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Dear Prospective Student of Chinese Language and Culture,

Congratulations on electing to study Chinese language and culture at Palo Alto High School, starting in the fall of 2011. As you no doubt are aware, Chinese is being hailed as the language of opportunity due to the role the China is playing and will likely play for years to come in our global economy.

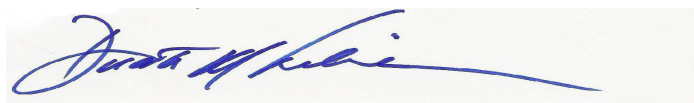
We would like to invite you to get a head start in your study of Chinese by participating in this summer's STARTALK Mandarin Language and Culture Program, especially designed to get you ready to fully engage in the study of Chinese in the fall. This program is designed to have you:

- Develop a high level of readiness to fully engage in your formal study of Chinese language and culture in the fall of 2011
- Become familiar with the phonology, tones, Pinyin alphabet, high frequency Chinese characters (Hanzi), and cultural features of Chinese and prepare you to perform at a higher level when you formally enroll in a Level I Mandarin course during the fall of 2011
- Maximize your opportunity to succeed in future study of the Mandarin language and culture by having an intensive immersion experience at the onset of your learning process
- Earn academic "letter grades" and five elective high school credit units
- Benefit from cultural activities and field trip experiences
- Learn how to utilize technology to enhance your Mandarin language learning experience

The program, co-sponsored by the Stanford University School of Education and Palo Alto Unified School District is free of charge and will be held near the Stanford University campus from June 20 to July 15, 2011 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Please see the attached application for more detailed information about the program. The deadline for applying is May 1, 2011, but space is limited and we will accept students on a first come first served basis, with priority given to students who will enroll in the study of Mandarin either at Palo Alto or Gunn High School in the fall of 2011.

I hope that you will be able to join us this summer and take advantage of this unique opportunity to enhance your Chinese language and culture learning experience in the fall. Should you or your parents have any questions about this program, please be sure to contact me at (650) 736-9042 or via e-mail at [duarte.silva@stanford.edu](mailto:duarte.silva@stanford.edu).

Sincerely,



Duarte M. Silva, Director  
STARTALK Mandarin Language and Culture Program



**Mandarin Chinese Language and Culture Program  
for High School Students  
Who will Enroll in a Mandarin Level I Course in the Fall of 2011**

***June 20 - July 15, 2011***

**Program Registration, Materials and Field Trips  
Are Funded by a STARTALK Grant from the National Security Agency  
and Administered by the National Foreign Language Center  
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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 Have a Successful Start in  
Their Chinese Language and Culture Experience**

**Deadline for Application Submission: May 1, 2011  
Notification of Acceptance in the Program will be Announced by: May 15, 2011**

The application will also be posted online at: <http://www.stanford.edu/group/CFLP/>

\*Please see eligibility criteria on page 2

# **Mandarin Chinese Language and Culture Program - Summer 2011**

## **Program Goals**

### **Participating students will:**

- Develop a high level of readiness to fully engage in their formal study of Chinese language and culture in the fall of 2011
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- Maximize their opportunities to succeed in future study of the Mandarin language and culture by having an intensive immersion experience at the onset of their learning process
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## **Eligibility Criteria for Program Participation**

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

- Are enrolled in a Level I **first** semester Mandarin Chinese course or its equivalent for the fall of 2011 (this program is not appropriate for heritage speakers)
- Make a commitment to participate in all 19 days of instruction starting Monday, June 20 and ending on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> with Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> being a holiday
- Devote a minimum of 30 hours a week to the study of Mandarin Chinese, including participation in scheduled field trips, and other related program activities
- Submit parental approval that the student 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 - Summer 2011 Participant Application

## **Applicant:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

School of Enrollment:

Gunn High School       Palo Alto High School       Other\*

\*If you checked "Other," where do you plan to enroll in studying Chinese in the fall of 2011?

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## **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Parent/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## **Student Commitment to Program Goals:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree that if I am accepted into the STARTALK program, to devote a minimum of thirty 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 20 and July 15, 2011.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Parent/Guardian Authorization:**

I/we, the parents(s) or guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby authorize him or her to participate in the STARTALK Mandarin Chinese Language and Cultural Program and for him or her 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please respond to the questions on page 4 of the Application**

