

Curriculum at a Glance Mandarin 1

Chinese I will develop beginning skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing Chinese, as well as provide cultural enrichment concerning Chinese culture and civilization. Each subsequent level, II-IV, will then build upon the skills developed in the previous level. This course will follow a similar scope and sequence as existing world language courses. Students will learn and practice speaking, listening, reading and writing Chinese within the context of thematic units. Acquired language skills will be reinforced in new units. The major emphasis will thus be towards the spoken language and the use of Pinyin Romanization, as well as building a vocabulary of simplified written characters, all within the context of understanding China and Chinese culture. The expectations for greater fluency will develop over the course of a four-year sequence.

Unit Description	Content and/or Skills
Introduction 1. Chinese Language and Dialects 2. Syllabic Structure and Pronunciation of Modern Standard Chinese 3. The Chinese Writing System 4. Useful Expressions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1. Learn about the Chinese language ● 2. Become familiar with basic Chinese pronunciation ● 3. Know basic information about the Chinese writing system ● 4. Use common expressions in the classroom and daily life
Greetings 1. Exchanging Greetings 2. Asking about Someone's Nationality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1. Exchange basic greetings ● 2. Request a person's last name and full name, and provide your own ● 3. Determine whether someone is a teacher or a student ● 4. Ascertain someone's nationality ●
Family 1. Looking at a Family Photo 2. Asking about Someone's Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1. Employ basic kinship terms ● 2. Describe a family photo ● 3. Ask about someone's profession ● 4. Say some common professions
Dates & Time 1. Taking Someone out to Eat on His/Her Birthday 2. Inviting Someone to Dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1. Tell and speak about time and dates ● 2. Talk about someone's age and birthday ● 3. Invite someone to dinner ● 4. Arrange a dinner date
Hobbies 1. Talking about Hobbies 2. Would You Like to Play Ball?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1. Say and write the terms for basic personal hobbies ● 2. Ask about someone's hobbies ● 3. Ask friends out to see a movie ● 4. Set up plans for the weekend

Visiting Friends 1. Visiting a Friend's Home 2. At a Friend's House	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 1. Welcome a visitor● 2. Introduce one person to another● 3. Compliment someone on his/her house● 4. Ask for beverages as a guest at someone else's place● 5. Offer beverages to a visitor● 6. Briefly describe a visit to a friend's place
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