

# WEST VALLEY CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Course offerings for the 2008-2009 School Year

## Overview:

- A special English/Cantonese bi-lingual (CS) program that focuses on the conversational and listening aspects of the Chinese language. Some Chinese character recognition and writing as well as Chinese cultures will be taught.
- Core Chinese program from kindergarten (CK) through CAdv2 levels with emphasis on listening and speaking Cantonese, reading and writing traditional Chinese, and gaining knowledge and progressive appreciation of the cultures of the Chinese-speaking world.
- Mandarin (Han yue pin yin) lessons are taught in the Core Chinese program, from C4-CAdv2 levels.

## CLASS

### CODE    DESCRIPTION

- CS1**    Level 1 Bi-lingual English/Cantonese (Prerequisite: none)  
This class is for students with no, or limited, knowledge of the Chinese language. Some English is used in the instruction. Emphasis is on listening comprehension, pronunciation of commonly used words, and conversation. Students will be taught basic writing strokes and a few simple “traditional” Chinese characters. Some Chinese culture and social practices will be introduced.
- CS2**    Level 2 Bi-lingual English/Cantonese (Prerequisite: CS1 or recommendation from assessment) This class is a continuation of CS1. The curriculum re-enforces students’ knowledge from CS1 to learn more vocabulary and dialog. Some English is used in the instruction. Students will learn to recognize and write more Chinese characters. More Chinese culture and social practices will be introduced.
- CS3**    Level 3 Bi-lingual English/Cantonese (Prerequisite: CS2 or recommendation from assessment)  
This class continues to build students’ listening comprehension and conversational confidence in Cantonese using a “daily activities of a young student” approach. Some English is used in the instruction. Students will further develop their word-recognition and writing skills. Culture interests such as Chinese inventions, values and traditions will be introduced.
- CK**    Kindergarten (Prerequisite: none)  
This class is for students who can sufficiently understand and interpret age-appropriate topical conversations in Cantonese, but cannot, or can only minimally, read or write Chinese. Emphasis is on building listening and verbal skills, with introduction to reading and writing simple “traditional” Chinese characters.
- C1**    Level 1 Chinese (Prerequisite: CK or recommendation from assessment)  
This is the first course in a series of textbook-based learning curriculum. Emphasis of the curriculum is on listening, conversational, reading, and writing aspects of the Chinese Cantonese language. Instruction will cover more vocabulary, simple sentence construction, reading and writing skills.
- C2**    Level 2 Chinese (Prereq.: Level 1 or assessment recommendation). Continuation of Level 1.
- C3**    Level 3 Chinese (Prereq.: Level 2 or assessment recommendation). Continuation of Level 2.
- C4**    Level 4 Chinese (Prereq.: Level 3 or assessment recommendation). Continuation of Level 3.
- C5**    Level 5 Chinese (Prereq.: Level 4 or assessment recommendation). Continuation of Level 4.
- C6**    Level 6 Chinese (Prereq.: Level 5 or assessment recommendation). Continuation of Level 5.
- C7**    Level 7 Chinese (Prereq.: Level 6 or assessment recommendation). Continuation of Level 6.
- C8**    Level 8 Chinese (Prereq.: Level 7 or assessment recommendation). Continuation of Level 7.
- CAdv1-1** This is the first year of a two-year Advanced 1 program. (Prereq.: Level 8 or assessment recommendation). Continuation of Level 8. This class focuses on essay writing; listening, reading and comprehension of written pieces; speech; study of Chinese history, culture and some literature.
- CAdv1-2** This is second year of the two-year Advanced 1 program. (Prereq: Level CAdv1-1 or assessment recommendation). Continuation of Level CAdv1-1.
- CAdv2-1** This is the first year of a two-year Advanced 2 program. (Prereq.: CAdv1-2 or assessment recommendation). This is a continuation of CAdv1-2. This class focuses on group discussion of current events, Chinese history, culture and literature.
- CAdv2-2** This is second year of the two-year Advanced 2 program. (Prereq: Level CAdv2-1 or assessment recommendation). Continuation of Level CAdv2-1.

*Course levels and content is subjected to change without notice.*