who are connected to the Rilke Schule community, usually by having children at the school or being staff members at Rilke themselves.

The Amity Institute, a nonprofit organization dedicated to building international friendship and cultural understanding through teaching exchange, provides the screening and regulatory services required to maintain our Intern program, including Visa applications, interviews and recommendations. **You must apply through Amity first if you are interested in an Internship at Rilke Schule:** please visit their website at www.amity.org. If you have more questions about becoming an intern at Rilke Schule, please send an email to Frau Ann Weese at rilkeinterns@asdk12.org.

What is Rilke Schule?

Rilke Schule is a Kindergarten through 8th grade public charter school in the Anchorage, Alaska school district. A charter school has a special mission and operates differently than a standard school in our district, but it is a public school, not a private school. In our case, the special mission or "charter" is bilingual education in German. Our students spend approximately half their day learning school subjects in German, and the other half in English. The standard curriculum for Kindergarten through 8th grade is divided into topics taught either wholly in German or wholly in English. Generally, math and English writing and reading, are taught in English, and science, social studies and German writing and reading are taught in German. Music, visual art, and physical education are generally taught in English.

What age group will I be assigned to work with?

Our greatest need for assistance from interns is in the younger grades, especially kindergarten and first grade (children ages 5-7). As an intern at Rilke Schule, you will be scheduled to work at least half of your time with this younger age group. Every effort is made to provide you with experiences at multiple age levels, but every intern should expect to spend about half their time with young children.

What will my duties be?

Each internship is guided by the "TIPP" plan, a document agreed upon between Amity, the federal government, and Rilke Schule. Generally, the TIPP plan provides a structured increase in responsibility in the classroom. You will start out observing and assisting in the classroom, gradually work your way up to leading small groups, and eventually will have the opportunity to teach entire lessons or complete units, always under the supervision of the classroom teacher.

How long is an internship at Rilke Schule?

Internships at Rilke Schule last from a minimum of one semester, up to a full school year. Typically, our fall semester is from mid-August until late December, and our spring semester is from January until May. The current and future school calendars can be found at <https://www.asdk12.org/calendar>

Where will I live?

You will be placed with a host family who will provide you with room, board and transportation to and from Rilke Schule. "Room" means a separate, private bedroom with a door that locks, although bathroom facilities will likely be shared with more than one family member. "Board" means family meals three times a day, or the ingredients to prepare your own meals and use of the kitchen if the family does not eat regular meals together. "Transportation" means the host family is responsible for driving you to and from school for your regular work schedule. They are not required to assist you with other transportation but usually do make an effort to help you get around town.

Intern Information Booklet

This booklet is designed for interns who have already been placed at Rilke Schule. It contains valuable information about living in Anchorage and procedures at Rilke Schule. [LINK HERE](#).

I have more questions! Who do I contact?

The Rilke Schule Intern Coordinator is happy to answer any questions that you might have. Frau Ann Weese can be reached at rilkeinterns@asdk12.org . You may write to her in English or in German