

CHINESE IMMERSION EXPERIENCE

A trip to
China that
extends the
learning
beyond the
classroom

Celebrate the success of each student's immersion learning

Improve Chinese language and comprehension through immersion in the culture and daily life. Interact with Chinese people.

The students will recognize the skill they have achieved and solidify the success of their journey

Recognize the opportunities of second language acquisition and how it can impact their learning and life in the future

Give the students a global perspective and an appreciation for cultural differences

Why plan
for a
trip?

A trip focused on personal interaction and practice of their language skills

Home stay will be an important element of the trip

Students will visit or participate in Chinese classrooms. We will be working with our sister school in Beijing.

Visits to cultural attractions will be meaningful, educational and not the central focus

Most likely, it will not be a multi city visit

We will have an appropriate number of teacher chaperones join the trip

What will
this trip
be?

The trip is projected for the end of 8th grade, most likely in June. The first trip will be in 2016.

The current idea is that the trip will be 10-14 days.

When
will the
trip take
place?

Any student that has finished 8th grade and has completed the required courses in junior high

Students who take the curriculum courses are not required to go on the trip but you must take the classes to go on the trip

Who will
take the
trip?

The cost of the trip is unknown at this point but is expected it to be 2K to 4K per student based on feedback from other immersion programs. If home stay can be arranged, the costs can be reduced. Timing of the trip will affect costs.

Currently, the longevity night out and silent auction raise funds for each class. The funds for each class will be used to offset costs associated with trip and cover chaperone costs. The funds will not cover all the trip costs.

Current projections show that each class will have \$18-20K after 9 years of fundraising. These funds will be used to cover chaperone costs first and then additional costs of the experience.

How
much will
it cost?

The district has committed to creating curriculum and courses that will enhance/support the trip. Students who want to go on the trip will be required to take the courses.

This is not a district sponsored trip.

Community education classes may also be offered to help prepare the students for the experience

How is
the school
or district
involved?

A team has been formed to help plan and direct the development of the programs. Anyone is welcome to join the planning team.

The team is hoping to have the framework of the trip planned by Fall 2013 to impact Junior High registration in Winter 2014

We want to have a solid framework to present to parents and students in Winter 2014.

Commitment to the trip will be made in early Spring 2015 for June 2016 trip.

When
will we
know
more?

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