



**Mandarin Chinese Language and Culture Program
for Eligible High School Students (Level III)**

June 21-July 16, 2010

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**California Foreign Language Project
Stanford University School of Education
Palo Alto Unified School District**

For the Purpose of

**Preparing Students to Develop Higher Levels of Language and Culture
Competency in Mandarin Chinese**

Deadline for Applying: April 1, 2010

*Please see eligibility criteria on page 2

Mandarin Chinese Language and Culture Program

Program Goals

Participating students will:

- Increase their language and cultural competency in Mandarin Chinese.
- Maximize their opportunities to succeed in future study of the language and culture and increase their performance in the Advanced Placement Chinese Language and Culture exam.
- Earn academic “letter grades” and credit equivalent to one-semester of Mandarin Chinese language study.
- Benefit from cultural activities and field trip experiences.
- Develop a higher level of language and cultural knowledge and apply it in a relevant internship program.
- Utilize technology to enhance their language learning experience.
- Be eligible to enroll in a Level IV Mandarin Chinese course in the 2010-11 academic year depending on performance on final program exam and the availability of such courses of study.
- Continue to participate in follow-up program-enrichment activities during the 2010-11 academic year.

Eligibility Criteria for Program Participation

Students who meet the following criteria will be considered for participation:

- Have successfully completed a Level II or III-first semester Mandarin Chinese course or its equivalent. Heritage speakers who can perform at this level are also encouraged to apply.
- Demonstrate the ability to apply language and culture competencies to complete linguistic tasks in the program’s placement exam.
- Demonstrate an understanding of Chinese cultural perspectives, practices and products commensurate with the expected level of performance for students who have completed 2 to 2.5 years of instruction in Mandarin Chinese.
- Perform basic Chinese word processing functions and display the ability to draft/respond to language-level appropriate e-mail messages and prepare basic PowerPoint presentations.
- Devote a minimum of thirty-five hours a week to the study of Mandarin Chinese, including participation in scheduled field trips, internships, and other related program activities.
- Commit to complete the entire program and maintain a minimum of 90% attendance record.
- Submit parental approval that participant can participate in the program, be video-taped/recorded for the purpose of documenting student performance and to evaluate the overall success of the STARTALK program.

Mandarin Chinese Language and Culture Program-Level III Participant Application

Applicant:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Emergency Contact(s): _____

School of Enrollment:

Gunn High School Palo Alto High School Other: _____

If you checked "Other," where did you previously study Mandarin and how often did your class meet?

Student Commitment to Program Goals:

I, _____, agree that if I am accepted into the STARTALK program, to devote a minimum of thirty-five hours a week to the study of Mandarin Chinese, including participation in all of the scheduled field trips and other related program activities, between June 21 and July 16, 2010.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Authorization:

I/we, the parents(s) or guardian(s) of _____, do hereby authorize he or she to participate in the STARTALK Mandarin Chinese Language and Cultural Program and for he or she to be video-taped/recorded for the purpose of documenting his or her linguistic and performance and to evaluate the overall success of the STARTALK program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Deadline for Application Submission: April 1, 2010

(Placement Exams will take place the following two weeks, and Notification of Acceptance in the Program will be announced by April 16, 2010).

Please respond to the questions on page 4 of the Application

