Monta Vista Chinese Program

Meet our Team

Ms. Zoey Liu teaches Chinese 2 and Chinese 4H. She received her Master's degree in Education at Stanford University and has been teaching in FUHSD for more than 10 years.

Ms. I-Chu Chang teaches Chinese 1, Chinese 3, and Chinese AP. She received her Master's degree in Education at the University of Pennsylvania and has been teaching in FUHSD over 20 years. Ms. Chang is an active Chinese AP exam reader since 2007.

General Information about Chinese Course Sign-ups

Chinese 1 is for students who have no or very little Chinese background. Students who speak Mandarin or any Chinese dialect are to sign up for Chinese 2 or higher. Our diagnostic test will be held on February 25 and February 26 from 3:30 to 5:30pm in our school library. You will receive detailed information via email after completing the course selection form. Students' final placements are determined by the results of the diagnostic test.

What is being Tested in the Chinese Placement Test?

Students will be tested listening, reading and writing with a pencil, not typing.

How to Prepare for the Chinese Placement Test?

We do not recommend students to prepare for the diagnostic test. The test is to find out the proper placement for students. Therefore, if a student over-prepares himself or herself and luckily makes it to a higher level, he or she might not perform well enough in class due to the weaker foundations. However, students certainly are welcome to review what they have already learned in any other Chinese programs before the diagnostic test, instead of cramming huge amounts of new materials in a short time, which will be forgotten very quickly.

What is the Program Requirement?

We align our program standard with ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) and College Board AP standard. Students are required to learn to listen, speak, read and write (both handwritten and typing). We teach both traditional and simplified Chinese characters and students pick one version of Chinese characters to read and write.

Is Chinese Hard to Learn?

Although Chinese is not an easy language, the workload in the Chinese program is compatible to that of any other language programs at MVHS. Both our non-heritage speakers and heritage students perform strongly in our program and have won numerous awards in the speech contests in California. Our AP exam passing rate is 100% and close to 90% of students receive a 5 on the AP exam for the past many years upon completing the Chinese AP class.

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