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here should I send my child to school?" In Beijing, we are lucky to have a choice between international schools, local schools, and everything in between. From tiny Montessori kindergartens to sprawling K-12 institutions, there is a school for every age and learning style. But what is the right fit for your child? The beijingkids 2014-2015 School Choice Guide aims to help answer that question. This year, we have listings for 70 schools in Beijing with detailed information on tuition prices, after-school activities, facilities, and more. In addition, the feature section looks at hot topics like choosing the right curriculum, saving for your child's education, understanding the admission process, and finding extracurricular learning support.





he Right Course of Action

Study up on educational systems

By Sijia Chen and Aisling O'Brien

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he Advanced Placement (AP) program and the SAT Reasoning Test (commonly known as the SAT) are curricula and exams administrated by the College Board, an educational association based in the US.

Many universities and colleges award credit for the standardized courses that make up the AP program. Getting a head start on their college education, allows students to take higher level courses, pursue a double major, or study abroad, as well as potentially save significantly on third-level tuition fees.

The SAT or SAT Reasoning Test is an internationally-recognized university admission exam. Most students take the SAT in their junior or senior year of high school. The majority of US universities base their selections to varying degrees on SAT scores.

There is also the PSAT (or Preliminary SAT), which is often called the "practice SAT." It is taken by Grade 10 and 11 students to give an idea of how they are likely to do on the SAT.

Who does it target?

AP courses and the SAT are generally taken by Grade 11-12 students (roughly 15-18 years old).

How is it applied?

The College Board offers 34 AP subjects. Some of the most popular include AP US History, AP English Literature, and AP Calculus AB. International schools in Beijing vary widely in the number of AP subjects they offer.

AP students receive two grades: one for AP coursework and another for the AP exam. AP tests are taken in May and graded on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being highest). The multiple choice sections are scored by a computer, while the free response and essay components are graded by AP "readers." Though it varies from institution to institution, most universities require that students obtain a minimum grade of 3 or 4 to qualify for college credit.

The SAT test lasts over three hours and is divided into three sections: critical reading, writing, and mathematics. Each section is made up of multiple choice questions, but the writing portion also requires students to compose a short essay. As of 2005, the SAT has a maximum possible score of 2,400 (3 x 800). The tests are graded by the College Board, but students also have access to third party "test verification services" for added security.

Why should parents consider it?

High achievers are usually recommended for the program by their teachers. Because AP classes are so rigorous, students should only take as many as they can manage. They are a way for them to challenge themselves and show prospective colleges that they are serious about academics. As for the SAT, it is usually a good idea for students who are interested in attending university in the US.

How well does this educational system prepare students for the real world?

For decades, there has been heated debate about issues of cultural and socioeconomic bias in the SAT test. Studies found that white and wealthy applicants tended to score higher than their poorer "ethnic" counterparts. The College Board redesigned the SAT in 2005 in response, but a growing number of colleges have joined the "SAT optional movement" by removing SAT scores from their admission requirements.

Nevertheless, most universities in the US still look at SAT scores and AP courses as part of the selection process. Outside the US, universities in over 60 countries recognize AP exam scores for admission or college credit. Some universities also consider the SAT score to assess students who did not complete the IB Diploma Programme.

The Ju Family (China)

Joyce Ju is mother to 18-year-old Kevin, a student at St. Paul American School (SPAS). Joyce is self-employed.

Why did you choose the AP/SAT route?

Joyce: I thought for a long time and researched carefully before choosing a school. St. Paul American School's AP courses are synchronized with the American education system. For non-native English speakers, the school also offers ESL, SAT, and TOEFL courses to prepare students for placement at prominent American universities.

What are the benefits of this curriculum?

The school has encouraged Kevin to be more independent; for example, he handled his university applications by himself. He wouldn't let me step in and help. Of course, as a parent I can never totally let go, but the school has really built up his ability to stand on his own feet.

What are the drawbacks of this curriculum?

No curriculum is suitable for every student. It's important to look carefully at the implementation of the system. The English abilities of students from China are uneven and therefore the school can't introduce full AP courses to students right away. Even the reading materials don't really match those of American students in the same grades.





he current Chinese educational system is based upon revisions to national education that followed the implementation of the Four Modernizations presented by Zhou Enlai in 1974. These four modernizations - to develop agriculture, industry, technology, and defense – are considered the four pillars of modern education in China.

Who does it target?

When bilingual or merged education programs are available in Beijing, they generally target parents who want their child to be fully immersed in a Chinese-language curriculum in order to understand local culture and emerge from the school system fully literate in Mandarin.

How is it applied?

Divided into a 6-3-3 system (six years of primary school, followed by three years each of junior and senior middle school), the Chinese education system relies heavily on public funding and the designation of "key schools," which receive greater portions of government funding. These schools are intended to serve the most academically gifted and thus are considered the most prestigious. At the secondary level, "key schools" are like college prep schools in the West. National entrance exams are required for admission into both senior middle school (western high school level) as well as university.

Schools in Beijing that provide the Chinese educational system through a bilingual model usually assess a child's Mandarin skills before granting admission to the program. Mandarin classes are divided into small groups based on ability.

Why should parents consider it?

The single greatest benefit starts with complete immersion in Mandarin. All subjects are taught in Chinese, thus ensuring literacy and fluency in the language. Additional benefits include an environment in which

Confucian ideology provide teachers with palpable respect. Not only do they enjoy untaxed salaries and a national holiday (Teacher's Day), but students are expected to, first and foremost, obey their instructions making classrooms much stricter than in western schools.

If your child would benefit from more discipline, a Chinese classroom may be the answer. Furthermore, this system reinforces the importance of work ethic through longer school hours and more homework. There is a built-in belief that all children can achieve regardless of their background – as long as they put in the effort. For example, Beijing No. 55 boasts that all their graduates are accepted into the Chinese university of their choice.

How well does this education system prepare students for the real world?

There are more than 100 million people learning Mandarin all over the world. Establishing a child's language and literacy in Mandarin early can provide them with an edge in their future careers. Foreign students who attend bilingual schools are also provided with cultural and social observation classes in order to better understand the national landscape before entering post-secondary schooling in China or the workforce.

The Liu-Johnson Family (US/Hong Kong)

Clayton Johnson and Yan Liu have two kids: Katherine (age 11) and Andrew (age 9). Clayton is a lawyer and Yan is a consultant. Both Katherine and Andrew attend Fangcaodi International School (FCD).

Why did you choose the Chinese curriculum for your kids?

