



**YINGHUA
ACADEMY**

MANDARIN CHINESE IMMERSION SCHOOL

December 14, 2016

Dear Families of Yinghua sixth, seventh, and eighth graders:

I want to let you know about Yinghua's plans for this year's middle school trip to China. This is our sixth such trip that our school has undertaken. For those students who participate, this is an outstanding opportunity to further develop Chinese speaking skills while sightseeing in famous locations.

This year's trip to China will include Beijing, Shanghai, and Inner Mongolia.

We plan to have spots this year for 40 students to travel with at least four Yinghua chaperons. **All Yinghua students currently enrolled in sixth, seventh, or eighth grades are eligible to submit an application.** Priority will be given to students who are currently enrolled in seventh and eighth grade. If fewer than 40 seventh and eighth graders sign up, we will accept sixth graders. We hope to include all who want to participate, so if more than 40 students express interest in the trip, we will try our best to adjust as needed. Students who wish to go to China should express a clear purpose for traveling to China and a willingness to apply their learned Chinese language and culture during the trip.

We estimate the cost per student will be \$3,300 including roundtrip airfare to China, food and lodging, train and other transportation. Passport costs, visa and pocket money for airport meals and souvenirs will be additional. The trip will be approximately fourteen days, June 26 to July 10, give or take a day on either side to ensure the best airfares.

To apply, please complete the attached application form, include a check made payable to Yinghua for \$500, and return it by February 1, to the main office. Your check will not be deposited until your child's participation has been confirmed and this will happen during the week of February 12.

Confirmed participants must participate in a weekly World Traveler Class. Parents and students are expected to attend monthly meetings. These meetings will supply families with important and necessary travel information.

If you have any questions about the trip, please contact Susan Reader who is working with me to coordinate the details of our travel: susan.reader@yinghuaacademy.org.

Sincerely,

Luyi Lien, Ph.D.
Academic Director

Applications- Submitted to the main office by Feb 1, 2017, 5:00 pm. Emily Walker, emily.walker@yinghuaacademy.org
Questions about the trip- Susan Reader, susan.reader@yinghuaacademy.org