

Did You Know?

Second language courses, including current authorized locally developed/acquired language courses, may be used to meet the Alberta senior high school diploma requirement. Up to 25 credits of the 100-credit requirement may be earned in one or more second languages.

A 30-level (Grade 12) second language course is accepted for university entrance and is a requirement for some faculties and programs. It may also help students meet the requirements for Rutherford scholarships.

Where Is Chinese Offered?

A number of school jurisdictions offer Chinese language programming. Contact your local school jurisdiction to find out more. Links to school jurisdiction Web sites can be accessed at www.education.gov.ab.ca/ei/maps.

Benefits of Language Learning

Research shows that language learning:

- has a positive impact on other academic studies
- increases both educational and career opportunities.

Why Learn Chinese?

It's beautiful.

It's mysterious.

It provides career opportunities.



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Provincial Programs of Study

The following provincial programs of study are available:

- Chinese Language and Culture
 - Chinese Language and Culture Nine-year Program, Grades 4–5
 - Chinese Language and Culture Six-year Program, Grades 7–8–9
 - Chinese Language and Culture 10-6Y, 20-6Y, 30-6Y
 - Chinese Language and Culture 10-3Y, 20-3Y, 30-3Y
- Chinese Language Arts
 - Chinese Language Arts, Kindergarten to Grade 9
 - Chinese Language Arts 10–20–30

Current provincial programs of study may be viewed and downloaded at www.education.gov.ab.ca/k_12/curriculum/bySubject/languages.

Curriculum Handbooks for Parents and *Curriculum Summaries* contain information on what students are expected to learn and be able to do in each subject by grade/course, including Chinese. These resources may be viewed and downloaded at www.education.gov.ab.ca/parents/handbooks.



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Program Supports

Special Advisor on Chinese Language and Culture

Alberta school jurisdictions benefit from the expertise and assistance of the Special Advisor on Chinese Language and Culture through an agreement between the Ministry of Education in the People's Republic of China and Alberta Education.

In addition to providing workshops on a variety of topics upon request, the Special Advisor provides information to teachers about:

- materials/resources to support Chinese language education
- professional development opportunities
- exchange and study opportunities for teachers, students and schools
- potential support available through The Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban).

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International Examinations for Chinese

Internationally recognized Chinese proficiency examinations for students learning Chinese as a second language are available.

- The Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK) examination is designed for students who are at least 15 years of age.
- The Youth Chinese Test (YCT) is designed for young learners (under 15).

More information about the HSK examination is available at <http://english.hanban.edu.cn/market/HanBanE/413810.htm>.

Students should contact their teacher to see if they are eligible.

Student Learning Opportunities

Post-secondary students are eligible to participate in an essay/speech-writing contest. Winners of the contest are awarded a Chinese Bridge Scholarship to study at a post-secondary institution in China. Hanban offers tuition, accommodation, health care and a living allowance. For more information, visit <http://english.hanban.edu.cn/market/HanBanE/415457.htm>.

Language Learning Opportunities for Students outlines various learning opportunities available in a variety of languages. For more information, visit www.education.gov.ab.ca/languages/StudentOpportunities.pdf.



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Additional Support

Additional support is available from the Education Office, Consulate-General of P.R. China in Vancouver, B.C. Telephone 604-732-6723 or fax 604-738-1801. For more information in Chinese, visit www.chinaconsulatevan.org.