Yan: When we came to China, we sent the kids to local school because we wanted them to study Chinese. A good Chinese program was at the top of our list. If your Chinese is not good enough to deal with complicated matters, then you will never be able to do business in

China. Whether or not they work in China in the future, speaking good Chinese means better opportunities.

We speak English at home, so it's not a good Chinese learning environment for my children. The international schools in Beijing teach English well, but we don't believe their Chinese programs are good enough. It's impossible to strike a balance between English and Chinese teaching. [That's why] I would never consider sending the kids to an international school.

What are the benefits of this curriculum?

It allows the kids to build a solid Chinese foundation. I want the kids to speak Chinese as well as local children and share the same cultural background so they understand how they think and why they think that way. They learned in school that children must give parents warm clothes in winter and fan them in summer. These rules are quite cliché but by memorizing such things, children come to understand that they should respect the elderly. They're moved by lessons like that, and they learn something about morality. I can also see the impact of the curriculum in how thoroughly the kids prepare new lessons.

What are the drawbacks of the Chinese National Curriculum?

No school is perfect, but we knew that following the local curriculum would build a stronger Chinese language foundation. That's their most important task at this point. Also, the spoon feeding [model of education] that prevails in China is quite different. Most Chinese students are not good at critical thinking; I hope studying in China will not change my children's ability to think independently.

Resources

The College Board

Includes information on the AP program and SAT test fees, online registration, practice tests, and college applications. www. collegeboard.org

UCAS

UCAS manages applications to universities in the UK. Prospective students can search for courses, look up tuition fees, and apply to colleges online. www.ucas.com

IB Official Website

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Association Montessori Internationale

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he English National Curriculum was developed by the British government for standard use in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. It is used in over 30,000 schools in the UK and overseas. This education system is characterized by a broad, well-rounded education that narrows in focus after Year 11.

Who does it target?

The English National Curriculum targets students 3-18 years of age. They are divided into Key Stages that cover both primary and secondary

- Key Stage 0: Ages 3-5 (also known as Early Years)
- Key Stage 1: Ages 5-7 (Year 1-2)
- Key Stage 2: Ages 7-11 (Year 3-6)
- Key Stage 3: Ages 11-14 (Year 7-9)
- Key Stage 4: Ages 14-16 (Year 10-11)

• Key Stage 5: Ages 16-18 (Year 12-13, collectively known as Sixth Form)

How is it applied?

Primary school students are assessed at the end of Key Stages 1 to 3 on a scale of 1 to 8 according to English National Curriculum standards. These evaluations are based on tests and teacher assessments, and are commonly known as "SATs" or Standard Assessment Tasks (not to be confused with the American SAT).

In Key Stage 4, students can sit up to ten subjects at a series of national exams known as the GCSEs (General Certificate of Secondary Education) with some of the exams and coursework completed in Year 10 and the early stages of Year 11.In Key Stage 5, students take the GCE Advanced Level exams, commonly known as A-levels. A-levels are a graduated system composed of AS levels (Year 12) and A2 levels

(Year 13). Students cannot move on to A2 levels if they fail their AS exams. The norm is to do four or five A-levels in Year 12, then carry forward three to A2 level in Year 13.

Note that some top universities put out lists of A-levels they consider to be "soft" subjects, effectively creating a blacklist. "Soft" subjects include Media Studies, Art and Design, Photography, and Business Studies. By contrast, students are generally advised to take at least two "traditional" A-levels like Maths, English, Geography, History, and Physics.

Why should parents consider it?

A-levels give students the freedom to choose their areas of study and focus on their strengths. For example, a student who is working towards a scholarship in biology might not want to devote much time to arts. This way, they can also reduce the risk of dragging down their grade average.

How well does this education system prepare students for the real world?

The British education system is well-recognized and accepted all over the world. A-levels are the standard qualification for universities in the UK and help students focus on preferred subjects before applying to university. In addition, A-levels are generally accepted in the US and Europe, as well as former Commonwealth countries like Canada and Australia.

The Huang Family (China)

The Huang family is made up of dad Youyi, mom Song Wei, and their daughter Helen (age 17). Youyi is an architect and Song Wei is an engineer. Helen attends Harrow International School of Beijing and recently received a place at Sydney Sussex College, Cambridge University.

Why did you choose the English National Curriculum?

Youyi: China is on the path to becoming a developed nation and our children need to learn how to communicate with westerners. In the short term, we wanted Helen to study in the UK for her Bachelor's degree. Under the English National Curriculum, students' strong points are valued so they are inspired to learn independently. The UK curriculum has a broader context than the domestic curriculum, but the latter tends to be more difficult. Also, the English curriculum prioritizes autonomous learning rather than spoon feeding information. Students can focus on classes that they like or do well in.

What are the benefits of this curriculum?

The school advocates an autonomous learning style, good communication skills, and leadership ability. These are the most important things that Helen has learned, and they will benefit her all her life. She can research the information she needs, knows when to ask for help, and even attends lectures on her favorite subjects outside of school.

What are the major drawbacks of the English National **Curriculum?**

We initially worried most about Helen's English. Like many Chinese children, she excels in STEM subjects like math, chemistry and physics. But because she didn't enter Harrow until high school, we were not sure if she would master subjects with high language requirements like English and geography. However, she adjusted very quickly in part because the school pays close attention to students transferring from local high schools. In the first semester, the EAL teachers helped her adapt to learning on her own. She hasn't lagged behind; in fact, we are more than happy with her 90+ grade in the AS Geography exam.



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ormerly known as the IBO, the International Baccalaureate (IB) is a non-profit educational foundation headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. It was founded in 1968 and is administered by a board of governors and six permanent committees that handle policy and best governance practices.

The IB is divided into three programs that can be applied individually or as a whole: the Primary Years Programme or PYP (ages 3-12), the Middle Years Programme or MYP (ages 11-16), and the Diploma Programme or IBDP (ages 16-19). Institutions that are authorized to offer one or more of these programs are known as IB World Schools. According to the official website, there are over one million IB students in more than 140 countries around the world.

Who does it target?

As a whole, the IB's programs target students 3-19 years of age.

How is it applied?

All three of the IB's programs share the following traits:

- They require study across a broad range of subjects.
- They emphasize language learning.
- They encourage interdisciplinary learning.
- They include a community service requirement.

Each program has its own curriculum; the IBDP is probably the bestknown. Over two years, students must take six courses drawn from the following subject groups: arts, experimental sciences, language acquisition, studies in language and literature, individuals and society, and mathematics and computer science. Normally, half of these subjects are higher-level courses (240 teaching hours) and the other half are standard-level courses (150 teaching hours).

