Mandarin Immersion Program Information
2024
Why dual language Immersion?

- Cognitive flexibility
- High levels of academic achievement
- Ability to communicate with more cultures
- Maintenance of culture and home language for native speakers
- Positive self-concept
- Students typically match their English-only peers by 5th grade in English literacy and math.
Ohlone - Mandarin Immersion

- Language is a means for instruction, not the object of instruction
- Not taught in a traditional Chinese educational model
- Does not emphasize memorization, rote learning
- Does not have grades or report cards
- Has limited testing and homework
- Simplified characters and pinyin
Mandarin Immersion

Language Difficulty Ranking by FSI

- Category V (88 weeks): Mandarin, etc.
- Category IV (44 weeks): Vietnamese, etc.
- Category III (36 weeks): Malaysian, etc.
- Category II (30 weeks): German
- Category I (23-24 weeks): Spanish, etc.
How much Mandarin in K?

Content taught in both Mandarin and English:

K/1 = 80% Mandarin, 20% English (art, music, library, PE, farm)

2/3 = 60% Mandarin, 40% English
4/5 = 50% Mandarin, 50% English
School + Student + Family = Success!

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<td>This is an academically rigorous program. Attendance is extremely important in this program.</td>
<td>The partnership between school and family is unparalleled. Students in K-2 will need your supervision.</td>
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Is Ohlone a good fit for your child?

Ohlone emphasizes and celebrates independence and student-driven collaborative learning.

Self aware
Self regulate
Self starter

Ohlone is not a neighborhood school.
Is Ohlone a good fit for your family?

We expect that you actively volunteer, participate, and engage in the Ohlone community.
Is Mandarin immersion a good fit for your child?

- **Attendance** -
  Are you committed to attending school on time on a regular basis?

- **Family commitment** -
  Are you willing to help your child, especially in grades K-2?

- **English foundation** -
  Does your child know letter sounds?
Next Steps - Kindergarten students

- Read about our school at [ohlone.pausd.org](http://ohlone.pausd.org)
- Complete registration with [PAUSD](http://paUSD) by February 24.
- Fill out the choice school application form by February 24, 4pm. *only one program*

**Notification via email:** Either a placement offer OR a waitlist number.
Next Steps - Grades 1-5

Waitlists:
- There is an evaluation done by a teacher for students entering in grades 1-5.
- No deadline, since there is no lottery.
- No specific notification date. We will start to look at openings in early summer.
- No need to call - we will reach out if/when there is a spot for you!
School Tours for Kinder Families

Feb 13, 9:00-9:30am  *only open to those in attendance tonight*

Please Register Here
Thank you!
Go to https://ohlone.pausd.org/ for more info.