



Ni Hao, thank you for your interest in the Yinghua Academy Middle School Program!

Yinghua Academy is a bilingual, tuition-free, public charter school with an international perspective. As the first school of its kind in the Midwest (est. 2006), Yinghua Academy is a national leader in Mandarin Chinese education.



“修身,齐家,治国,平天下”

“A person must first manage one’s self in good spirit, then he/she can contribute to his/her family, community, nation and the world.”

This ancient Chinese proverb, which is the philosophy of our Middle School, describes how a person becomes a global citizen. This philosophy is the basis of programming in the Yinghua Academy Middle School.

Highlights of the Middle School Program:

- Dual track program with Mandarin Chinese language instruction for new entry sixth grade students with no prior Chinese ability as well as continuing Chinese instruction for immersion students with 50% of content and language instruction in Mandarin Chinese.
- Singapore Math, Core Knowledge and Logic coursework for students in sixth through eighth grade that complements rigorous academics in Science, English and Critical Thinking.
- Pre-Advanced Placement coursework, preparing students for AP classes at any high school.
- Expanded specialist programming in music, art, health/wellness, and physical education including service learning projects.
- Small class sizes, safe learning environment and nurturing community.
- Challenging and comprehensive learning environment that nurtures students' natural inquisitiveness and prepares them to be global citizens (learn more about our Global Citizenship Program on the back of this page).
- Sister-school relationship with middle school program in Inner Mongolia, China, through which students develop social, academic and cultural communication skills by utilizing technology.
- Opportunity to travel to China in 8th grade, with stops in Beijing and at our sister school in Inner Mongolia to meet the Chinese friends with whom they have been communicating.
- An \$811,765 Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP) grant was awarded to support the development of the Middle School program.

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GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

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The middle school philosophy of managing one's self in order to contribute to family, community, nation and the world is the basis of the Global Citizenship Program. Each year, students research, design and implement content-based projects in Social Studies, Chinese, Mathematics, and Science that build upon the theme of community at a local, national and global level.

Sixth Grade—Self, Family, School 自己, 家庭, 学校

Each student establishes an email relationship with a sixth grade student at our sister-school. Students write monthly emails and create a science or math video-clip to send in the spring. First year students will do this project in Chinese if possible, which is mandatory for immersion-track students.

Students will present weekly current affairs reports in English and Chinese to the whole school.

Students conduct a service-learning science project, including electronic data collection, that will help the school. These class projects may include recycling, environment, energy usage, and engineering projects that contribute to the betterment of our school (our family or community).

Seventh Grade—Nation 国家

Students continue their email relationship with a peer in China. Additionally, students begin an email relationship with an American business person, congressperson, or other professional who works frequently with another country.

Students maintain an American History bulletin board in English and Chinese that features different important events. Students will also create an American History Project to be presented at an annual American History Fair.

Students will produce an electronic presentation about American Current Affairs to share with U.S. Congressional Representatives.

Eighth Grade—World 世界

Students continue their email relationship with a peer in China, including initiating discussions and research about international current affairs.

Students maintain a Global Current Affairs bulletin board in English and Chinese that features different important events. Throughout the year, students will produce and present videos to inform younger students at Yinghua Academy about global affairs.

Students will research and plan a trip to China, including meeting their peers in our Chinese sister school. Students will prepare a presentation of Yinghua Academy and Minnesota to share with several schools and officials in China during the trip.

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