



**Dear Yinghua Families,**

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! As we begin this new academic year, I am filled with joy and gratitude to celebrate Yinghua Academy's 20th anniversary with all of you. This milestone is a testament to how far we have come and to our shared commitment to nurturing students to become compassionate, collaborative, confident, creative, and critical-thinking bilingual global citizens—ready to shape a brighter future.

**Kickoff Celebration: 20th Anniversary Community Picnic**

Our 20th anniversary celebration will continue throughout the year as we reflect on two decades of excellence and growth. To begin this momentous year, we warmly invite all students, families, staff, and alumni to join us for our **Community Picnic on Friday, September 5**. This joyful gathering will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, welcome new friends, and celebrate our vibrant school community. Each guest will receive a commemorative 20th anniversary t-shirt! *(See the enclosed flyer for details.)* As I look back on our journey, I'm reminded that Yinghua has always been grounded in its mission and guided by the needs of our students. Staying true to our purpose—and placing children at the center of our work—remains the key to everything we do.

**Student-Centered Enhancements for 2025-2026**

This year, we continue to strengthen student learning and well-being by deepening connections, improving instructional design, and expanding joyful learning opportunities. To ensure our students have a strong foundation, we are returning to essential skills that will reinforce their academic base and prepare them for the next stages of learning.

**Highlights include:**

**Focus on Reading and Literacy Skills:** Our Academic Team has reviewed how we prepare students to read and developed plans to help them engage in meaningful experiences such as read-alouds, silent reading, and guided reading—nurturing a lifelong love of books and learning. Reading classes have been added for grades 2–4, and dedicated small-group learning time will further enhance students' literacy skills. Our Chinese and English teaching teams are also working closely together to identify learning gaps and ensure each language supports the other for a more comprehensive literacy development.

**New Class Schedule for Grades 2–8:** To foster stronger relationships and more personalized instruction, we are refining our daily schedule:

- All Grades will begin and end each day in homeroom with Morning Meeting and Homework Time, helping to build consistency and support students' social-emotional development.
- During academic periods, students will be assigned into smaller instructional groups:
  - Grades 2–3: Three homerooms per grade level, with six learning groups across the grade
  - Grades 4–6: Three homerooms per grade level, with four learning groups across the grade

These updates will be shared in more detail during Curriculum Nights on September 9 and 11.

**Expanded Small Group Instruction:** We are proud to continue strengthening our differentiated instruction model, ensuring that every student receives meaningful support and enrichment:

- **Intervention groups** will focus on reinforcing foundational academic skills.
- **Enrichment groups** will offer advanced learning opportunities and creative challenges.

**Early Literacy Screenings (Kindergarten–Grade 3):** In alignment with the Minnesota READ Act, we will conduct one-on-one literacy assessments to better understand and support our early learners:

- **Kindergarten:** Screenings will take place during *Meet Your Teacher Night* (families are welcome to observe) or within the first six weeks of school.
- **Grade 1:** Within the first six weeks of school.
- **Grade 2:** On **August 19** by appointment (*see enclosed information*) or within the first six weeks of school.
- **Grade 3:** Within the first two weeks of school.

**Expanded After-School and Enrichment Programs:** We are excited to offer an even broader range of Extended Programs this year—especially for our middle school students. New activity offerings include K-Pop Dance, Technovation, Math Olympiad, Dungeons & Dragons, and more!

We are also continuing to strengthen our Chinese immersion enrichment through activities such as outdoor games, traditional play, and social hours conducted entirely in Chinese—providing fun, engaging, and meaningful ways to deepen both language skills and cultural understanding. (The full Extended Programs Catalog will be available on August 12.)

**Healthy Snack Initiative:** As part of our commitment to student wellness, we are launching a *Healthy Snack Initiative* in our After-School/Extended Learning Program. In alignment with state nutrition guidelines, this pilot program will phase out juice boxes and introduce more fresh fruits, vegetables, and whole grains—helping students build healthy habits and stay energized for active learning.

### **Class Placement and Communication**

Our academic team thoughtfully considered each child's learning needs, social dynamics, and teacher input when creating class rosters. Class placements will be shared via Infinite Campus Messages on the evening of August 24, just before Meet Your Teacher Night.

Thank you for your trust, partnership, and continued support. Let's make this 20th anniversary year not only a celebration of our past, but also a bold step forward—honoring our mission, strengthening our community, and helping every student shine.

With warmest regards,



Dr. Luyi Lien  
Executive Director  
Yinghua Academy



# MEET OUR TEAM!

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**LUYI LIEN 連驚役 CEO/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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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.



**LORI MAGSTADT**

DIRECTOR OF ENGLISH INSTRUCTION

Ms. Magstadt 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 MS CHINESE INSTRUCTION

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

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*Join Us*

## MEET YOUR TEACHER

**Monday, August 25**

**Grades K-4**  
**4 pm-6 pm**

**Grades 5-8**  
**5 pm-7 pm**



**SHUMEI LAI**

DIRECTOR OF LS CHINESE INSTRUCTION

Ms. Lai aims to inspire educators to embrace effective teaching strategies, develop inclusive curricula, and create supportive learning spaces. Her goal is to lead initiatives that enhance student engagement in learning of Chinese language and culture, foster resilience, and prepare learners for future success.

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**SHERRY EDWARDS**

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY LIAISON

Ms. Edwards' title reflects the goals of the position, to emphasize the growth and progress of our students. Supporting YA students is paramount to academic and social emotional success. She looks forward to providing strategies to staff, students and families in support of positive behavior, and creating and maintaining strong relationships, as well as implementing school safety policies.

