Each year our current seventh graders at World Language Academy Middle School continue their academics in an immersion setting on the University of Georgia Costa Rica Campus along with WLA and UGA staff.

The WLA students are immersed in the Spanish culture using their language skills acquired during their eight years at WLA. This trip allows our students to use their Spanish language, take classroom learning, and apply it in real life situations to include testing water quality, working on a sustainable farm, learning the importance of offsetting CO2 emissions, learning to appreciate biodiversity and studying about tropical plants and their medicinal benefits.

To further experience the Costa Rican culture, students will be involved in service learning by sharing activities and supplies with a local elementary school and will enjoy authentic meals in the home of a local Costa Rican family.

Benefits for Students:

- Understanding the advantages of being bilingual and bi-literate in today’s world
- Empowering future globally minded citizens
- Inspire to be good stewards of the Earth’s resources
- Allows the opportunity to work alongside UGA researchers seeking real world solutions
- Builds relationships and strengthens mutual respect among students and faculty