Other hallmarks of the IBDP include Theory of Knowledge (TOK), "Creativity, Service, and Action" (CAS), and the extended essay. TOK is a compulsory course that focuses on critical thinking and the nature of knowledge. CAS reflects the belief that students should pursue activities outside the classroom. The extended essay is a 4,000-word paper designed to prepare students for undergraduate university work.

IBDP students are graded on a scale from 1 to 7 (7 being the highest). They can also gain up to three extra points for their combined results on TOK and the extended essay, bringing the maximum total grade to 45 points. The IB diploma is awarded to students who obtain at least 24 points and satisfy their requirements in CAS. In general, about 80 percent of students obtain the diploma after being examined; fewer than 1 percent achieve a perfect score.

Why should parents consider it?

The IB has a 43-year history of high-quality international education. IB World Schools go through a rigorous authorization and evaluation process and IB teachers participate in a variety of professional development events. The IB has a distinct focus on international education, making it one of the most popular – and natural – choices for expat families in Beijing.

How well does this education system prepare students for the real world?

The IB diploma is accepted by over 2,000 universities in 75 countries. In addition, IB provides students with an international skill set, including knowledge of a second language, advanced critical thinking skills, dedication to community service, and the ability to appreciate different cultures.

The Fang Family (US)

Liming Fang is the father of Sophia (age 17), a student at Beijing BISS International School (BISS). Liming is the Asia Pacific marketing director at Polymer Technology Systems.

Why did you choose the IB curriculum?

Liming: I believe that a western or international education, unlike the education I had in China, encourages thinking rather than just following. There's a much more in-depth exploration of each subject. While Sophia was at middle school in America, she was preparing to take AP courses in high school. When we moved to China, I found that the AP program wasn't as commonly available. I thought IB was the most intellectually-challenging option available, so I spoke to the staff at BISS. The school was the most important factor in the end because BISS seemed friendly, convenient and flexible, and it met our core needs.

What are the benefits of this curriculum?

The higher-level courses allow my daughter to explore the subjects that she is most interested in, such as physics, chemistry and economics. She is can develop and explore her interests, which is beneficial before university. Besides preparing her academically, the curriculum promotes free thinking. When I talk to my daughter, I can see that she has developed a much more scientific method of looking at the world. I attribute that to the exploration she does in her higher-level physics and chemistry classes. She's also developed as a leader and has become more creative.

What features of the curriculum are cause for concern?

At times, the program seems too intense. I can see the potential danger if the courses are chosen incorrectly; the pressure can be too great. But overall, it was fairly easy for Sophia to switch to IB from AP. We didn't notice too many differences; they are both challenging programs.





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he Montessori motto is "Help me do it by myself." This approach is founded on the belief that every child should be respected as an individual and allowed to learn at their own pace within the prepared environment of a classroom. Montessori education fosters intelligent thinking, independence, self-esteem, problem-solving skills, and social aptitude.

Founder Dr. Maria Montessori (1870-1952) noticed that kids experienced "windows of opportunity" as they grew. She based the Montessori method on years of first-hand observations in the classroom. As the first woman to graduate from the University of Rome Medical School, Dr. Montessori brought a scientific approach to the field of education.

Who does it target?

Globally, the age of Montessori students varies widely. It runs the gamut from infancy to adulthood (0-18 years), but the majority of schools

tend to focus on early childhood education. Most of the institutions in Beijing fall into the latter category, but MSB and Daystar offer Montessori education for kids up to age 12.

How is it applied?

Though there are several Montessori societies worldwide, the term "Montessori" itself is not trademarked. That is why it is crucial for parents to visit prospective schools. The more prominent societies, like the American Montessori Society (AMS), formulate their own standards and accredit schools. In Beijing, MSB is the only AMS affiliate member though other schools may have AMS-certified teachers on staff.

A typical Montessori classroom features multi-age groupings, uninterrupted blocks of work time, guided activity choices, and specially-designed learning materials. The curriculum focuses on five basic areas: practical life, sensorial, language, math, and culture. Kids progress from simple to complex tasks, all the while fulfilling their natural curiosity.

Montessori teachers guide their students rather than dictate. There are no letter grades; progress is tracked through observation, recordkeeping, and self-reflection. There is also no such thing as failure since teachers present each child with a choice of work and a variety of difficulties.

Why should parents consider it?

Education experts agree that the most important period in a child's development is between infancy and age 6. Dr. Montessori believed that kids at this age had an "absorbent" quality, like a sponge. The idea is that the proper guidance and stimulation will allow them to form patterns for the rest of their lives. In regular daycare, the focus is often on keeping young students entertained. The Montessori classroom is designed to meet every child's learning needs with special tools and materials. Students can set their own pace instead of being forced to do activities they do not enjoy. They become part of a community, with older kids playing the role of mentors and younger kids feeling supported for the challenges ahead.

How well does this education system prepare students for the real world?

As self-directed learners, Montessori students gain transferrable skills that can be used throughout their lives. The core values are independence, self-esteem, and cooperation. Many Montessori schools in Beijing use a combination of educational approaches. For example, the core curriculum at MSB includes aspects of Montessori, the IB Primary Years Programme and the British education system.

The Kirkwood Family (US)

Jonathan and Christy Kirkwood's three daughters Nicola (age 10), Eleanor (7) and Cecily (5) all attend the International Montessori School of Beijing (MSB). Christy is a stay-at-home mom and Jonathan runs Kirkwood and Company, a boutique investment advisory firm.

Why did you choose the Montessori route for your daughters?

Christy: Only our youngest daughter went to MSB originally. The placement was driven by the school's proximity to our house. After watching our youngest daughter gain Chinese language skills through MSB's bilingual Chinese/English program, we moved our two older daughters there.

The Montessori program allows children to work at their individual levels, together and independently. Montessori is also very scientific and tactile. The teachers demonstrate the learning process physically, especially in math. I also love the small school environment at MSB; the staff is accessible, helpful, and caring.

What are the benefits of this curriculum?

Last Christmas break at a store in Florida, a Chinese woman came in but couldn't communicate with the shopkeeper. My oldest daughter Nicola began translating for her. We were all blown away, especially the Chinese woman who started to cry with happiness. She couldn't believe that a 10-year-old girl was visiting from Beijing and spoke Mandarin! It was a wonderful moment; I was so proud.

What are the drawbacks of this curriculum?

