

Frequently Asked Questions

If I have taken Chinese in the past, which course should I take in high school?

If you took Chinese Language & Culture instruction in junior high (6Y program), you will be able to take Chinese Language & Culture 20-3Y as a continuation of your Chinese language learning.



Can I take Chinese IB if I have never taken Chinese before?

Yes. You don't need to have previous knowledge of the language to take Chinese Language & Culture, the regular course or IB. If you are taking IB, you will be able to use this language to fulfill your IB language requirement at *ab initio* level.

What is the difference between Chinese Language & Culture and Chinese Language Arts?

Chinese Language & Culture at Ross Sheppard, is a 3 year program intended for students who are beginning their study of Chinese language and culture. Conversely, our Chinese Language Arts (CLA) courses are designed for students who were enrolled in a Chinese Bilingual Program in junior high school and most of our students come from one of those junior high settings. However, students with previous Chinese language learning experience (heritage speakers) can also register in this program. Students who take Chinese Language & Culture or Chinese Language Arts within our IB program will write the IB exam. If you are not certain which class to register in, please contact the teacher.