# World Languages: Why Learn Chinese?

Q&A

Fulton County Schools
Where Students Come First

Learning Chinese can have both short- and long-term benefits through the introduction and acquisition of a new language and culture.

***Why Learn Chinese?***

- China is one of the world's oldest and richest continuous cultures, over 5000 years old.
- China is the most populous nation in the world with 1.34 billion people.
- One fifth of the planet speaks Chinese.
- China is the 2nd largest economy in the world.

***Chinese in the United States***

- Chinese is one of the largest trading partners of the United States.
- Many U.S. companies do business in China and have long-term investments there.

***Chinese in the World***

- Chinese has become a huge market, and business leaders are looking for people who can speak Chinese.
- China will play a major role in world affairs in the future and Chinese is viewed by many as the language of the future.
- China has become the "factory of the world".
- Traditional Chinese cultural phenomena, from Confucianism and Chan Buddhism to martial arts and Chinese cuisine, have an enormous influence on the western world.

***Which schools in Fulton County offer Chinese?***

- High Schools

  Alpharetta HS, North Springs Charter HS, Northview HS
- Middle Schools

  Paul D. West MS, River Trail MS, Webb Bridge MS

***Is Chinese offered virtually?***

Yes, Chinese is offered in Fulton Virtual School.

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