



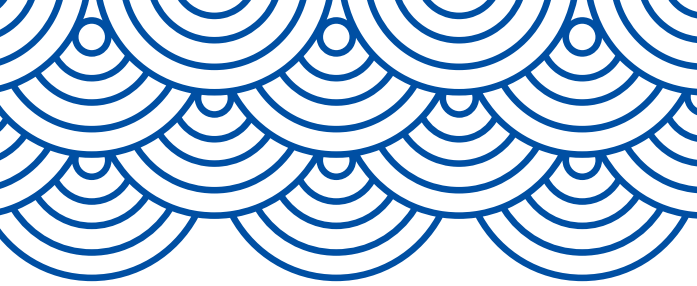
## How to Apply

Open to students entering Kindergarten, with limited capacity available for grades 1-5. Students applying for grades 1-5 must have Mandarin experience.

- All applicants must complete a Choice Application (regardless of where they reside)
- Must also complete the Downes ES Chinese Immersion (CHIP) Application



Chinese Immersion (CHIP) Application



## What is the Chinese Immersion Program?

In grades K-5, Elementary Immersion students spend 50% of their instructional day learning in their immersion language. They learn math, science, and language arts in the immersion language from one teacher and learn social studies and English language arts from another. They acquire a broad base of content area knowledge and language across the elementary program. This provides them with a strong foundation in language and content as they move into the middle grades.



## Why Choose Immersion?

- Builds bilingual proficiency and literacy
- Intermediate Mid-High Mandarin proficiency
- Leadership, public speaking & confidence
- Cultural awareness and global mindset
- Pathway to AP Chinese and dual credit
- Opportunities for travel and university links
- Future careers in business, STEM & diplomacy

