

Sharpstown International School
Mandarin Chinese 4
2017-2018

Course and Contact Information

Course: Mandarin Chinese 4

Classroom: E01

Textbook: Integrated Chinese Level 2 Part 1

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Course Description

This course is designed for students who completed a mandarin Chinese 3 Course. Students will continue to develop the four basic language skills of listening comprehension, speaking, reading and writing. They will review and expand upon the knowledge from earlier lessons.

Through studying the textbook, participating in classroom activities, assignments, projects and cultural events, students will continue their journey of learning the Chinese language as well as the Chinese culture. Furthermore, students will be required to interact with native Chinese speakers through various projects and learning opportunities.

At the end of this course, students will acquire vocabulary and sentence structures in daily-life communication. They will be carry out basic conversations on relevant topics studied. Students will also be able to understand and appreciate the Chinese traditional culture.

Linguistic goals

- Students will become familiar with intermediate Chinese characters, the Chinese phonic system, and Chinese grammar.
- Students will be able to complete writing and listening exercises.
- Students will be able to further develop their comprehensive skills through supplementary materials.
- Students will be able to write compositions related to the reading materials.

Communicative goals

- Students will be able to present their reports in Chinese both orally and in writing.
- Students will be able to apply Chinese conversation in both formal and informal contexts.

Cultural goals

- Students will be able to identify, describe and understand various aspects of Chinese culture, lifestyles, and social-cultural conventions.
- Students will be able to read and comprehend selected literary and cultural materials.

Grading Criteria

Your grade for this course will be based on a percentage of the following:

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| Daily Work/Homework | 10% |
| Formative Assessment | 50% |
| Summative Assessment | 40% |

***If you have missing assignments or grades below 70, you will have **ONE** calendar week to make up the assignment or grade.

Supply (Mandatory)

- Binder / Folder
- Pen and pencil
- Loose leaf paper

Classroom Rules

1. Arrive to class on time and ready to learn.
2. Begin the daily activity posted on the whiteboard when you arrive to the classroom.
3. Respect other students, guest speakers, and faculty.
4. Actively participate in class discussions and in conversation practices.
5. Learning a language is difficult and students must respect each other's efforts while they are reading, writing, listening, and speaking Chinese.
6. All other rules and regulations found in SIS handbook also apply to this course.
7. No food and other drinks such as sodas, sports drink, juice, etc. in the classroom. Only water allowed in the classroom.
8. If you have missing assignments due to absences, it is **YOUR** responsibility to go to the teacher for assignments.

Consequences for Violation of Classroom Rules

1st Offense: Verbal Warning

2nd Offense: Student-Teacher Conference

3rd Offense: Phone Call Home

4th Offense: Parent-Student-Teacher Conference

5th Offense: Office Referral

** For extreme behavior, an office referral will be earned regardless of a warning, phone call home may be conducted after 1st offence based upon teacher's discretion. **

Cell Phone Policy

The use of cell phones during class is strictly prohibited. This includes sending or checking text messages. A violation of this policy will result in the confiscation of the cell phone until the end of the period. Repetitive cell phone violations will result in the confiscation of the cell phone, which will then be turned into office.

Plagiarism

Neither plagiarism (offering the work of another as one's own without proper acknowledgement) nor any form of cheating (e.g. illicit possession of examinations or other materials, using unauthorized notes during an exam, etc.) will be tolerated. Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or an essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines, and other reference works, or from the themes, reports, or other writings of a fellow student is guilty of plagiarism. Plagiarizing from the internet is also prohibited. Students found to violate these standards of integrity are liable to serious consequences, including a grade of "F" for the assignment and a discipline referral resulting in detention or suspension.

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Sign below that you have read and agree to the terms of the syllabus. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Guardian Signature:

Date:

Guardian Print Name:

Student Signature:

Date:

Student Print Name:

Contact information

Father's cell phone number:

Mother's cell phone number:

Student's cell phone number:

**The signature page is due at the end of the first week of school.