

MANDARIN CHINESE I - 0711300

Grade 9-12, Credit 1.0

Chinese I introduces students to the target language and its culture. The student will develop communicative skills in all 3 modes of communication and cross-cultural understanding. Emphasis is placed on proficient communication in the language. An introduction to reading and writing is also included as well as culture, connections, comparisons, and communities. Students will be taught the basics in order to speak, read and write in the target language. Emphasis is placed upon vocabulary expansion by means of written and oral practice.

Cultural aspects of the Chinese Speaking world are also introduced. Students will begin to acquire proficiency in Mandarin Chinese through a linguistic communicative, and cultural approach to language learning. Emphasis is placed on the development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills and on acquisition of the fundamentals of the applied grammar. Cross-cultural understanding is fostered and real-life applications are emphasized throughout the course.