

QSI DONGGUAN'S ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

Mastery Learning

QSI believes in 'Success for All' and that all students can achieve at a high level given enough time and feedback. Mastery learning is the instructional strategy used in all QSI schools. Small class sizes allow the teacher to keep working with a child until the child demonstrates a high level of understanding on each topic of study.

Curriculum

QSI curriculum is reviewed and revised on a seven year cycle by current expert educators. It is implemented worldwide and is aligned with the American Common Core State Standards. The Common Core Standards were developed to ensure a rigorous and consistent education in USA schools. Likewise, QSI's curriculum amply prepares students for their post-secondary education and career.

Placement

QSI believes students learn best when they are well placed according to their skills and knowledge. Students are placed in a homeroom based on age, but are able to move up or down grade levels in Mathematics and Literacy. Additionally, students developing English proficiency will be placed in the Intensive English program to support their language acquisition.

An Elementary School Day

Students follow an eight period day.

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| 1) Reading | 5) Chinese |
| 2) Writing | 6) Specialist Classes |
| 3) Mathematics | 7) Specialist Classes |
| 4) Science/Cultural Studies | 8) Centers /Literacy Focus |

*Specialist classes are offered on rotation and include: Art, Music, Physical Education, Technology, Library and Special Activities.

*Once a week, students engage in a Keeping Safe Lesson.

Success Orientations

In addition to focusing on students' academic growth, teachers also strive to teach the importance of lifelong values and characteristics that lead to success. We call these values Success Orientations. They include:

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| Responsibility | Group Interaction |
| Independent Endeavor | Trustworthiness |
| Kindness & Politeness | Aesthetic Appreciation |
| Concern for Others | |





Assessment at QSI

Status Reports will be emailed home five times per year. Below are the evaluations used by QSI:

Academic Evaluations: Students receive an evaluation for each unit

- **A-Above Mastery:** The student has a strong understanding of the unit and consistently demonstrates higher order thinking
- **B-Mastery:** The student understands everything in the unit
- **P-In Progress:** The student is still working on one or more objectives in the unit
- **H-On Hold:** The teacher has put the unit on hold
- **D-Deficient in Effort:** The student is not demonstrating enough effort for the teacher to assess their understanding. This is a temporary evaluation.

Success Orientation Evaluations:

S: Successful

E: Exemplary

N: Not There Yet

Communication

- **1) Class Dojo:** All elementary teachers will invite parents to join the protected platform of **Class Dojo**. The teacher will regularly share announcements, class news and photos here.
- **2) Email:** The school will send communication to the parent emails registered with the school. Every teacher has a regularly accessed work email.
FirstName-LastName@dongguan.qsi.org.
- **3) Official WeChat Account:** Weekly newsletters and special announcements will be posted here. (Please scan our WeChat QR Code below.)



WeChat QR Code

School Hours:

8:00-8:30am - Students may be dropped off; teacher supervision provided

8:30am - School Day Starts

4:00pm - End of Day, Pick Up Time

School Lunch/Bus

To sign up for school lunch or bus service, contact Ivy Tan at:

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