business profile

Crossing Borders

Local Company Teaches international Language And Culture, Close To Home

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ridging the gap between the differing cultures, Crossing Borders was created by Elvia Taylor to teach language and culture to a variety of students. Her business offers high-quality, flexible instruction in small groups designed to meet the needs of the customer (from ages 1½ to adult).

Speaking kids' language

Crossing Borders teaches Spanish and French to children as young as 1½-years-old through their Mommy & Me and "Alegria" programs. Kids from the community and surrounding areas come to Crossing Borders to learn Spanish,



French, and dance and culture through a variety of activities.

The company works with many public and private schools, clubs and centers with their Spanish, dance and special events programs. Crossing Borders serves as many as 36 Harris County public libraries through their unique programs each month. Inner-city kids are

also finding out what Crossing Borders is all about through programs such as bilingual storytelling, salsa and flamenco hands-on performances, roots and magic culture programs.

Reaching others

Although many executives can be seen at Crossing Borders' new location taking Spanish or French, you will also see toddlers, teenagers and mothers. They offer classes for all age- and skill levels and anyone can join the groups or request a private session. Their small class sizes of no more than six people gives the student the personal attention needed to learn a second language quickly and correctly.

Latin rhythms and flavors

Salsa, Flamenco, Belly Dance, Ballet Folklorico and Salsa Aerobics lessons are taught at Crossing Borders and in different schools and community centers. Wonderful, experienced and very outgoing certified instructors teach these classes. Classes are offered to kids and adults.

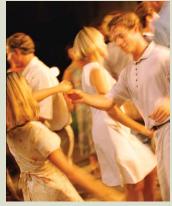


Once students are immersed in language and/or dance programs they can also combine other activities in weekly conversation clubs for intermediate and advanced students.

Corporate Communication

Many companies rely on Crossing Borders for their language programs, translations and interpretation and bilingual services. Companies have the opportunity to offer Spanish, English and French to all their employees by having

Crossing Borders come to their location and providing a special rate to any individual interested in joining a group during lunch or after work. Receptionists, pilots, accountants and sales people are gathered to learn this popular and needed language. Fortune 500 companies also contact Crossing Borders for their private executive programs. They are able to bring international staff to a



very intensive program that teaches grammar, correspondence and accent reduction.

Premium Service

Crossing Borders prides itself on providing a high-quality service that is customized to meet the unique needs of each individual. The company designs and produces their own materials and programs. Training their teachers and providing structure and individualized attention is their main objective.

The company is located at **26519 I-45 North** in The Woodlands. For more information on their vast array of courses, visit them online at **www.crossingbordersgroup.com** or call **281-465-0899**.