

# Chinese I



**Prerequisite:** None

**Course:** 7500BB

**Credits:** 1

**Length:** 18 weeks

**Placement:** 9-12

## Course Description

Chinese I is an introduction to the Chinese world, its language and its people. The main emphasis is on oral skills while developing reading and writing skills. The students will be guided in recognizing the interrelationships of language and will develop a cultural appreciation of the Chinese world. The focus of the course is on novice proficiency. Language and culture are intertwined through the semester.

During cultural portions, students will learn Chinese calligraphy and they will make a lantern with calligraphy. Students will see a kaleidoscope of Chinese culture, Chinese civilization and art, places in China, and scenic spots and historical sites in China. Students will learn *A Great Country in the East* by video and learn about homeland of the dragon, eminent figures in Chinese history, outstanding tourist spots in China, and in search of Chinese treasures.

## Student Activities

- Students will learn listening, reading, speaking, and writing activities about greetings, introductions, family, and food.
- Students will use Ipad to do research and complete a project on Moon Festival by making a video.
- Students will learn Chinese Pinyin all initial and final sounds. They also need to memorize the tones by showing body pose.
- Students will learn the basic eight strokes and learn how to write Chinese characters.
- Students will draw the zodiac and tell everybody where they belong.
- Students will try to write their Chinese name.

## Organizations/After School/Competitions

North Texas TI Cup Chinese Speech Contest