



**YINGHUA
ACADEMY**

MANDARIN CHINESE IMMERSION SCHOOL

August 17, 2022

Dear Yinghua Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!

With great excitement and pleasure, I am honored to take on the role of Executive Director, and to welcome new and returning families to a great year at Yinghua Academy. I look forward to collaborating with the Board, our parents, our teachers and staff, and the broader community to ensure we stay true to our mission.

I am excited to announce our new academic leaders:

Ms. Danielle Miller - Director of English Instruction. Many of you may know her as Mrs. Jespersen, as she has served in our school as an English teacher, intervention teacher, and instructional coach for the past few years. She will direct all subjects taught in the English language.

Ms. Fang Wu - Director of Chinese Instruction. She has been with Yinghua for 14 years as a 2nd grade teacher and instructional coach. She will be responsible for all subjects taught by Chinese-speaking teachers. We will all work together to continue our strong academic performance.

Along with Mr. Pobloske and Mr. Chan, we will form a strong support team for our students:

Mr. Marcus Pobloske - Dean of Students. He joined Yinghua last school year, and is eager to start the new school year with all students. He is a passionate educator who is devoted to empowering students of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

Mr. Kenny Chan - Director of Special Education. He leads the Special Education Department and is ready to work with families, teachers, and students to support students to reach their full potential.

You can find the team's [bios here](#). This new team will bring us a new outlook. We are excited to sustain Yinghua's legacy and create an even brighter future.

Students will receive their class assignment on August 29 via an Infinite Campus (IC) message. During the summer, our teachers and staff have been preparing to welcome you back to our school. As life gradually returns to some semblance of normalcy, we look forward to **hosting in-person Curriculum Night** and **Parent-Teacher Conferences**, and rebuilding connections with parents. We eagerly await the sound of your laughter and the joy brought by your energy and enthusiasm for learning!

YACA

I encourage all of our parents to become active members of our Yinghua Academy Community Association (YACA). YACA provides an opportunity to connect with and support our community. With your support, our staff and students can experience amazing events and memorable field trips, enjoy a steady flow of snacks, and participate in academic leagues and wellness groups.

Infinite Campus (IC)

To stay abreast of all that is taking place at Yinghua, please be sure to provide us with an updated cell phone number and email address so that we can share information via our Infinite Campus (IC) messaging system. Additionally, please be sure to create and/or update your IC Parent account. Also, remember to visit our website regularly for current news and upcoming events. All materials being shared can also be found on [our website here](#).

Playgrounds

Over the summer, the playgrounds owned by the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board on the south side of Yinghua were removed due to the deteriorating state of the equipment and the completion of a new playground next to the water park. The school board and I will be meeting with the park board on August 19 to discuss the future plans for the space, as the playgrounds were an important part of our students' recess time.

I'm privileged to be a part of the Yinghua community where students, teachers, and parents care for each other, believe in excellent immersion education, and strive to build meaningful relationships that support academic and social-emotional growth. Feel free to connect with me for any questions, comments, or concerns at luyi.lien@yinghuaacademy.org or at 612-788-9095. I look forward to working with you and assisting each student to meet their personal goals.

Dragons, let's make it an awesome year!

Educationally yours,

Luyi Lien, Ph.D.
CEO/Executive Director



LUYI LIEN 連鷺役
CEO/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Lien is responsible for the overall excellence of the school. She is excited to collaborate with the Board, the parents, the teachers and staff, and the broader community to ensure we stay true to the school mission.

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DANIELLE MILLER (JESPERSON)
DIRECTOR OF ENGLISH INSTRUCTION

Ms. Miller oversees English Language instruction, developing a comprehensive English Language Arts curriculum that enhances students' reading skills and deepens their worldviews, and implements small group interventions to assist struggling readers.

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FANG WU
DIRECTOR OF CHINESE INSTRUCTION

Ms. Wu directs all Chinese Language instruction, implementing a nationally recognized Chinese immersion program, supporting Chinese culture events that broadens students' understanding of Chinese and the world, and establishes support for students learning Chinese.

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MARCUS POBLOSKE
DEAN OF STUDENTS

Mr. Pobloske manages student behavior, implementing safety policies, supporting positive relationships, and developing students' leadership skills through the Dragon Life Organization.

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KENNY CHAN
DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mr. Chan leads Yinghua's Special Education Team. He collaborates with teachers, students and families to design supports for individual learners, and coordinates services to ensure all learners reach their full potential.

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JOIN US

MEET YOUR TEACHER

Grades KG-4
August 29, 4 pm-6 pm

Grades 5-8
August 30, 4 pm-6 pm

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OFFICE STAFF PROVIDES FAMILIES WITH GENERAL INFORMATION

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INFO@YINGHUAACADEMY.ORG

SCHOOL DAY: 8:30 AM TO 3:30 PM / OFFICE HOURS: 8 AM TO 4 PM

MEET YOUR TEACHER

GRADES K-4

Monday, August 29, 4-6 p.m.