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**JENNIFER HEIEIE**

SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Ms. Heieie is a strong advocate for students with disabilities, collaborating closely with families, teachers, administrators, and community partners to ensure that students' needs are met. She oversees and supports the district's special education programs and processes.

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SCHOOL DAY: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS: 7:45 AM - 4:15 PM

Required Forms			
	Due Date	Form Name	Information
Required	Immediately	<a href="#">Student Health Form 25-26</a>	All students are required to submit this health form. Any questions can be directed to Nurse Catherine Yong (catherine.yong@yinghuaacademy.org)
Required	Immediately	<a href="#">Yinghua Boonli</a>	Please place August and September lunch orders by August 20. If you are new to Yinghua Boonli, please visit the <a href="#">lunch webpage</a> for instructions.
Required	No deadline - forms accepted all year	<a href="#">Free Meal Ordering Guide</a>	Guidelines and information for Yinghua's school-provided free meals, breakfast and lunch
Required	No deadline - forms accepted all year	<a href="#">1. Application for Educational Benefits</a> <a href="#">2. Waiver of Confidentiality</a>	Both forms are required for a student to become eligible for reduced fees. These forms can be completed in Infinite Campus (preferred) or printed and returned to the office.
Required	Required	<a href="#">Google Account, Laptop, and Personal Device Agreement</a>	Please fill out one form for each Middle School student in your family.

Optional Forms			
	Due Date	Form Name	Information
Optional	No deadline - forms accepted all year	<a href="#">Publicity and Photo Release</a>	Define how your child may appear in Yinghua publicity and photos
Optional	No deadline - forms accepted all year	<a href="#">Digital Equity Form</a>	Please fill out one form per household. If you have already completed this form, please only submit if there is a change in your digital access. Read more on <a href="#">MDE's website</a>
Optional	No deadline - forms accepted all year	<a href="#">Ethnic and Racial Demographic Designation Form</a>	Please fill out one form per student. Read more on <a href="#">MDE's website</a>
<b>NOTE:</b> All school fees will now be paid through Infinite Campus so we will not be collecting ACH forms this year. We also will not accept checks for school fees.			



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# MEET YOUR TEACHER

**Monday,  
August 25**

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.

**GRADES K-4  
4-6 p.m.**

Kindergarten Families: Don't forget [to sign up](#) for a 15-minute reading screening with your student on Meet Your Teacher Night.

**GRADES 5-8  
5-7 p.m.**



**Used  
Uniform Sale**

Bring gently used uniforms and/or  
purchase used uniforms!





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# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

## KG MEET YOUR TEACHER CHECKLIST

Find Your Classroom  
Meet Your Teacher  
Drop Off Supplies  
Visit YA's Library for  
Reading Screening

We are so excited for your family to join us for the 2025-2026 school year. We know choosing your child's school is a tough decision and we are happy that you have chosen Yinghua Academy!

As you may know, we are in our second year of the MN READ Act, and part of this is a reading screening with all students, K-3. During "Meet Your Teacher" night, there will be stations in the library where students and parents can come and meet with one of the English teachers. The teacher will administer the short assessment and parents are invited to sit and listen to their student's answers.

If you would like to come and sit with your child during this assessment, [please sign up here](#). If this time does not work for you or you would prefer your student take the test without you present, we will also be administering the assessment during the school day the first six weeks of school.



# WELCOME TO 2ND GRADE

We are so excited for your family to join us for the 2025-2026 school year.

As you may know, we are in our second year of the MN READ Act, and part of this is a reading screening with all students, K-3. Additionally, this assessment will be the initial indicator for reading interventions but will be supported by additional assessments and teacher recommendation.

Since 2nd Grade is the first year of formal ELA instructions at Yinghua Academy, we would like to invite second grade parents and guardians to come the week before school starts to sit with your child while one of our teachers administers this assessment. There will be stations in the library where students and parents can come and meet with one of the English teachers.

If you would like to come and sit with your child during this assessment on **August 19th**, [please sign up here](#). If this time does not work for you or you would prefer your student take the test without you present, we will also be administering the assessment during the school day the first six weeks of school





SAVE THE DATE

Sept. 5  
4-6 PM

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# BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

FAMILY FUN | FOOD | FREE T-SHIRT

We're excited to kick off our 20<sup>th</sup> year of Yinghua with a back to school picnic! Bring your own picnic or purchase food at one of our food trucks! Everyone will receive a free 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-Shirt!





# Order online **today!**

## 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.

Want to avoid the back-to-school rush?

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Yinghua Academy  
Minneapolis, MN 55413

## Ordering Available:

Beginning June 5th

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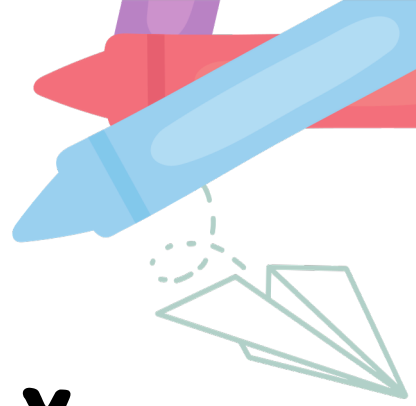


Scan here to view your school's boxes and place your order today!





# back to school



## SUPPORT FOR YOUR FAMILY

How to Help Your Child Overcome Fear of School & School Avoidance



Article

How Do I Handle a Teenager Who Refuses to Go to School?



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On-Demand Course

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