



The Blue Valley
**GLOBAL
LANGUAGE
PROJECT**



Chinese Immersion Parent Meeting

Class of 2038
Kindergarten Class of 2025



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Blue Valley Schools
Chinese Immersion Program

(蓝谷学校)

(中文沉浸式课程)

Through the immersion model, Blue Valley students will graduate with distinctive **bi-lingual** proficiency which will **distinguish them for academic and professional success**, and provide lifelong personal reward and global intercultural connections.

Long Term Goal



An immersion program is not about learning the language only, but rather learning ***through*** that language. Blue Valley Schools uses a model in which students are co-taught by two classroom teachers, spending half of the day in the target immersion language and half of the day in English.

Immersion in Blue Valley



Elementary

What Does Research Say About Immersion?

- Develops proficiency in a second language
- Improves performance on standardized tests
- Enhances cognitive skills
- Increases cultural competency
- Prepares students for the global community

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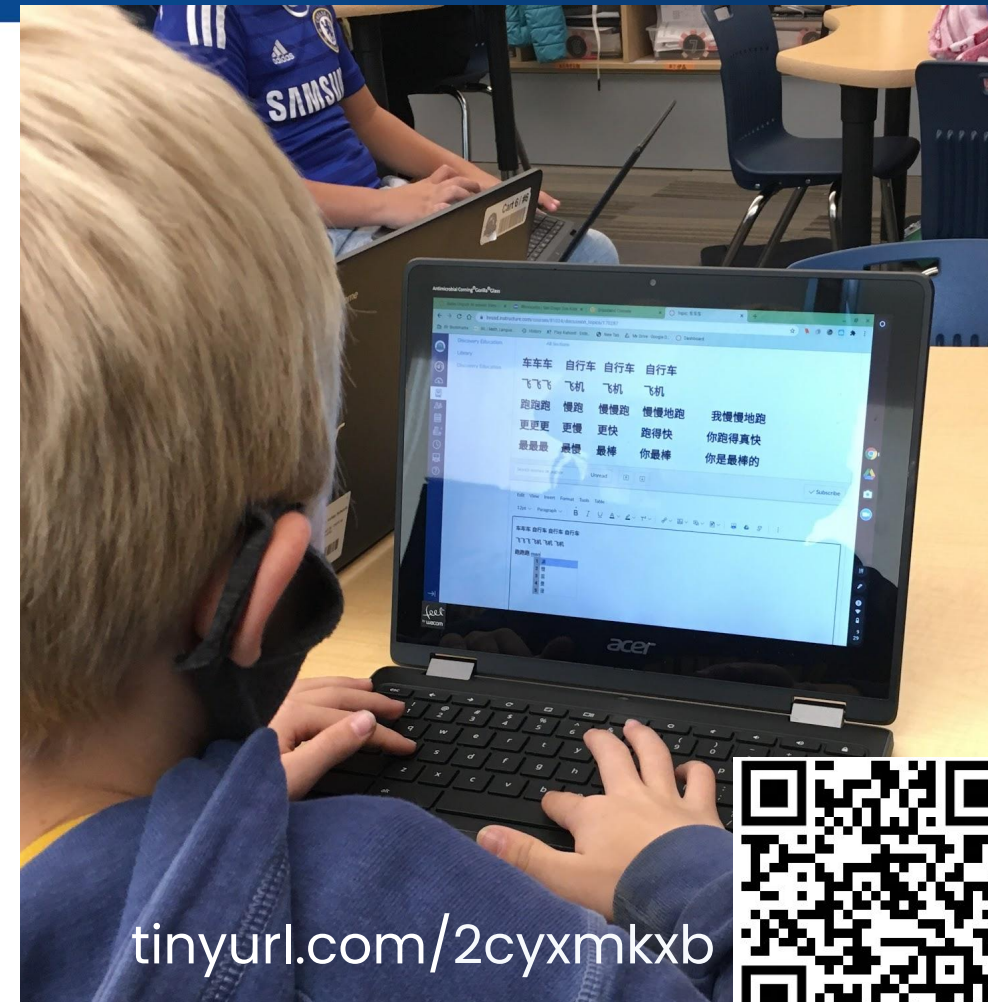


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Why Chinese?

- Critical and Strategic Language
- Community Interest
- Expand Language Families
- China is the most populous nation in the world at 1.3 billion
- 1/5 of the Planet Speaks Chinese
- China is a top trading partner of the US
- Many US companies with significant business and investments



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Teachers

- **Team Of Two Teachers**
 - 1 English-Speaking teacher
 - 1 Mandarin-Speaking teacher
- **Both teachers licensed through KSDE in Kansas**
- **On-going professional learning and support for both teachers**
- **Building and district supports**



