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Announcements

As the new year begins, the Confucius Institute of the State of Washington encourages schools and districts from throughout Washington to take advantage of some of the special programs and services that the Confucius Institute offers locally or coordinates for the Hanban in China.

Happenings

This winter/spring:

January 12, 2011

[Global Classroom:
Wednesday Afternoon
at the Movies](#)

January 26, 2011

[Celebrating the Lunar
New Year in China and
Korea: A Workshop for
K-8 Educators](#)

April 14-15, 2011

[National Chinese
Language Conference
in San Francisco](#)

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Creating a Chinese Language Program Workshop

Thinking of starting a Chinese language program? This is the best first step to take. The Confucius Institute offers this three-hour workshop that covers most of the major topics that a district or school needs to consider when making the decision to launch a new language program. While the focus is on Mandarin language programs K-12, most of the topics could apply to any language at any level. The workshop can be customized to address specific issues or interests in your school or district. It has been offered in locations across the state by members of the Chinese Language Teachers Network since 2006, and most recently in Colville, WA.

The Confucius Institute and Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) offer this workshop jointly, providing speakers, travel, presentation materials, online registration (free), and 3 free clock hours for teachers. The local host organization provides the venue, light refreshments, and outreach in their local area.

To see an outline of the workshop and links to resources, visit: [Creating a Chinese Language Program Workshop Resources](#).

To request a workshop, email ciwa@u.washington.edu.

Chinese Guest Teacher Program

The Confucius Institute of the State of Washington and OSPI also partner on the Chinese Guest Teacher Program, coordinated by the College Board, in partnership with Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters and the National Council of State Supervisors for Language (NCSSFL).

Schools or districts can request highly qualified teachers from China to help launch or expand their Chinese language programs.

Currently, Washington State is host to seven guest teachers, all in the Seattle Public Schools. They are teaching in three elementary schools, two middle, and two high schools.



Guest Teachers at Confucius Institute workshop Fall 2010

Here is some information from the College Board website: College Board > [Host a Guest Teacher](#).

The Chinese Guest Teacher Program is designed to help U.S. schools develop Chinese language and culture study programs and to promote international exchange between the United States and China.

Key benefits to U.S. schools and students include:

- *Host schools can start or expand a Chinese language and culture program at reasonable cost.*
- *Schools can lay a foundation for offering AP® Chinese classes in the future.*
- *Students learn authentic Chinese language and interact with a native Chinese speaker.*
- *Chinese guest teachers serve as cultural resources in other subject areas.*

The Program provides an experienced language teacher from China for the host school or district for a period of one to three years. This is your chance to build a Chinese program efficiently and affordably.

The application process for 2011 has just been announced. The deadline for submitting applications is **February 15, 2011**.

If your school or district is interested in hosting a guest teacher next year, how about visiting the classroom of one of the current guest teachers? Just contact ciwa@u.washington.edu to request more information and a school visitation.

For more information, visit <http://confucius.washington.edu/programs/>.

Chinese Bridge Delegation - June 2011

The Confucius Institute of the State of Washington helps coordinate the Chinese Bridge Delegation for Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters. This is an amazing opportunity for state and school district administrators and policy makers, especially school board members, to travel for ten days to China to learn more about China's education system and how to connect schools in China and the U.S. The travel within in China is paid for by the Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters.

OSPI's Deputy Superintendent for K-12 Education, Dr. Alan Burke, just returned from a Confucius Institute-sponsored trip to China in December.

The next Chinese Bridge Delegation will be in June, 2011. For more information, contact ciwa@u.washington.edu.

Read Rongfen Sun Burford's Photo Report from the June 2010 Bridge Delegation to China at <http://confucius.washington.edu/programs/>:
[Part1](#) * [Part2](#) * [Part3](#) * [Part4](#)



Rongfen Sun Burford on
Chinese Bridge Delegation
June 2010

Confucius Classrooms

Asia Society's Confucius Classrooms Network is a national network of exemplary Chinese language programs. The Network serves as model sites for developing the field of Chinese language teaching in American schools.

With [60 pilot schools](#) in place, Asia Society is now requesting applications for the next 40 schools and/or districts. To apply, visit: Asia Society > [Confucius Classrooms Network](#).

Washington State currently has four Confucius Classrooms that are part of the Asia Society Confucius Classrooms Network:

- Beacon Hill International School (Seattle)
- Peninsula School District (Gig Harbor)
- Sammamish High School (Bellevue)
- Tyee Middle School (Bellevue)

The Confucius Institute of the State of Washington serves as a liaison for the Confucius Classrooms. There will be opportunities for additional schools in Washington to develop Confucius Classroom relationships with schools in China over the coming years. If you are interested in pursuing this opportunity, email ciwa@u.washington.edu.

For more information, visit <http://confucius.washington.edu/programs/>.

If you have an event or are interested in volunteering for the Confucius Institute of the State of Washington, please [contact us](#)!