

# Mandarin Immersion

Magnet School Middle School

休士頓中文沉浸學校

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Mandarin Immersion Magnet School is a vibrant language immersion campus. Our students are diverse culturally, economically, and academically. Our middle school program (Grades 6-8) is an Advanced Immersion track that prepares 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students to take the AP Chinese exam for college credit. New 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students can also join our campus at the middle school level for a Beginning Immersion Track\*.

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.

\* **Beginning Immersion Track students do NOT have to have a Mandarin background** but are asked to demonstrate a basic commitment to learning Mandarin by memorizing basic vocabulary words (approx...150 words including colors, numbers, days, etc.) Study materials are online at [mimshisd.org](http://mimshisd.org). You will have a language screener assessment in late February or Early March 2023. The students who meet this requirement are chosen by lottery. Students with greater knowledge of Mandarin may also test to join the Advanced Immersion Track, but will be admitted on a case-by-case basis.

## Advanced Curriculum

All core middle school courses are **pre-advanced placement track**. 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students who demonstrate high-interest and ability may participate in an accelerated curriculum resulting in high school credit(s). Specific criteria must be met in accordance with district policy.

Students have the opportunity to earn high school foreign language credits in Mandarin Chinese. Students may take **Chinese I, II, III or IV** in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade years. It is not considered AP level credit. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, students will take the Chinese AP Exam which can potentially count toward college foreign language credits.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade students can also be selected to take **Algebra I** and **Biology**. Selection will be determined by staff recommendation, STAAR, Math & Science grades, score on the Algebra placement test, as well as mastery of 8<sup>th</sup>-grade state-mandated TEKS objectives.

## STAAR Performance Result • 2018-2019

		MIMS MS	Lanier MS	Pin Oak MS	TH Rogers	Pershing MS
<b>READING</b>						
6 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE: Approaches (pass)	Masters (highest standard)	97%   49%	92%   54%	88%   40%	96%   64%	71%   26%
7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE: Approaches	Masters	98%   82%	95%   64%	94%   58%	98%   84%	76%   34%
8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE: Approaches	Masters	100%   67%	96%   66%	94%   56%	97%   82%	81%   39%
<b>WRITING</b>						
7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE: Approaches	Masters	100%   40%	92%   53%	93%   46%	98%   78%	73%   20%
<b>MATH</b>						
6 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE: Approaches	Masters	100%   69%	93%   51%	95%   45%	99%   81%	85%   27%
7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE: Approaches	Masters	100%   64%	92%   39%	92%   29%	99%   73%	75%   18%
8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE: Approaches	Masters	N/A	96%   43%	94%   36%	94%   58%	80%   28%
<b>SCIENCE</b>						
8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE: Approaches	Masters	92%   52%	96%   54%	94%   59%	97%   73%	81%   36%
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>						
8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE: Approaches	Masters	93%   40%	91%   50%	87%   40%	97%   84%	69%   25%

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## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

- Small class & personalized attention
- Ranked #11 in the best performing middle school in the state of Texas (June 2021)
- TX Honor Roll, Issued by National Campaign of Business and Education Leaders (2017-2018)
- Ranked the "MOST Diverse School in Texas" by the Public School Review
- Intensive foreign language instruction not comparable to language classes traditionally taught in middle school
- All core middle school courses are Pre-AP curriculum for every student. In 8<sup>th</sup>-grade, students have an opportunity to take the Chinese AP Exam which can potentially count toward college foreign language credits
- 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students can also be selected to take Algebra I and biology with teachers recommendation or exam
- Our Mandarin teachers are bilingually certified, trained not only in Mandarin but also in their specific subject areas
- 1:1 Chromebooks in grades 6-8
- Sister School Relationships with Chinese Schools



## Middle School Enrichment Classes

- Theater
- Physical Education
- Technology Applications
- Creative Writing
- Journalism
- Speech and debate
- Chinese Pop Culture
- Science Lab
- Calligraphy
- Sports
- Study Hall
- Library
- Critical Thinking

## Clubs at MIMS

- **Dragon Boat Race Team** (2<sup>nd</sup> place in 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta)
- **Greater Houston Area Chinese Speech Competition**
- **MIMS Robotics Club** (VEX IQ World Championship two years in a row; Ranked #20 in the world in 2018.)
- **UIL Academics & Athletics** (multiple ES & MS teams)
- **Chess Club** (2<sup>nd</sup> place in Texas state scholastic chess championship and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Houston scholastic tournament)
- **Student Council**
- **Debate**
- **Volleyball**
- **Soccer**
- **Basketball**
- **Cross Country**
- **Science Fair Club**
- **Dragon Dancing**
- **Running Club**
- **Name That Book**
- **Garden Club**
- **Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts**

## Middle School 7- Period Schedule Samples

Period 1 (8:30 - 9:25 a.m.)

Period 2 (9:30 - 10:25 a.m.)

Period 3 (10:30 - 11:25 a.m.) Elective time

Period 4 (11:30 - 12:25 p.m.)

Lunch (12:25 - 12:55 p.m.)

Period 5 (12:55 - 1:50 p.m.) Elective time

Period 6 (1:55 - 2:50 p.m.)

Period 7 (2:55 - 3:50 p.m.)

Homeroom (3:50 - 4:00 p.m.)

Each class: 55 minutes. Homeroom: 10 minutes.

Lunch time: 12:25-12:55 p.m. (All Middle School Students)

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