GRADES 5-8

Tuesday, August 30, 4-6 p.m.

A great opportunity for students to peek into their classroom, drop off school supplies, and say hello to their teacher! This event is student focused.

**USED UNIFORM
SALE
IN THE GYM
*BOTH NIGHTS***



Each night Yinghua Academy's Community Association(YACA) is hosting a party at

Sociable Ciderwerks

A fun family event!

Don't miss the bounce house!

4:30-9 p.m. on August 29

4:30-8 p.m. on August 30

Important Forms Checklist

Dear Yinghua Families

Here's your Key to '23! Important forms that need to be done before the first day of school are below. You will also find these links on our [website](#). Thank you in advance for getting these forms completed and turned into the main office. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

DONE?	REQUIRED/ OPTIONAL	FORM NAME	INFORMATION	DUE DATE
<input type="checkbox"/>	REQUIRED Online submission only	Student Health Form 2022-2023	All students are required to submit this health form. Any questions can be directed to Nurse Ginger Hao (ginger.hao@yinghuaacademy.org)	Before the student's first day of school
<input type="checkbox"/>	REQUIRED Online submission only	Yinghua Boonli	If you are new to Yinghua Boonli, watch the videos: Create an Account and Ordering . Lunch MUST be ordered a month prior.	ASAP Deadline is August 28, 2022, for September lunches
<input type="checkbox"/>	REQUIRED if you want to be considered to qualify for Free/Reduced lunch Send in mailed form, or submit online.	Application for Educational Benefits Waiver of Confidentiality	<i>Both forms are required for a student to become eligible for consideration.</i>	Forms are accepted all year.
Your child(ren) may qualify for additional benefits such as reduced fees for aftercare or busing or the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) which is a federal temporary emergency nutrition benefit that is loaded onto electronic cards for families to purchase food. At public schools, your application also helps the school qualify for education funds and discounts. For example, Aftercare fees and Busing fees are reduced when a student qualifies.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	REQUIRED Send in PAPER form with check attached	ACH	Authorize automatic payment of school expenses; return your form with a canceled check or deposit slip.	No deadline Forms accepted all year.

Important Forms Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/>	REQUIRED Online submission only	Publicity and Photo Release	Define how your child may appear in Yinghua publicity and photos	Before the student's first day of school
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPTIONAL Online submission only	Non-Release of Directory Information	Share or update grandparent addresses for Grandparents' Day!	Before the student's first day of school
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPTIONAL Send in mailed form, or submit online.	Digital Equity Form	Please fill out one form per household. The Minnesota Department of Education is requesting we collect this information from all households.	No deadline
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPTIONAL Send in mailed form, or submit online.	Ethnic and Racial Demographic Designation Form	Read more on MDE's website: click here.	No deadline

Questions? Contact: Ruthie Stein | 612-788-9095 | ruthie.stein@yinghuaacademy.org

Return any paper forms to the main office, or bring them to school on the 1st day.

Meet Your Teacher!

Grades K-4

Grades 5-8

Monday, August 29, 2022, 4-6 pm

Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 4-6 pm

★ *Bring your school supplies!* ★ *Find out where your desk and locker are!*

★ *Turn in any paperwork/forms.* ★ *Most importantly...MEET YOUR TEACHER!* ★

Used Uniform Sale is at the same time as Meet Your Teacher.

First Day of School!

Grades 1-8

Kindergarten

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

Thursday, September 1, 2022

Don't be late! Students need to be at their desks at 8:30 am sharp!

Attendance

Email attendance@yinghuaacademy.org if your student is not able to be at school at 8:30, or needs to leave early. Find our [attendance form](#) on our website.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school provides healthy lunch each day. Lunch provided by our caterer, CKC Good Food, costs \$4.75. Online ordering is available through YinghuaBoonli platform. The August/September 2022 menu will be available online for ordering from August 13 through August 28.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. To apply, complete the enclosed Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions. **A new application must be submitted each year.** At public schools, your application also helps the school qualify for education funds and discounts.

State funds help to pay for reduced-price school meals, so all students who are approved for either free or reduced-price school meals will receive school meals at no charge. Complete one form per household. **Return the form by Monday, August 20, in order for Yinghua to process it before the first day of school.**

Return your completed Application for Educational Benefits to:
Yinghua Academy, c/o Helen Hindrawati, 1616 Buchanan St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413

Who can get free school meals? Children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and foster, homeless, migrant and runaway children can get free school meals without reporting household income. Alternatively, children can get free school meals if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size on the instructions.