My major concern is transitioning back to the USA and out of an international school. We would also like to see a more robust physical education program for the kids, but most international school families seem to supplement [physical education] with outside resources or after-school activities, which MSB does offer for a fee.





eggio Emilia is an early childhood philosophy named after the city of the same name in northern Italy, where communities in the surrounding villages sought a way to rebuild society after World War II. Under the leadership of founder and educator Loris Malaguzzi, Reggio Emilia evolved into a parent-led approach that spread all over the world. Malaguzzi believed that children learn through the "hundred languages" of words, movement, painting, drawing, sculpting, shadow play, music, theater, and more.

Reggio Emilia is all about relationships, including the child's relationship with family, teachers, society, and their environment. This educational approach is self-guided; kids exert a degree of control

over their own learning, learn about the world through all five senses, develop meaningful relationships with other children, and have the freedom to express themselves in various ways.

Who does it target?

Reggio Emilia focuses on early childhood education (ages 0-6).

How is it applied?

Reggio Emilia does not have a governing organization, accreditation system, or set curriculum. According to the North American Reggio Emilia Alliance (NAREA), Reggio Emilia is a set of "communityconstructed values that have been and are continuously being translated into high-quality early childhood practices."

The main assessment method for Reggio Emilia is observation. Teachers track the child's progress by collecting information over long time periods through photos, notes, videos, works of art, and conversations.

In Beijing, schools tend to combine Reggio Emilia with other educational philosophies. House of Knowledge International Kindergarten has the strongest Reggio Emilia influence but its curriculum also borrows aspects of Montessori and traditional Confucian theory. Though an IB World School, the Western Academy of Beijing's early childhood center offers a Reggio Emilia-inspired program.

Why should parents consider it?

Since Reggio Emilia revolves around family and community, parents are a crucial part of this approach. They are considered the child's first teacher, and are valued as partners, collaborators, and advocates. As a result, many parents extend the Reggio Emilia philosophy to the home.

How well does this education system prepare students for the real world?

As in Montessori, Reggio Emilia seeks to develop skills for lifelong learning. Reggio children are able to step into a new curriculum or subject with the drive and competency to acquire knowledge.

In class, students are not given any answers; teachers prompt them with questions that allow them to form their own conclusions. Students apply critical thinking skills and have the confidence to ask others for help.

The Pohlmann Family (Russia/Germany)

Klaus and Yulia Pohlmann have a 4-year-old son named Stefan who attends House of Knowledge International Kindergarten (HoK). Klaus works for Volkswagen China while Yulia is a photographer and writer.

Why did you choose Reggio Emilia?

Yulia: We wanted a multicultural, multi-lingual environment with a program which would let Stefan not only study but experiment, experience, and learn through playing. My husband and I strongly believe that little people learn faster having fun with their peers than from any academic program. Our son will have enough time to study hard at school and university later on. We all liked the warm atmosphere at HoK; the teachers are engaged and the children are clearly happy there.

What are the benefits of this curriculum?

Our son likes to explore and learn. He asks lots of guestions, and analyzes small pieces of information before reaching a conclusion. He switches easily from one language to another. He also communicates with people older than him. The teachers are trained to recognize the kids' interests and create ongoing projects that stimulate their curiosity. Through their interactions, children learn how to make friends, solve conflicts and rely on others for help. They learn how to take on different roles and respect other's opinions. Most importantly for his academic future, he enjoys the learning process. We hope that this will help him become a successful citizen of the world in the future.

What are the drawbacks of Reggio Emilia?

Unfortunately, there is no perfect schooling formula that guarantees a happy outcome. But the HoK approach meets our values and we are guite satisfied with our choice.



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Money Matters

Beijing families reveal how they cover education costs in the capital Oscar Holland

Scholarship: The Lay-Him Family



■inding the right school is often the top priority for families living in or relocating to Beijing. But education in the capital comes at a cost. Many larger companies offer full school funding for employees' children as part of their relocation packages, meaning that money is no barrier to the top international schools. But not all are so fortunate. Some may choose to simply pay the fees out-of-pocket, while others look to local schools, homeschooling, and different sources of financial assistance to mitigate the cost of education. We spoke with four families about their solutions to the school funding conundrum.

Yearly Spend (in RMB)



Total: RMB 101,800

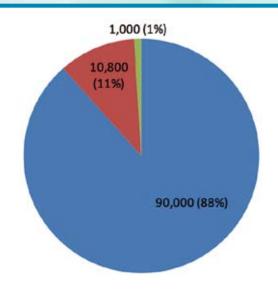
S-born Christopher Lay has lived in Beijing for five years, where he works as a photographer, writer, and beijingkids columnist. He lives in Wangjing with his wife Savvy Him (a full-time working mom), their 6-year-old daughter Reina, and toddler twins Bryson and Ryder (age 1). Reina started attending Daystar Academy after receiving a scholarship.

What is the nature of the scholarship?

Reina was awarded a scholarship to attend Daystar Academy by the board of directors. It was based on how well Reina [and our] family were a good fit for the school and our need [for] financial support. The scholarship covered the entrance and lunch fees and reduced the tuition to a level that we could manage. There are only a limited number of scholarships awarded each year and we felt very fortunate to receive one.

How was the scholarship assessed and awarded?

Upon enrolling at Daystar, all applicants receive an assessment from an English and Chinese teacher. The school also reviewed Reina's records from kindergarten. In addition, the board also needed our financial records. I believe that, because Reina was already fluent in both languages (she previously attended a local kindergarten) and understands both Western and Chinese cultural differences, she was an ideal candidate for the school.



How much help has it been financially for you?

The scholarship made all the difference on our school choice for Reina. She really wanted a bilingual educational experience, but without the assistance from the board, Reina would be attending a local school here in Wangjing.

Did you look at scholarships from other schools?

We did not apply to other schools since most are much more expensive than Daystar and few have a similar bilingual approach. [The school] always felt like the best fit for our family. Our backup was the Wangjing Experimental School as it is close to home, but honestly, we were all in on Daystar.

You have 1-year-old twins. What are your plans for financing their education?

Sell one to pay for the other's education? That is an excellent question that remains to be answered. We considered homeschooling Reina in the past, but it never felt like a good fit for her. With twin boys, homeschooling might be a viable option. Unless our finances change dramatically, there is no way we can afford international school prices for three children in Beijing. Beyond kindergarten, Beijing may not be viable unless we homeschool or the boys go to a local school.

Local School and Expat Package: The Nair-Harikishan Family



ohini Nair and her husband Harikishan Narayanan both hail from India and moved to Beijing three years ago. While the family's expat package covers the cost of 7-year-old Manu's education at the British School of Beijing (BSB) in Sanlitun, 2-year-old Aryan is still too young to qualify, so he currently attends a local Chinese kindergarten, Peiji Billingual.

