



# Tzu Chi Academy, Chicago

A WASC Accredited School

## 2024-2025 CFL Program Chinese as Foreign Language Program

School Registration Website: <https://tzuchi.us/academy/chicago>

**Program Mission:** Students in the program will practice daily Mandarin conversation in various situations, explore Chinese culture and Tzu Chi core value.

**Course Features:** Through situated teaching, teachers will create practical life scenarios in classrooms while utilizing educational materials and tools to facilitate learning. Students will be encouraged to learn through dialogue and listening to maximize their understanding and the usage of the Chinese.

**Students:** 3-year-old preschoolers ~ 8<sup>th</sup> graders with limited or no Chinese speaking environment at home. New students will be assessed before enrollment.

**Classes:** Pre-Kindergarten: 3-5 years old  
Kindergarten (PinYin Class): 5-6 years old.  
CFL Beginner: 6+ years old who had taken some Chinese lessons  
CFL Intermediate: 7+ years old who has taken at least 2 years of Chinese lessons  
CFL Advanced: 8+ years old who has taken at least 3 years of Chinese lessons

**Materials:** [Let's Learn Chinese] & other learning material

**Class Time:** First day of School: **9/8/2024 (tentative)**  
Sunday afternoon 1:00pm ~ 3:30pm (Chinese & Humanity)  
3:40pm ~ 4:30pm (Extracurricular Activity)

**Class Location:** 699 Plainfield Rd., Downers Grove, IL 60516 (Prairieview School)

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**Class Fees:** \$620/year\* (Tuition \$600 + Registration fee \$20)