To apply for free school meals, please complete the Application for Educational Benefits form.

COMMON QUESTIONS:

I get WIC or Medical Assistance. Can my children get free school meals? Children in households participating in WIC or Medical Assistance do not automatically qualify for free meals. Children may be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals depending on other household financial information. Please fill out an application.

Who should I include as household members? Include yourself and all other people living in the household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends).

May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens for your children to qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.

What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get overtime only sometimes. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.

Will the income information or case number I give be checked? It may be. We may also ask you to send written proof.

How will the information be kept? Information you provide on the form, and your child's approval for meal benefits, will be protected as private data. For more information see the back page of the Application for Educational Benefits.

If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. Please complete an application at any time if your income goes down, your household size goes up, or you start getting SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR benefits.

Please provide the information requested about children's racial identity and ethnicity, which helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. This information is not required for approval of school meal benefits.

If you have other questions or need help, call (612)788-9095.

Sincerely,

Helen Hindrawati

How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits

Complete the Application for Educational Benefits form for school year 2022-23 if any of the following applies to your household:

- Any household member currently participates in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or
- The household includes one or more foster children (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child) or
- The total income of household members is within the guidelines shown below (**gross earnings before deductions**, not take-home pay). Do not include as income: foster care payments, federal education benefits, MFIP payments, or value of assistance received from SNAP, WIC, or FDPIR. Military: Do not include combat pay or assistance from the Military Privatized Housing Initiative. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Maximum Total Income

Household size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	25,142	2,096	1,048	967	484
2	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
3	42,606	3,551	1,776	1,639	820
4	51,338	4,279	2,140	1,975	988
5	60,070	5,006	2,503	2,311	1,156
6	68,802	5,734	2,867	2,647	1,324
7	77,534	6,462	3,231	2,983	1,492
8	86,266	7,189	3,595	3,318	1,659
Add for each additional person	8,732	728	364	336	168

Step 1: Children

List all infants and children in the household, their school and grade if applicable, and birthdate. Attach an additional page if needed to list all children. Check the box if a child is in foster care (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child).

Step 2: Case Number

If any household member currently participates in SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR, write in the case number and then go to Step 4. If you do not participate in any of these programs, leave Step 2 blank and continue on to Step 3.

Step 3: Adult and Child Incomes / Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

- **Social Security Number/Total Household Members.** An adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number or check the box if they do not have a Social Security number. Report the total number of household members and ensure all household members are listed individually on the application in the child or adult section as applicable.
- **Child Income.** If any children in the household have regular income, such as SSI or part-time jobs, list the total amount of regular incomes received by all children, and check the box for the frequency: weekly, bi-weekly, twice a month, or monthly. Do not include occasional earnings like babysitting or lawn mowing.
- **Adult income.** Report the names of adult household members and income earned in this section.
 - List all adults living in the household not listed in Step 1, whether related or not, such as grandparents, relatives, or friends.
 - **Gross Earnings from Work.** This is usually the money received from working at jobs where a paycheck is received. For each income, check the box to show how often the income is received: weekly, bi-weekly, twice per month, or monthly.
 - List gross incomes before deductions, not take-home pay. Do not list an hourly wage rate. For adults with no income to report, enter a '0' or leave the section blank. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.
 - **Are you Self-Employed or a Farmer?** List the net income per month or year after business expenses. Do not list the same income twice on the application. A loss from farm or self-employment must be listed as 0 income and does not reduce other income.
 - **Any Other Gross Income.** List gross incomes before deductions from all other sources, such as SSI, unemployment, child support, public assistance, social security, rental income or annuities.

Step 4: Signature and Contact Information An adult household member must sign the form. If you do not want your information to be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs, check the "Don't share" box in Step 4.

Optional: Please provide the information on ethnicity and race that is requested on the second page of the form. This information is not required and does not affect approval for school meal benefits. The information helps to ensure we are meeting civil rights requirements and fully serving our community.

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Dear Parents,

We are happy to announce that we have chosen to sell prepackaged school supplies for the next school year through School Tool Box. School supplies delivered directly to your home address – **it doesn't get any easier!**

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- Customize Your Order
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- Trusted Brand Name Supplies
- Teacher Approved List
- Backpacks and Lunch Boxes

schooltoolbox.com

800-952-1119

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supports



One Box, One Meal, Two Kids

School Name:

**Yinghua Academy
Minneapolis, MN**

Ordering Available:

Beginning July 1st

Allow 10 days for processing.

Kindergarten - \$73.91

1st Grade - \$70.46

2nd Grade - \$112.22

3rd Grade - \$86.32

4th Grade - \$71.49

5th Grade - \$92.59

6th Grade - \$92.59

7th Grade - \$85.95

8th Grade - \$82.47



SCHOOL TOOL BOX

