

# Mandarin Immersion Program Admission Requirements

汉语普通话沉浸式教育计划招生要求

**Immersion education is a family commitment, a family investment and a family experiences.**

Achieving high levels of oral, reading, and written proficiency in a second language is a long-term process. Parent and student commitment to the program is essential for success and for the school. Immersion programs depend on long-term commitment to control attrition. In addition to its general admission requirements, RSA has the following special requirements for families in the immersion program:

- ☉ *Commitment by the parent/guardian to keep their student(s) in the immersion program throughout the elementary grades (K-5).*
- ☉ *Recognition by the parent/guardian that the student will have unique opportunities and challenges in this program and a pledge to be both supportive and understanding of the student and the program goals.*
- ☉ *Commitment by the parent/guardian to read to the student in English every night at home to reinforce English language development.*

## Mandarin Immersion Program Goals

沉浸式普通话教育目标

- ☉ *Students will be bilingual, bicultural, and biliterate*
- ☉ *Students will be able to meet or exceed state and local content standards in all subject areas*
- ☉ *Students will be at or above grade-level in English language skills*
- ☉ *Students will develop high Mandarin fluency & literacy*
- ☉ *Students will develop an increased cultural awareness*
- ☉ *Students will be sensitive to and appreciative of our diverse society*

## RSA General Curriculum

RSA 的普通课程

Redding School of the Arts offers an integrated, interdisciplinary approach for incorporating the visual and performing arts into the academic day. The curriculum consists of the basic concepts, content goals, and skills instruction reflected in the California State Frameworks in Language Arts, Science, Mathematics, Social Science, and Visual and Performance Arts.

**Yearlong themes studied include:**

- \* Africa, Asia and Early European History
- \* California and American History
- \* Ancient Civilizations



**RSA Lottery Process**  
RSA招生中的抽签过程

If there are not enough spaces in a class for all students who want to attend, RSA will use a random lottery for enrollment. There will be two separate lotteries for kindergarten and 1st grade; one for the Mandarin immersion program and one for traditional classes.



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## Mandarin Immersion Program

A Visual and Performing Arts Charter School

沉浸式普通话教育



A visual and performing arts public charter school open to all children K-8

Tailor-made educational program for students who have an interest in the visual and performing arts and/or Mandarin Chinese. Established in 1999



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# Mandarin Immersion at RSA

## RSA 的沉浸式普通话教学

☺ RSA's Mandarin Immersion Program is a comprehensive, partial immersion program, with 50% of the curriculum taught in English and 50% taught in Mandarin.

☺ All instruction follows the California curriculum frameworks and meets or exceeds California and local content standards in all subject areas.

☺ School day is approximately 8:20 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

☺ The curriculum is maximized to increase proficiency in both English and Mandarin across all grade levels.

☺ Language does not exist in a vacuum – it both shapes, and is shaped by, the culture of the people who speak it. Therefore, RSA's curriculum includes elements of Chinese culture and activities such as arts, food, crafts, traditions, poetry, holidays, music, etc.



### Benefits of Early Bilingual Education

☺ Studies show that the human brain is more open to linguistic development in the early years, and children who learn a language before adolescence are more likely to develop native-like pronunciation.

☺ Bilingual learning enhances students' intellectual development, basic skills and performance, and improves a child's understanding of his/her native language.

☺ Studying a second language has positive effects on memory, listening, and critical thinking skills.



## Why Mandarin Chinese?

### 为什么选择汉语普通话?

☺ The US Government classifies Mandarin Chinese as a Category IV language - one of the most difficult languages for native English speakers to learn. It is best learned in elementary school.

☺ Research suggests that the more difficult the language to learn, the greater the overall cognitive benefits.

☺ Research shows that attaining fluency in a second language, particularly more difficult languages, makes learning a third or more languages much easier.

☺ The four most widely spoken languages in the world:

☺ Chinese: 2 billion+ (Mandarin Chinese: 1 billion+)

☺ English: 514 million

☺ Hindustani: 496 million

☺ Spanish: 425 million

☺ The growth and market potential of China, Taiwan, Singapore and other Mandarin-speaking countries are well known, and the most successful marketing always takes place in the language of the target country.

舞蹈 Dance

艺术 Art

戏剧 Theater

音乐 Music

# Immersion Education

## 沉浸式教育

☺ Immersion language learning is different than the traditional US model for learning foreign languages of an isolated language class one hour a day several days a week.

☺ In partial immersion programs, a portion of the regular school curriculum is taught in English and a portion is taught in the second language; the new language is the medium for instruction rather than merely the object of instruction.

☺ Immersion teachers initially use engaging teaching techniques to communicate their meaning, and students quickly catch on and understand the new language and the lessons taught.

☺ Students in immersion programs reach higher levels of fluency and literacy than those in traditional language classes.

☺ Immersion learners benefit cognitively, exhibiting greater nonverbal problem-solving abilities and more flexible thinking.

☺ Research consistently shows that immersion education actually enhances English language development over time.

Language is at the heart of the human experience. To relate in a meaningful way to another human being, one must be able to communicate. To study another language and culture gives one the powerful key to successful communication --- knowing how, when, and why

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