

# Mandarin Immersion

Magnet School Middle School

休斯顿中文沉浸学校

初中部



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**Mandarin Immersion Magnet School** is a vibrant language immersion campus. Our students are diverse culturally, economically, and academically. Through rich cultural partnerships and special events, students also gain an awareness of and an appreciation for Chinese culture, traditions, and practices that enhance their global citizenship.

## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

- Small-knit middle school community
- Intensive foreign language instruction beyond the traditional language classes offered in other middle schools.
- Mandarin teachers are bilingual certified in Mandarin and their specific subject areas.
- Gold Certification for Family Friendly School
- 1:1 Chromebooks in grades 6-8
- Enrichment class: (can vary from year to year) Critical Thinking, Visual Art, Public Speaking, Mandarin Theater, Physical Education, Speech and Debate, Journalism and Yearbook, Research Lab, Computer Science, English Theater, and creative writing.

## Advanced Curriculum

All core middle school courses are taught in pre-advanced track. 7th and 8th grade students who demonstrate high interest and ability may participate in an accelerated curriculum resulting in earning high school credit(s). (Please note specific eligibility criteria must be met in accordance with district policy.)

New 6th-grade students can join our middle school campus for the beginning track. A Mandarin language background is not required for the beginning track courses. Students with greater knowledge of Mandarin may also test to join the immersion track but will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Chinese I, II, III, IV, and AP courses comprise the language course offerings for middle school. Students in the beginning track can earn a minimum of 1 high school foreign language credit if they successfully complete all Chinese courses through 8th grade. Students in the immersion track can earn a minimum of 3 high school foreign language credits if successfully complete all Chinese courses through 8th grade. AP-level Chinese courses will be provided in 8th grade, where students can potentially earn one college foreign language credit.

Students can also be eligible to take Algebra I (7th or 8th grade), Geometry (8th grade), and/or Biology (8th grade). Selection will be determined by teacher recommendation, STAAR Performance, Math and Science grades, and score on the Algebra/Biology placement test.

## Class Block Schedule Samples (6th Grade)

### Dragon Day

Homeroom/Intervention	8:30-9:15 am
Public Speaking	9:20-10:50 am
Math	10:55-12:20 pm
Lunch	12:25-12:55 pm
Physical Education	1:00-2:25 pm
English Language Arts	2:30-4:00 pm

### Phoenix Day

Homeroom/Intervention	8:30-9:15 am
World Culture	9:20-10:50 am
Science	10:55-12:20 pm
Lunch	12:25-12:55 pm
Mandarin Language Arts	1:00-2:25 pm
Art	2:30-4:00 pm

Homeroom/Intervention: 45 minutes. Each class: 85 minutes.

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#2 middle school  
in HISD and  
#6 in the  
state of Texas**

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## Magnet School Elementary School

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Mandarin Immersion Magnet School is a vibrant language immersion campus. Our students are diverse culturally, economically, and academically. The elementary school program (Grades PreK-5) is a **50-50 model immersion program**. Students will spend half of the day learning Mandarin Language Arts, Math, and Science in Chinese from a native Chinese-speaking teacher. Students will spend the other half of the day learning English Language Arts and Social Studies in the English classroom.

As much as possible, **Chinese language and culture** are woven into core content classes and other school-wide events. Students participate in school-based **traditional Chinese festivals**, including Mid-Autumn Festival and Chinese New Year. These events bring students, faculty, and families together to learn, celebrate and build a close-knit community.

### Elementary HIGHLIGHTS

- **Character Education**

In MIMS, we believe character matters most. In Mandarin and English, students learn the importance of our six school values: Respect, Integrity, Responsibility, Perseverance, Curiosity, and Courage.

- **Second Language Benefits**

Second language learners develop greater cognitive flexibility, increased attention control, better memory, and superior problem-solving skills. Standardized test scores of dual language learners consistently show higher long-term achievement than monolingual learners in English.

- **Cultural Awareness**

With our richly diverse student body and our curricular connections to East Asian cultures, students gain a broad international perspective. We also celebrate and recognize all other cultures represented by our student population.

- **Gifted and Talented**

All core teachers in every grade level are GT-certified to serve Gifted and Talented students.

- **PreK through 8th Campus**

As a PreK-8th grade campus, MIMS offers a continuous learning experience and the potential to gain advanced language proficiency in Chinese. In addition, our students and families build lasting relationships that carry through high school and beyond.

- **Field Trips**

In every elementary grade level, students attend one field trip that highlights an aspect of Chinese culture and/or provides an opportunity for them to practice their Chinese with others in a Mandarin-speaking community (ie. Chinatown, Chinese Culture Center, etc.).

### Schedule Sample

8:35 - 10:20	English Language Arts
10:20 - 10:50	Social Study
10:50 - 11:20	Recess
11:20 - 11:50	Lunch
11:50 - 12:20	Intervention
12:20 - 12:25	Switch Class
12:25 - 12:55	Math (Mandarin)
12:55 - 1:50	Enrichment
1:50 - 2:20	Math (Mandarin)
2:20 - 3:20	Mandarin Language Arts
3:20 - 3:55	Science (Mandarin)
3:55 - 4:00	Dismissal

### Elementary School Enrichment Classes

PE | Library and Keyboarding | Art | Music

### Clubs at MIMS

- Robotics
- Volleyball Club
- Speech and Debate
- Public Speaking
- Garden Club
- Dance Club
- Red Dragons F.C (Soccer Club)
- Math Club
- Run Club
- Gymnastics
- Girl Scouts
- Choir
- Chess Club

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