



The Hindi Pathshala program is our humble attempt to teach children growing up in the US basic conversational and writing skills required to communicate in Hindi.

Objective

The goal of Hindi Pathshala is to empower children with the ability to speak, read and write in Hindi. By focusing on developing conversational skills, we aim to make children confident in interacting with others in Hindi.

Approach

We believe that children learn the basics best when they are having fun. Children will not only learn the Hindi language but also get exposed to Indian culture by learning about festivals, Panchatantra, Akbar-Birbal, and biographical stories in Hindi. Spoken Hindi, conversational skills, and basic reading/writing skills are the focus in class.

Levels of Hindi study

Each level involves reading, writing and speaking while focusing on particular concepts of the Hindi language. All levels build on the learnings of the previous levels.

Level	Syllabus
Foundation 1	Learn/master consonants and vowels in the Hindi alphabet (वर्णमाला)
Foundation 2	Learn all the mastras and formation of words
Elementary 1	Vocabulary building (family tree, body parts, colors, fruits, vegetables, etc.)
Elementary 2	Advanced vocabulary. Intro to numbers, time, grammar, sentence formation.
Middle	Simple sentence/question formation. Comprehension of stories, poems, etc.
High	Complex sentence formation, essay/story writing, longer conversations.

Program details

- In-person classes are held every Sunday (10:15am - 11:15am) from mid-August through mid-May in alignment with the school academic calendar at the Chinmaya Mission Austin campus. Please check this [calendar](#) for more details.
- Students are enrolled into a level based on their existing Hindi skills and age group.
- Students are allowed to progress at their own pace. There is no set duration for completing a level.
- Students get the opportunity to showcase their newly acquired Hindi skills during various Chinmaya Mission events, and also during end-of-semester celebrations.
- **Note to Parents:** The old adage "*practice makes perfect*" truly applies to learning a language. For the students to get better at conversing in Hindi, it is important that the family communicate with children in Hindi and encourage them to communicate back in Hindi. Students must be willing to invest at least 30 minutes weekly outside the class due to limited time for instruction in class.

Registration

Please register for Hindi Pathshala via one of the following options:

- **Option 1: Add-on to Bala Vihar** - Look for the HINDI ADD ON option for pre-K through 12th grade during the [Bala Vihar registration](#) process.
- **Option 2: Hindi only (no Bala Vihar)** - [Registration link](#)

Please contact us at hindi@chinmayaaustin.org if you have any questions.

Get Involved!

Hindi Pathshala is run by volunteers. We would like to thank all the volunteers for their time and commitment - without their support this effort will not sustain!

We welcome any help that you can offer. There are many opportunities to get involved and grow in different areas to suit your interests and skills. If you would like to help or need more information about any of the opportunities, please contact us at hindi@chinmayaaustin.org.