

High School Credit Class

Foreign Language Credits earned at SDCA are recognized by San Dieguito Union School District, San Diego Unified School District, Carlsbad Unified School District and Poway Unified School District. Our credit-class teachers are very experienced. All the lessons are planned to meet the most updated 5C standards (National Standards for Foreign Language Education: communication, cultures, connections, comparisons, and communities) that were first published in 1996 by American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). Teaching techniques involve 3 modes of communication: interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational (according to the ACTFL Performance Guidelines for K-12 learners) to make sure the students have abundant opportunities to practice as well as enhance their skills in speaking, reading, and writing. Some examples of in-class activities are games, role plays, debates, group discussions, and presentations. The curriculum also features computer lab lessons where students work on composing a literature piece in Chinese characters and typing them simultaneously. In addition to the core textbook taught, Integrated Chinese, the teachers use various enrichment materials for the students to get in-depth learning about Chinese culture. Furthermore, 40 hours' worth of field trips throughout the whole school year offer hands-on activities such as cooking, crafting, Chinese folk sports, Chinese music appreciation, and Chinese movie watching for high schoolers to have real cultural experiences and memories that will last for a lifetime.



Field trip to a Chinese restaurant ↶ ↑



Lion Dance performed by credit-class students at SDCA's 2012 Chinese New Year Festival. ↓ ↑ ↘



All the Lion Dance costumes were hand-made by credit-class students themselves, some with parents' help. Job well done! SDCA is SO proud of each one of you!

