



CHINESE SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION SHEET – JUNE 24 – JULY 11 for qualifying students in *current* grades 3, 4 and 5

WHAT? The CFISD STARTALK Chinese Language Summer Camp will be a 3-week Chinese Immersion program for students in current grades 3-5, who have little to no knowledge of the Chinese language and culture. The program aims to stimulate curiosity in the community about the Chinese language and culture and build learner's interest in continuing their language study in middle school or high school.

WHO? All participants must understand and agree to full participation – meaning daily attendance throughout the entire program from June 24 – July 11 (11 days of instruction – No Fridays or July 4th). Applicants must have little to no knowledge of the Chinese language or be returning from a previous CFISD STARTALK Camp.

***CONDUCT:** Failure to follow the code of conduct and dress code or continued unacceptable behavior will result in a student's immediate removal from the program. Students who miss more than 2 days also risk removal from the program.

Space is LIMITED! APPLY HERE until all spots are filled: <https://bit.ly/ChineseSTARTALK24>

Top 5 Reasons to Learn MANDARIN CHINESE



★ EASY TO LEARN

Although Chinese is considered a difficult language to pick up, it is easier to get started than you might think! Students of the language are often able to start speaking basic Chinese in as little as a few weeks of beginning their studies!

★ GOOD BRAIN EXERCISE

Studies suggest that learning Chinese uses more parts of the brain than are required for other languages. Whereas English speakers only use the left temporal lobe, speakers of Mandarin use both. It improves cognitive skills such as memory, problem-solving, critical thinking and paves the way for learning languages in the future!

★ **UNDERSTAND OTHER CULTURES** Learning the relationship between practices, products & perspectives can lead to an appreciation of difference and diversity.

★ CHINESE IS THE 2ND MOST IN DEMAND FOREIGN LANGUAGE REPORTED BY U.S. EMPLOYERS

International business, finance, education, and government agencies, have a particularly high demand for professionals with Chinese language skills. As China continues to play a significant role in the global economy and international affairs, the demand for Mandarin Chinese proficiency among U.S. employers is likely to remain strong in the coming years.

★ U.S. "CRITICAL NEED LANGUAGE"

Proficiency in Mandarin Chinese is highly valued by various U.S. government agencies, such as the Department of State, Department of Defense, and intelligence organizations.