Mandarin Chinese Language and Culture Program
for
Eligible* High School Students

June 25-July 20, 2007
Palo Alto High School

Co-Sponsored by the

California Foreign Language Project
Stanford University School of Education
Palo Alto Unified School District

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For the Purpose of

Preparing Students to Develop Higher Levels of Language
and Culture Competency in Mandarin Chinese

Deadline for Applying
May 11, 2007

*Please see eligibility criteria on page 2
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Program Goals

Participating students will:

- Increase their language and cultural competency in Mandarin Chinese
- Maximize their opportunities to succeed in future study of the language and culture and increase their performance in the Advanced Placement Chinese Language and Culture exam
- Earn academic credit equivalent to one semester of Mandarin Chinese language study
- Benefit from cultural activities and special project experiences
- Develop a higher level of language and cultural knowledge by participating in pertinent field trips
- Learn how to utilize technology to enhance their language learning experience
- Be eligible to enroll either in the regular or the Level II Honors Mandarin Chinese course in the 2007-08 academic year.

Eligibility Criteria for Program Participation

Students who meet the following criteria will be considered for Participation:

- Complete successfully a Level I Mandarin Chinese course or its equivalent and be enrolled in the Palo Alto Unified School District
- Pass a placement exam demonstrating a “threshold level” of listening, speaking, reading, and writing ability in Mandarin Chinese deemed necessary to successfully participate in the program
- Demonstrate an understanding of Chinese cultural perspectives, practices, and products commensurate with the expected level of performance for students who have completed one year of instruction in Mandarin Chinese.
- Perform basic Chinese word processing functions and display the ability to draft/respond to language-level appropriate e-mail messages and prepare basic PowerPoint presentations
- Commit to devote a minimum of thirty-hours a week to the study of Mandarin Chinese, including participation in scheduled field trips and other related program activities
- Submit parental approval that the participant can participate in the program, be videotaped/recorded for the purpose of documenting student performance and to evaluate the overall success of the STARTALK program.
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Participant Application

Applicant:

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________

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Telephone Number(s) _______________________________________________

Emergency Contact(s) _______________________________________________

Email address ______________________________________________________
(Only for purposes of notifying you of your application status)

School of Enrollment: Gunn High School ❑ Palo Alto High School ❑

Student Commitment to Program Goals:

I ____________________________ agree that if I am accepted into the STARTALK program, that I will devote a minimum of thirty-hours a week to the study of Mandarin Chinese, including participation in all of the scheduled field trips and other related program activities, between June 25 and July 20, 2007.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

Parent/Guardian Authorization:

I/we ________________________________________________________________
The parents(s) or guardian(s) of ________________________________, do hereby authorize him or her to participate in the STARTALK Mandarin Chinese Language and Cultural Program and for him or her to be video-taped/recorded for the purpose of documenting his or her linguistic and performance and to evaluate the overall success of the STARTALK program.

Signature(s): ____________________________ ____________________________

Date: ____________________________ ____________________________

Deadline for Application Submission: May 11, 2007 (Placement Exams will take place during the following two weeks, and Notification of Acceptance in the Program will announced by June 1, 2007)

Please Respond to the questions on page 4 of the Application
Mandarin Chinese Language and Culture Program
Participant Application/Questions

Please respond to the following questions using the designated space after each of the questions below:

1. Why do you wish to enroll in the STARTALK Mandarin Chinese Program?

2. Describe the reasons that motivate you to continue to learn Mandarin Chinese?

3. Please describe any elements of Chinese culture that you have either studied or experienced that gave you greater insight into Chinese culture and society?

Please fax the application by May 11th to (650) 723-7578 or mail it to Duarte Silva, CERAS, Room 109, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305-3084. For questions e-mail duarte.silva@stanford.edu or call (650) 736-9042.

You will be notified by email of your acceptance for Summer Mandarin Chinese Language and Culture Program.