Why did you choose to send your youngest son to a local kindergarten?

[My husband's company] will only cover the child's education from the age of 5 but I wasn't happy with my son spending so much of his time just with the ayi. He didn't have that many friends in our compound to play with, so now he gets the chance to interact with other children - that's my only expectation of the school.

How has your experience of the kindergarten been?

I've been impressed by the food, which is cooked at the school and catered for the children. It doesn't have any stuff like fries and burgers and it's very healthy. Secondly, they have CCTV set up, so any time I walk into the waiting area I can see what he's up to. They also have a password they give to parents so you can log in and see what's happening in class. I can see he's picked up a lot and I'm quite happy with the school.

Were you surprised by the fees for local kindergarten in Beijing?

We moved from Zurich, where we paid quite a lot for kindergarten. But compared with a country like India, [Beijing is] way higher. [Our son is] making progress in Chinese and English and for a bilingual school with good standards, I don't think [the fees] are too high.

Your eldest son goes to BSB Sanlitun on your husband's expat package. How have you found the school?

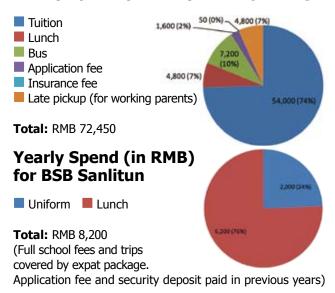
It's a small school and I thought a smaller campus would be better for a younger child rather than being intimidated by a big one out in

Shunyi. It's very close to where we live and we weren't interested in moving further out. I'm happy with BSB – it's a very good school and if we're still here when my [youngest son] is 4 then he will also go to the same school.

Would you be been able to afford to send both kids to international school were it not for the financial assistance?

No, we wouldn't be able to pay for both children. It is also a question of whether we want to. If we were going to pay for a bachelor's degree, say for four years, then that's the same amount I would spend on education at an international school. It could cover the cost of a Bachelor's or Master's degree at one of the most reputable universities in the world. I don't think a good education is necessarily [based on] how much you pay for it.

Yearly Spend (in RMB) for Peiji Bilingual



Self-Funded: The Foster Family



ody and Scott Foster from Australia have lived in Beijing for two and a half years with their daughters, 4-year-old Macy and 8-month-old Keira. Jody volunteers at the International Newcomers' Network and the Australian and New Zealand Association (ANZA) of Beijing, while Scott works for a mining and engineering company. Although Scott's expat package provides education for school-age children, it does not cover kindergarten. Until then, the family is independently funding their eldest daughter's education at House of Knowledge International Kindergarten.

What has led you to self-funding Macy's education?

When we first moved to Beijing we were looking for something similar to what we had in Australia - one or two days a week [at kindergarten] – but there weren't that many schools offering this kind of schedule. Our other option was to get an ayi and not send her to school until she was older, but all of the additional costs, like art classes, were very expensive. After her first school year, she moved up a class she could only do full time. We asked [Scott's] company for assistance but they only offered a small amount so we could either pull her out of the school or fork out. We decided to keep going because she really enjoyed it there.

Did you consider sending her to local school?

No. Initially we were only planning to be here for 12 months, so at the time cultural immersion in Chinese was not a priority.

Were you surprised by how expensive international education is in Beijing?

Yes it's ridiculous – mind-blowing. I was posting on Facebook telling everyone how expensive [education is] here. The amount that you would normally spend on a high school education in Australia is what you need for a 2-year-old here. But it's an excellent school; we've been fortunate enough to always have good teachers and the curriculum is well-established.

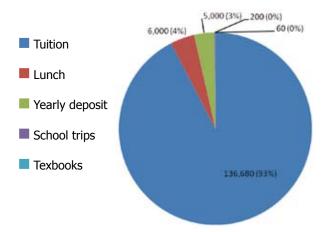
Have you had to make sacrifices to be able to pay for fees?

Thanks to our package we do not have to pay for other things like rent. In that sense it hasn't impacted on our lifestyle – what comes out of one hand now comes in by another. We also have rent coming in from our place back home, but we have lost a substantial amount of our savings that we would have put towards renovating our home in Australia. So inadvertently we have made a sacrifice.

What are you plans for Keira's education when she's older?

We're actually relocating to Nanjing. But hypothetically, we wouldn't do the same for our youngest daughter because we have an ayi now. The culture in Beijing is to send kids [to school] full-time from a very young age, which is very different from Australia. There are far fewer [schooling] options in Nanjing and it's even more expensive there."

Yearly Spend (in RMB)



Total: RMB 147,940 (Placement fee paid in first year)



ennifer Ambrose relocated to China from the US in 2006. A columnist for beijingkids, she has two children with her husband Randy: 10-year-old Myles and 5-year-old Brigid. She homeschools both of her children at the family home in Changping outside North Sixth Ring Road.

Why did you decide to homeschool your children?

I was always curious about homeschooling, mostly because I have quite a few friends that homeschooled in the US. I didn't think we would actually do it ourselves but my husband's compensation package [did not] include school tuition. That's when I stopped just toying with the idea and [started] considering it more seriously.

There's often a feeling of being on a learning adventure together. Sometimes, all it takes is the three of us gathered around a book, learning some weird and wonderful fact about dinosaurs, or one of the kids to ask a simple question, and we all fall into the rabbit hole as we pursue the answer.

Was the cost of the alternatives a factor in your

Cost was definitely a factor, but also the flexibility of schedule. Currently, my husband's job requires him to visit other cities in China [as well as] the US and Europe. Since we aren't tied to a school calendar of testing and holidays, the kids and I often travel with him. It's an opportunity we have to take advantage of while we can.

Were the costs as expected and do you have any financial tips for families considering homeschooling?

I was prepared for the books and supplies cost but families that aren't able to make trips to their home countries to bring back books may need to consider the cost of shipping. For [anyone] wary of the expense of outside teachers, it is possible to work out arrangements with other parents to exchange talents. Right now I do this with a Chinese family in Changping. I tutor their son in English, and his mom spends that time playing with Brigid in Chinese.

How else do you share resources with other parents in the same situation?

Art is a subject that I have no idea how to teach or even guide. We've been lucky to be able to join up with other homeschooling families to share art teachers and we rely on Sports Beijing for our physical education. Myles plays baseball and Brigid plays soccer right now. The kids have their [training] and matches on the weekends, so during the week the kids are motivated to practice on their own at the park.

