

# Ben Barber Innovation Academy

## AP Mandarin Chinese 4 華(华)huá 語(语)yǔ

### 2020 Spring Semester---Syllabus

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#### Course Information:

The AP Chinese IV language and culture course has been designed to prepare students for the AP Exam. The class is comprised of six thematic units and taught by using authentic material consisting of literary texts used in both listening and reading. Chinese rules will be revisited and used in contextualizing activities related to the units themes.

Throughout the semester a variety of methods, including summarize assessment will be implemented to check understanding. The course will be conducted exclusively in Chinese and students are encouraged to use the Chinese language in class. The course will try to be taught most of time in Chinese.

AP Chinese IV prepares students to demonstrate intermediate proficiency across the full range of language skills within a cultural frame of reference. The course will develop reading proficiency of authentic texts, fiction and non-fiction, listening proficiency of formal and colloquial authentic language, and writing proficiency in descriptive, expository, and persuasive styles. This course utilizes critical thinking, reading, and writing skills. The goal of this course is to prepare students to take the AP Chinese Language and Culture exam.

#### Teacher Information:

- Teacher: [Lei-Jane Chou](#)
- Subject: AP Mandarin Chinese 4
- Grade level: High School ---9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade
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#### Textbooks/Readings/Materials:

- Barron's –The Leader in Test Preparation
- The video about Confucius' analects will be shown.
- AP Chinese Test will be practiced.

- At times RosettaStone will be used in the classroom.
- Some learning materials will be posted on Google Classroom.
- Internet enrichment opportunities are available:

<http://www.yellowbridge.com/>

[chinapage.com](http://chinapage.com)

[betterchinese.com](http://betterchinese.com)

[on-line Chinese tool](#)

[chinasprout.com](http://chinasprout.com)

<http://www.lynqua.com>

<http://www.languageguide.org>

<http://home.kimo.com.tw>

<http://www.commonlit.com>

<http://www.vocabulary.com>

<http://www.sxhoolboy.com>

<http://www.lingt.com>

## **Course Policies:**

### **1. Grading Policy**

- 90---100 Outstanding Progress
- 80---89 Good Progress
- 70---79 Satisfactory progress
- 69---and below Failing
- I Incomplete

### **Six Week Grading ---**

#### **Tests/Projects---40%**

- You need to check the Google classroom anytime.
- Students can retake a failed test.

#### **Language/communication--- Speaking/Listening/Reading/Writing--- 35%**

- CD or firsthand listening will be incorporated.
- Dictations will be utilized.
- Students will create their own sentences by pictures interact with the teacher.

#### **Class participation/Daily work/Quizzes/Homework ---25%**

- Daily assignments should be completed in class.
- You need to record and translate it into English after we learn a reading article.  
You need to upload your recording to the Google classroom during the assigned time.
- One day tardy will be accepted but it will be counted as 70.

### **Final Grade---**

- 80% --- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> six weeks average
- 20% --- Final Exam

## **2. Late Work**

Students may be assessed a penalty of no more than 10 points per A or B day (this is not calendar days) for up to a maximum of three class periods before a zero may be given for work not turned in on time.

## **3. Attendance Policy/Class Participation---**

- You must enter/leave the classroom with your ID.
- You must be on time.  
You will be counted as tardy after 7:00 AM.  
You will be counted as absent if you are late for 20 minutes.
- Assistant Principal will talk to you if you are on the 5<sup>th</sup> tardy.
- If you are absent five times, you will fail.
- I will contact your parents/guardian if you are absent the second time.

## **4. Missed Assignments/Academic Dishonesty ---**

- I will NOT accept tardy class work or homework.
- You will receive a zero if you are caught cheating on any tests or quiz and you will not be permitted to retake the quiz or test.

## **5. Classroom Expectations/Rules---**

### **Expectations---**

- **Punctuality**  
You are required to be in your chair and studying when the bell rings.
- **Preparation**  
You are required to bring your Mandarin handouts, spiral notebook as well as your pencil.
- **Responsibility**  
Be polite --- Always show good manners. Don't speak bad words.  
Don't touch other students or their belongings.
- **Participation**  
You are expected to participate in all of our class activities.
- **Concentration**  
Be attentive and not talk when the teacher is instructing.

