



Tzu Chi Academy, Chicago

A WASC Accredited School

2026-2027 CFL Program Chinese as Foreign Language Program

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

Program Mission: Empower students to develop daily Mandarin conversational skills in diverse settings, while fostering an understanding of Chinese culture and Tzu Chi's core values.

Course Features: Situational Learning: Teachers create real-life scenarios within the classroom, enhancing practical application of Mandarin.
Interactive Approach: Utilizing educational materials and tools, students engage in dialogue and active listening to maximize comprehension and fluency.
Personalized Learning: New students undergo an assessment to ensure proper placement.

Students: Preschoolers (3 years old) through 9th grade students with limited or no Mandarin speaking environment at home.

Classes: PreK: 3-5 years old
Kindergarten (Pinyin Class): 5-6 years old
CFL Beginner: 6+ years old with prior Chinese language exposure
CFL Intermediate: 7+ years old with at least 2 years of Chinese language study
CFL Advanced: 8+ years old with at least 3 years of Chinese language study

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

Class Time: First day of School: 9/13/2026 (tentative)
Sunday afternoon 1:00pm ~ 3:30pm (Chinese & Humanity Class)
3:40pm ~ 4:30pm (Extracurricular Activity)

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

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Class Fees: \$690/year* (Tuition \$670 + Registration fee \$20) *Additional extracurricular material fees may apply.