Additional Fees Explained (Well, Sort Of)

When choosing a school and planning for the academic years ahead, it is important to take into account all of the various fees that you may encounter. Schools may be relatively upfront about their fees, but there are often a number of hidden (or at least not well-publicized) charges. Here are some of the most common ones to keep in mind.

- Lunch fees. These can vary from RMB 15-50 per day and may be paid for monthly, yearly, or through a top-up card system.
- Bus/transportation fee. Anywhere from RMB 3,000-13,000 per year depending on the school and the distance required. Some schools charge this monthly.
- Application/new student fee. Normally between RMB 1,000 and 2,000 for international schools.
- **Deposit.** Can be as high as RMB 20,000 and some schools require the same amount again at the beginning of each year.
- Uniform fee. Can vary from approximately RMB 500 to 3,000 per year. Students can usually re-use them from year to year as long as they still fit and are in good condition.
- Donation fee (zanzhu fei). A phenomenon found in local schools where access to the most popular institutions is secured with a "donation." Reportedly as high as RMB 30,000.
- Zafei. To complicate matters further, many of the above charges are rolled into the all-encompassing zafei ("miscellaneous fees"), especially at local schools. This ambiguous term seems to differ in definition (and price) between every school that charges it and may, or may not, include electricity/water fees (shuidian fei, 水电费) and textbook fees (shufei, 书费)
- Capital levy fee. In the context of international schools, this fee normally applies to money used towards buildings, facilities, and facilities. Schools differ in their definitions, though it is usually in the region of RMB 10,000-20,000 a year.

When beijingkids spoke to Ma Fei, a lawyer specializing in education, he had a very different definition of the capital levy fee, describing it as an optional fee for primary or middle school students either (a) choosing a school in a different district than where they live or (b) who do not have high enough grades.

The moral of the story is this: Ask the schools you're interested in to provide a full list of fees. We try to ensure that the schools featured in the listings pages of this guide provide a comprehensive overview of their charges, but there are not always set definitions of what many of the fees really cover. Each school configures their fees differently, so we advise you to be thorough in your research and assertive in trying to figure out just what you need to pay - and what you don't.

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Saving for a Brainy Day

Putting today's money aside for tomorrow's higher education

by Oscar Holland



arents with young children may feel like university or college is a long way off. In the daily battle to get the kids packed up and on the school bus, the idea of their future academic ambitions (and associated financial demands) can seem like a dot on the horizon.

But with fees at top US universities reaching as much as USD 50,000 (around RMB 305,000) a year, parents who delay or ignore the issue altogether do so at their own (and more crucially, their children's) peril.

Higher Education Costs

If you are planning for your kids to study abroad, you may need to pay significantly higher fees than the country's citizens. Even if you plan for your children to return to your home country, you cannot be certain that the costs you anticipate will remain the same.

Taking inflation into account, the price of education has proven fickle. In 2012 for instance, the maximum yearly tuition fees that British higher education institutions could charge domestic students jumped from GBP 3,290 (around RMB 33,000) to GDP 9,000 (around RMB 89,000) – an increase of 174 percent.

Next, factor in living costs (which may need to include rent in an expensive major city) and you may find yourself facing a huge yearly bill. In some countries, low-interest loans are available to students and plenty of institutions offer scholarships, but it is very difficult to know what assistance will be available to your child when it comes time to apply.

Put simply, enrolling your kids in university is an expensive endeavor and it is hard to predict how much you will need to put away. But despite these uncertainties, one thing is for sure: if you save too little or start too late, you risk having to compromise on the standard of the institution that you are able to afford.

When to Start and How Much to Save

There is no simple answer to the question of when to start saving, according to Mark Matlaszek, a senior financial advisor at BlueStar AMG, an asset management company catering to the expat market in Asia. While he sees plenty of families with young children looking to begin education planning, Matlaszek also encounters parents-to-be preparing for the future.

"It can be too late to start, but it's never too early," he says. "Let's

say you've got a child on the way and you've got to set aside USD 200,000 for their higher education [over] an 18- or 19-year window. To accumulate that sort of money [in] this timeframe is very affordable and very possible. If you have a shorter window then it becomes incredibly expensive and difficult."

The next obvious question for parents is "How much do I need to save?" Again, there is no definitive answer and it will depend on what type of institution and course you are aiming for. Some may want more flexibility to cover the larger financial burden of top universities or programs like medicine and architecture. Each family's circumstances will be different, but your financial planning will always revolve around three main factors - your existing assets, the income "The salaries available for regular contributions, and the amount of time you have left before your child enters higher education. that we earn might

Some parents may choose to manage their own savings, assets, and investments. This could be in the form of safe but low-yield options such as fixed-interest accounts, or other traditionally stable investments such as property. Others look to higherrisk options such as the equity markets (stocks and shares).

we continued having fun Your ability to absorb potential losses is another crucial factor in today and provide for our decision-making. But this resilience to risk is likely to change over the course of the saving period. Choosing an investment or saving plan that allows you to adjust the level of exposure to risk can help maximize your returns while ensuring that your money remains relatively safe in the long term, suggests Matlaszek.

"If you have a [long] time frame, you should perhaps aim to be a little bit more risky in the early years - equity investments, for example. That means you have plenty of time for recovery and to take advantage of market volatility," he advises. "As the years go by and you get closer to reaching your goal, you should be shifting to a much lower-risk portfolio because any gains that you've made or capital that you've accumulated need to be protected against negative market movements."

Plans and Packages

For parents who do not know their bonds from their bear markets, fear not – many people turn to structured plans for long-term savings. Even those who are fluent in finance may benefit from the ease of a managed plan, as well as the ability to spread their risk more widely.

The type of arrangement that Matlaszek often recommends for

education planning is fixed-term (in other words, designed to reach maturity when you need to access the money) and can be paid on a monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, or yearly basis. Your money will be spread across funds that comprise a mixture of stocks, shares, bonds, commodities, and currencies. With the assistance of a financial advisor, you can vary the level of risk to suit your circumstances and be confident that someone is keeping a close eye on the markets where you keep your capital.

Many families also find that this type of structured plan helps them be disciplined when preparing for the future. This was the experience of UK-born Paula Zhou, head of schools at

The Children's House International Montessori Kindergarten, Along with her Chinese husband Weihua, she began saving for 8-year-old Eiriana and 3-year-old Liam at the beginning of 2012.

> "Living in Beijing can often see life run away with us – exotic holidays and Michelin Star restaurants [are] all on our doorsteps," she explains. "The salaries that we earn might seem reasonable, but without a scheduled, routine saving plan it was really difficult for us to ensure that we could continue having fun today and provide for our family tomorrow. Having this plan has really helped us feel a little more secure that there is something going toward our children's future."