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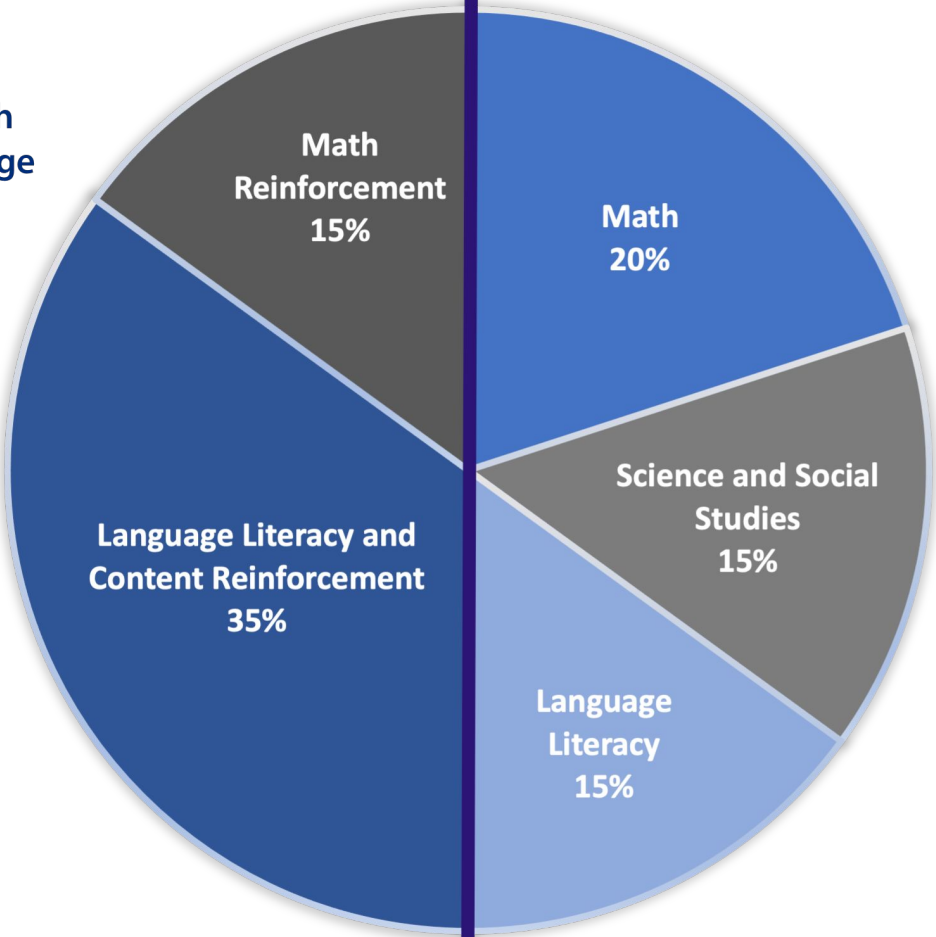


BLUE VALLEY GLOBAL LANGUAGE PROJECT PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- Dedicated resources in Chinese
- Content learned in Chinese
- 2 Classes of Kindergarten Students
- Half Day in English & Half in Target Language
- These Students Would Not Have Spanish

English Language

Target Language





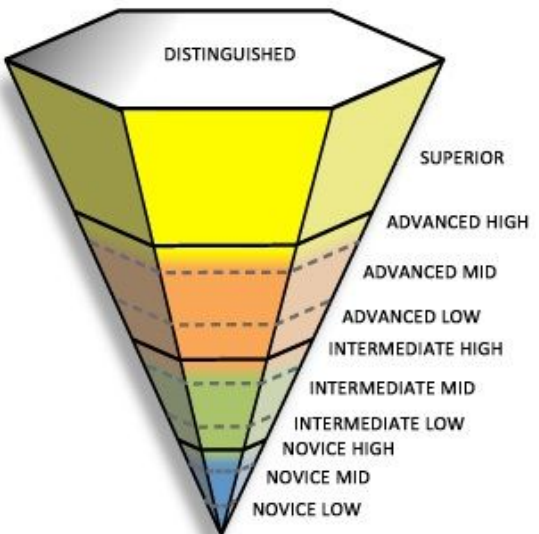
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LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

- Understanding develops before production.
- Early learners rely very much on memorized phrases and “parroting” the teacher.
- Over the course of the six year program, listening and speaking will be the strongest skills.
- BV’s program has proficiency goals for the four areas of proficiency.



BLUE VALLEY GLOBAL LANGUAGE PROJECT LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT



Grade	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing
K	Novice Mid	Novice Low	Novice Low	Novice Low
1	Novice Mid	Novice Mid	Novice Mid	Novice Low
2	Novice Mid	Novice Mid	Novice Mid	Novice Mid
3	Novice High	Novice High	Novice Mid	Novice Mid
4	Novice High	Novice High	Novice High	Novice Mid
5	Intermediate Low	Intermediate Low	Novice High	Novice High

For More Information On Proficiency Levels Visit **ACTFL.ORG**



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SUPPORTING MY CHILD



- Create a supportive learning environment in the language of the home.
- Show enthusiasm for other languages and cultures.
- Set a positive tone for rich cultural exploration and dedication to this program.



How do we apply?

- Online application at www.bluevalleyk12.org/immersion
- Open from **February 28 – March 24**
- Random number generator to select students
- Up to 50% of the lottery slots will be reserved for students in the BVSU feeder system and VPE boundaries.
- Notification of status by late March, 2025
 - Email notification of acceptance or waiting list





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- Siblings of current Chinese immersion students will be given preference.
- No additional fees.
- Transportation is the responsibility of the family unless the student lives within WSE's boundaries and is eligible for bussing.

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