### **Rules---**

- You always need to display your ID when you come to the classroom.
- Don't put your iPad on the desk until it is permitted.
- You need to charge your cell phone/iPad at home every day.  
You cannot charge your cell phone/iPad in the classroom.
- You need to be responsible for your own behavior.
- You must turn off cell phone before entering the classroom.

- Drinks and food are not allowed.
- At all times no electronics will be allowed in the classroom.
- No personal grooming or make-up is allowed to take place in the classroom.
- Don't leave the classroom until teacher dismissal.
- Don't abuse or misuse furniture or supplies.
- Don't do any other subject in Chinese class.
- If you go to the restroom during class, you need to sign out and sign in when you return.
- Always keep the classroom clean.

If the student does not follow the rules, the following consequences will be in place.

1. Verbal warning.
2. Time out or separation from peers.
3. Removal from classroom. Alternative work to be assigned when possible.
4. Referral---administration consequences.

## **6. Tutorial Support**

- Tutorial time will be 6:30-7:00 AM on Tuesday and Thursday.  
Please tell me in advance if you need.
- I will be happy to clarify any misunderstanding.

## **7. Test Retakes**

- Students who fail a major test (below 70%) will be allowed to retake up to a 70% grade.  
This does not include semester examinations.
- Students are expected to make arrangements with the teacher to retake a test.
- Students are encouraged to participate in tutoring opportunities before retaking a test.
- All retakes must be completed **prior to** the end of each six week grading period.

**Dear Parent(s),**

I am excited to have your child in Chinese IV class. The class will definitely be more challenging than Chinese III. My goal for this class is, upon the completion of the course, is for your child to not only communicate with Chinese people, but in addition, to exchange information. He/she will discuss some details when he/she travels to China. The class will be more exciting, vigorous, and more fun!

I believe a key for student's success is for parents and teachers to work together. Your support is absolutely a MUST for your child's success. In order to optimize your child's study, it is critical that we maintain an excellent learning environment in the classroom. Your child is expected to bring a positive attitude to the classroom and be ready to learn every day.

Please read and discuss our Chinese syllabus with your son or daughter. Please sign and return it. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me. The best way to reach me is via e-mail: [lei-janechou@misdmail.org](mailto:lei-janechou@misdmail.org). Please provide an e-mail address that you check most frequently or if you prefer to talk with me in person, please include the best phone number.

I expect a great semester with your child. I will do my best and do whatever I can for your child's academic success. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Lei-Jane Chou

*Lei-Jane Chou*

Mandarin Chinese Teacher

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Student Name (print):

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I personally **prefer to contact you via e-mails**; however, I would be happy to contact you via either e-mail or phone. Please specify which preferred method I can make contact you. If you choose to receive contact via phone, please provide the number that you use between 9:30 and 3:00.

I prefer via e-mail: e-mail address (parent's e-mail)

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I prefer via phone: phone number (parents' phone number)

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Please check below if you agree. If you do NOT agree, please contact your child's counselor.

- My child and I have read the Syllabus (Spring 2020) for AP Chinese IV and have discussed its contents.
- My child is in the class to learn Chinese. My child will follow all the rules and instructions given by the instructor without any objection.
- My child and I understand that taking AP Chinese IV is voluntary. My child has a willingness to learn Chinese more than required in the Recommended Graduation Plan of the State of Texas.
- My child and I understand that the ultimate goal of the AP Chinese IV course is for the students to take the AP Chinese Test. This course will be very challenging and demanding than the previous courses. It will be necessary for students to increase their study time.
- It is **the student responsibility** to study to maintain a passing grade for the Pre-AP Chinese III.

Parent Name (print):

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Parent Signature:

Date:

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Student Signature:

Date:

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**Please do NOT have your child print your name.**

**If you have anything you would like the teacher to know, please use the other side of the paper.**