The Zhou family now saves the equivalent of around RMB 7,000 a month, which goes into a fund earmarked for both the children's education and the couple's retirement.

The investment has a forecasted yield of over 5 percent a year and is managed by an advisor, something that Zhou benefitted from after finding that "the technical jargon of financial planning [was the] greatest cure for insomnia."

Regardless of your circumstances and needs, independent financial advice should be free and there is often no harm in consulting a professional to see how to make the most out of your current and potential wealth. The most important is to start thinking about the future as soon as possible. A small amount put aside today could go a long way towards securing the best education for your kids.

Editor's note: Mark Matlaszek was interviewed by beijingkids to provide independent financial advice and this does not equate to an endorsement of the investment packages recommended by BlueStar AMG or any other asset management company. All investments carry a certain level of risk and you should first carefully consider your financial position and the potential losses you are able to absorb.

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Get an Edge on Getting In

What schools look for in prospective students

by Nimo Wanjau

here was a time when enrolling at a primary or secondary school in Beijing was a relatively simple affair - or even just a matter of being assigned a school by your work unit. The toil and tension of filling out applications and undergoing interviews was something only university applicants had to worry

This is no longer the case.

When it comes to quality international education, Beijing has become a seller's market. The capital's booming population of schoolage children has spawned a highly competitive field of applicants. Nowadays, enrollment for the first grade can be as nerve-wracking - and as costly - as having your 18-year-old apply for an Ivy League university.

To help families get a better idea of how international schools assess applicants and the factors that should be considered during the application process, beijingkids spoke with admissions staff from three international schools: Racheal Beare from Keystone Academy, Cory Dickson from the Canadian International School of Beijing (CISB) and Caroline Audet from the Western Academy of Beijing (WAB).



Application Criteria

Each school bases its enrollment requirements on factors such as supply and demand, maximum capacity, and government policy. Students are evaluated on these minimum requirements before being considered for the next step.

1. Visa Regulations

In accordance with Chinese government regulations, schools that are registered as "international schools" (国际学校) with the Ministry of Education – including CISB and WAB – are not permitted to accept Chinese nationals.

However, CISB accepts Chinese citizens with permanent residence cards (e.g. the US Green Card or the Canadian Maple Leaf Card) from other countries. Keystone, on the other hand, is registered as a "National Private School" (国家私立学校) and therefore considered a "local" institution that can accept both Chinese nationals and foreign passport holders.

Before an application is assessed, the admissions offices at CISB and WAB first look at what type of visa the child and parents hold, regardless of whether or not one of the parents has a foreign passport. Students are required to have a valid Z, W or J visa to be eligible for admission. A copy of a valid Chinese visa for both parents and child as well as a letter from the company of sponsorship must be submitted with the application.

2. Age Matters

Another factor in the enrolment process is the applicant's age, as this determines which grade they will be placed in.

At CISB, for example, the Canadian education system determines a student's grade level by the calendar year of their birth - thus, an applicant born in 1997 is likely to be placed in

WAB, on the other hand, looks at the age of the student on October 31 of that particular calendar year to determine grade placement. The school also assesses children who are exceptionally gifted or talented to see if they should be placed in a higher grade or stay in the same grade but follow an enriched curriculum.

At Keystone, students applying for Grade 1 must be 6 years old by August 31, 2014 (though this criterion is subject to change in the future). The school emphasizes placing children in the same

peer group and plans to monitor the student's emotional state to determine if they have been sorted into the right grade.

3. Curriculum

Caroline Audet says: "When admitting students to WAB, we look at the whole child, meaning their academic records in context of the school from which they are applying, their contribution to their school community, and their commitment to extracurricular activities."

Such varying factors mean that a child's previous school experiences play a vital role in determining how they will fit into a new school environment.

For instance, if a child does Grade 4 at one school then transfers to another school with a different curriculum, the new school has to assess which grade the child should be placed in based on their previous curriculum – in other words, Johnny may very well have to repeat Grade 4 at his new school if its curriculum is more advanced than that of his old school. Thus, curriculum is one of the key considerations for school administrators when they assess a new applicant.

4. Diversity and Quotas

Keystone's registration as a "National Private School" means that their primary school market consists mainly of Chinese students, but Admissions Director Rachael Beare says that the school will be also be accepting other nationalities "to provide a richer learning experience through diversity."

Student diversity is also a major factor for WAB. It aims to maintain a quota for student nationalities: 30 percent from North America, 30 percent from Europe, 30 percent from Asia, and 10 percent from other regions. CISB does not adhere to a quota for the nationalities represented by its student body.

5. Teacher Recommendations

Schools will also look at recommendations made by a child's previous teachers to determine what kinds of assessments should be made. Most of the applications that CISB and WAB receive are from overseas. To get to know their prospective students better, faculty at both schools look at teachers' comments to gain more insight into strengths, weaknesses and individual needs.



Assessments

After verifying the information provided on a candidate's application, the schools carry out an evaluation based on the following criteria:

1. English Language Skills

Students must show that they are sufficiently fluent in the school's language of instruction. One factor considered by each of the three schools we spoke to is the primary language spoken at home. Keystone's admissions office assesses both Chinese and English levels due to the school's bilingual immersion curriculum. Exemptions are made for students applying to Foundation Stage and Grade 1, as the school assumes that the child is too young to have developed language skills.

At CISB and WAB, all non-native English speakers are required to take an English test. WAB looks at previous transcripts and writing samples, and conducts an onsite test to determine whether or not the child should be enrolled in an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and/or English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program.

CISB has a similar process to determine enrollment in their English as an Additional Language (EAL) program, and there is a 45-minute onsite test to evaluate reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.

2. Learning Support

Students who are exceptionally gifted and talented, or diagnosed with mild learning disabilities and certain physical impairments can be accepted into most schools. Learning support departments typically judge if the school is able to effectively educate the child. WAB, for instance, consults with parents and conducts a series of assessments by looking at all previous reports and records to determine the severity of the disabilities or the extent of a gifted child's talents. CISB examines the applicant's previous reports and records from the school's transcripts and teacher recommendations. Some parents submit therapist records as well, but this is not mandatory.

3. Personality Tests

However, some parents bend the truth in their written applications. That is why meeting the candidate in person is one of the most important steps in the application

CISB conducts a student-only interview that gauges not only the applicant's English proficiency but also their "non-verbal" actions. WAB also conducts in-person meetings with both parents and student to determine how much help the candidate requires with learning difficulties.

