



**Mandarin Chinese Language and Culture Program  
for Eligible\* High School Students-Level IIA**

**June 22-July 17, 2009  
Palo Alto High School**

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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 17, 2009**

*\*Please see eligibility criteria on page 2*

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## **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 be better prepared to increase their performance in the Advanced Placement Chinese Language and Culture exam.
- Earn letter grades and academic credit equivalent to one semester of Mandarin Chinese language study.
- Benefit from relevant cultural activities and special project experiences.
- Develop a higher level of language and cultural knowledge by participating in pertinent field trips.
- Learn how to utilize technology to enhance their language learning experience.
- Be eligible to enroll in Level II (Semester Two) course in the 2009-10 academic year.
- Continue to participate in follow-up program-enrichment activities during the 2009-10 academic year.

## **Eligibility Criteria for Program Participation**

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

- Successfully complete a Level I Mandarin Chinese course or its equivalent and plan to continue to study Mandarin Chinese in the fall.
- Pass a placement exam demonstrating a "threshold level" of listening, speaking, reading and writing ability in Mandarin Chinese deemed necessary to successfully participate in the program.
- Demonstrate an understanding of Chinese cultural perspectives, practices and products commensurate with the expected level of performance for students who have completed one-year 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-hours a week to the study of Mandarin Chinese, including participation in scheduled field trips 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 IIA Participant Application

**Applicant:**

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

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

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

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

Emergency Contact(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School of Enrollment:

- Gunn High School       Palo Alto High School       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 22 and July 17, 2009.

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(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Deadline for Application Submission:** April 17, 2009

(Placement Exams will take place during the following two weeks, and Notification of Acceptance in the Program will announced by May 8, 2009)

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

