西雅圖慈濟人文學校常見問答(English version follows)

1. 學校在哪裡

Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue, WA

1280 160th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98008

2. 什麼時間上課？

每學年有30週星期六的課。 上課時間為上午9點至下午12點。三次10分鐘的休息時間。
我們學校遵循Bellevue學區行事曆。學年從九月初到六月。開始日期將在 8 月中旬公佈。

如遇不可違逆的天氣因素，有可能減少上課次數

3. 學習語言?

繁體中文。

4. 學費金額是?

2025-2026學年新生學費是**一年$480**。

**學費會逐年調整。

5. 兄弟姐妹有優惠嗎?

沒有

6. 課程的形式是什麼?

從學前班到十年級所有課程皆為實體上課!

7. 每班有幾位學生?

學前幼幼班 ： 每班最多 15 名學生

注音班 ：每班最多 20 名學生

一年級 ~ 十年級：每班最多 25 名學生

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~Sincerely, Tzu Chi Academy Seattle Admin Team

8. 可以參觀學校嗎？

我們不開放學校參觀。

9. 使用的教材是？

全校採用「學華語向前走」

10.最低入學年齡？

孩子必須在註冊學年的8/31前滿4歲。 **沒有例外

報名幼幼班: 孩子必須在註冊學年的8/31前滿4歲。

報名注音班: 孩子必須在註冊學年的8/31前滿5歲。

11.入學標準是什麼？

入學標準基於:

- 班級名額
- 入學年齡是否符合
- 孩子是否能用中文溝通

12.什麼時候註冊？

2025-2026學年,在校生,幼幼,注音班新生註冊在**4月19日 ~ 5月02日**。

** 插班生須通過插班考試, 學校會聯絡家長.

13.學校是否要求入學學生進行入學面試？

是的。 面試的目的是讓學校了解孩子的中文理解程度。 學校要求新學生在入學前需具備中文基本的聽說能力, 孩子必須能夠用簡單中文與老師交談並回答問題。

14.我的孩子去年通過面試，但是我們辦了休學/未完成註冊，他/她是否必須再次面試？

是的，需要再次面試。

15.孩子通過面試後會怎樣？

註冊組會通過電子郵件發送入學註冊登記表格。請先填寫登記表格，完成註冊後，繳學費。

16.我的孩子具有較高的中文程度，我可以讓他/她參加高於其年齡的課程嗎？

不可以。在3年級之前，我們沒有開放越級制度。

17.我的孩子須念一年級或以上的班級，請問該如何進行？

如果要報讀的年級有名額，學校將與家長聯繫，安排孩子參加插班考試。插班考試內容來自於學華語向前走的教科書。例如，如果您計劃讓孩子讀二年級，學校將用學華語向前走一年級教材進行評量。

欲就讀1年級或以上的所有新學生(6歲以上的非在校學生)都必須參加插班考試，通過考試方可入學。

****2025－2026學年插班生考試在6月14日****

18.與學校聯繫的最佳方式是什麼？

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Tzu Chi Academy Seattle General Q&A

1. Where is the school located?

Tillicum Middle School in Bellevue, WA

1280 160th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98008

2. What are the school hours?

30 Saturdays' lessons per school year. School hours are from 9am-12pm. Students get three 10 minute breaks.

Our school follows the Bellevue School District(BSD) calendar. School starts early September, ends June of the following year. We will announce our exact start date mid-August when we finalize our calendar.

School will be closed due to inclement weather or BSD policy

3. What language is being taught at this school?

Traditional Mandarin Chinese.

4. What is the tuition amount?

For the school year of 2024-2025, new student tuition is **$480 for the whole year.**

****Tuition adjusts yearly.**

5. Is there a sibling discount?

No.

6. What is the current class format?

All our grade-level classes (**from YoYo to 10th grade**) are in-person.

7. How many students are in the class?

YoYo Class : Up to 15 students per class
Phonics Class : Up to 20 students per class
1st Grade~10th Grade: Up to 25 students per class

8. Can we tour the school?

No, we do not open school for public tours.

We ask you kindly to respect our school policies. We also reserve the right to refuse service.
~Sincerely, Tzu Chi Academy Seattle Admin Team

9. What are the textbooks?

The whole school adopts "Let's Learn Chinese"

10. Minimum age of enrollment?

The child must turn 4 years old by 8/31 on the year of enrollment. ****There is no exception to this rule.**
If you wish to enroll your child in our *YoYo* class, he/she must be at least **4 years old by 8/31.**
If you wish to enroll your child in our *Phonics* class, he/she must be at least **5 years old by 8/31.**

11. What are the criteria and requirements for enrollment?

Our school's enrollment criteria are based on:

- Space availability,
- Meets minimum age requirement
- Whether the child comprehends & speaks Chinese.

12. When is registration?

2024-25 school year online registration for current students, new Yo-Yo and Phonics classes is 4/20/2024 -

5/05/2024.

**New students, 1st to 10th grades will be after the placement test.

13. Does that mean your school requires an entrance interview for incoming students?

Yes, we do. The purpose of the interview is for us to get to know the families and to determine the child's Chinese speaking/comprehension level. Our curriculum is not designed to be an immersion or Chinese-as-a-second language program. Therefore, we require incoming students to have basic comprehension/speaking skills prior to enrollment.

****This means the child must be able to converse and answer the question from the interviewer in Mandarin Chinese.**

14. My child had an interview last year. But we withdrew him/her from the school (or did not finish registration). Does he/she need to be interviewed again?

Yes.

What happens after my child passes the interview?

A registration link will be emailed to the parents' email. Please fill out the form after it is sent to you. When it comes the time to pay the tuition, please complete the payment by the due date.

15. My child has an advanced knowledge of Chinese, can I enroll him/her in classes that are higher than his/her age group?

No. Prior to Grade 3, we cannot place students in more advanced level classes.

16. I wish to enroll my child at a grade level higher than Kindergarten (1st to 10th grade), what is the process?

If a space is available in the grade entering, the school registrar will contact the parents to bring the child in for an entrance exam. Our Grade 1-9 entrance test is based on 學華語向前走 "Let's Learn Chinese" textbooks.
For example, if you are planning on enrolling your child in second grade, we will test him/her on first grade 學華語向前走 "Let's Learn Chinese"Chinese material. If he/she is entering 1st grade, he/she will be tested on his/her phonic (注音) level. If he/she passes the entrance exam and there is an opening, we will start the enrollment process.

Any students entering 1st grade or above (non current students, 6 years old or older) are considered transfer students and are required to take and pass our entrance exam along with an entrance interview.

****2024-2025 School Year Placement Test is on June 15th 2024****

17. What is the best way to contact the school?

Through our school email: academy_seattle@tzuchi.us