Keystone's interviews serve another purpose: "We are looking at the kids who we want to live with as part of the school's residential community," says Rachael Beare. "Therefore, it is important to sit down with both the child and parent to get to know the student better." Interviews are only scheduled after the school has received the completed application form and all supporting documents. They are are conducted separately in both English and Chinese. If the student and parents cannot physically make it to the school, a phone or Skype interview can be arranged.



Final Steps

After all of the aforementioned steps are completed, students are usually offered a place at the school. But there are instances when the school cannot extend an offer of enrollment due to space constraints. Keystone, for example, has a limit of around 200 spaces for its first year since it is only accepting Foundation Stage to Grade 1 (this number is scheduled to increase in the future).

Schools also typically place students on a waiting list on a first come, first serve basis. This may be discouraging for families that have to wait but given the transient nature of Beijing's international community, this means that not all is lost.

Audet encourages families to apply regardless because there might be lastminute cancellations in the candidate's desired grade level. At CISB, children are placed on the waiting list in order of application date but priority is given to returning students and siblings of current students.



Honesty Is the Best Policy

Parents, beware: Putting inaccurate information on an application form will only result in a steeper learning curve for the student. The point of having an accurate application form and assessments is to ensure that the child gets the most out of the curriculum. An honest representation of the facts is key to a smooth transition at the new school.







Rachael Beare, **Dean of Admissions at Keystone Academy**

"Represent your child honestly."

At a previous position, Beare encountered an applicant whose parents fluffed the application by coaching their child according to what they thought the school would want. In the end, the candidate was not admitted because she was not a good fit for the school.

Cory Dickson, Head of **Admissions and Public** Relations at CISB

"It is not about us accepting the child, but the parents accepting us."

Dickson became CISB's head of admissions after working as the IB coordinator for nearly five years. He stresses that parents have to be diligent about investigating each school.

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Clearing the Air How some Beijing schools are helping their students breathe easier Clemence Jiang Inside one of the International School of Beijing's two air-filtered sports and recreation domes

s the government ramps up its efforts to combat Beijing's air pollution, a number of the city's international schools have followed suit by re-evaluating their air quality management policies and taking action to create cleaner campus environments for their students.

Setting upper AQI (Air Quality Index) limits to determine when outdoor activities should be canceled has been a priority for many international schools. All seven of the institutions we surveyed in early 2013 told beijingkids they had established AQI limits based on readings from both the US Embassy and the Chinese government.

It may seem like a small and simple step. But for many students, not having such policies in place could spell the difference between a productive day at school or a day – if not a whole week – at home sick. The World Health Organization considers PM 2.5 readings in excess of 25 micrograms per cubic meter as potentially harmful to asthmatics.

Last January during the now-infamous Beijing "Airpocalypse," the density of PM 2.5 particulates surpassed 700 micrograms per cubic meter. Harrow International School of Beijing reported a sudden increase in students with upper respiratory infections, but the phenomenon could not be directly linked to the sky-high pollution readings.

This alarming spike, along with other health concerns, prompted the school to revise its AQI policy last April from a cut-off point of 275 to two different levels that determine when students are restricted from outside activities. Harrow also posts current AQI readings around play areas and guides students on how to modify their activities on polluted days.

"When the AQI reaches [200 and over] younger students do not go outside. For our older students, the cut-off is 251," explains Nici Newbold, the head school nurse at Harrow. "The different levels take into account the increased effect of pollution on younger children as they tend to be more active during playtime."

"Healthy lifestyles are a key part of the school's curriculum and air quality is also discussed with students during tutorials," Newbold adds. "Students need to understand air quality and its effects, and not just be told they can't go outside to play."

Several schools have also invested in free-standing air purifiers for classrooms. The International Montessori School of Beijing, for example, adheres to a cut-off point of AQI of 200, keeps its units constantly running, and replaces filters regularly. On days that exceed that benchmark, all windows and doors are kept shut students are restricted to indoor activities during recess. Some have even taken up knitting as a result.

Keeping students indoors on polluted days may be sensible, but it can come at the expense of much-needed opportunities for physical exercise. This problem was on the mind of administrators and staff at The International School of Beijing (ISB) when they measured how many days elementary school students had to be kept inside based on the school's AQI limit of 270.

"When considering the fall semester of 2011, we found that there were four consecutive weeks exceeded our AQI limit," says Gerrick Monroe, the chief operating and financial officer at ISB. "As a result, our students had to stay in the cafeteria and library during recess about 20 percent of the time. We needed another option."

To get around this problem, ISB came up with an ingenious solution: the school constructed two sealed sports and recreation domes to ensure that students could still exercise on polluted days.

"They love the fact that they have places to run around," says Gerrick. "They still prefer playing outside, [so] we are working on making the domed areas more fun for them." With the introduction of the domes, students at ISB are still able to get the physical exercise they need when the AQI exceeds 150."

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Facilities include a five-a-side soccer pitch, a 400m running track, a large multi-purpose area, and six tennis courts. The domes also have heat recovery systems to maintain an ambient temperature, allowing students to practice a variety of traditionally "outdoor" sports regardless of season or temperature.

Besides the domes, ISB has taken steps to improve its indoor air quality. The facilities team upgraded the air filtration system across the campus by installing 34 new air handlers designed to provide what is called "pharmaceutical-grade" air equivalent to the quality of air in a pharmaceutical laboratory. Pressurized entrances and stairwells ensure this air quality throughout the 51,000sqm premises.

"Beijing is our home and we want to be as proactive as we can when it comes to air quality"

Not surprisingly, all these improvements require significant investment and maintenance. But consider these numbers: The average AQI at ISB reads between 30 and 40 in the domes and 10 to 15 in the classrooms any given day. Parents and faculty agree that the expense is necessary to ensure a safe learning environment for staff and students.

"I think everyone understands that we are in Beijing and unfortunately pollution is not something we can change," says Carol Kim, vice president of planning and communication at YueCheng Education, which oversees Beijing City International School (BCIS). "But what we can change is the mini control of our environment."



As with the other schools, BCIS has installed Blueair air purifiers in all nursery and pre-kindergarten classrooms. When beijingkids visited the campus last November, the school was aiming to filter all of the campus' indoor air by year's end.

BCIS is also building an environmentally-friendly Early Childhood Center (ECC) for its youngest students. With a scheduled completion date of August 2014, it will be the first pre-school building in Beijing to be LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) to have the Gold standard certification.

According to Kim, the building will maximize exposure to sunlight, which will be converted into solar energy. In addition, there will be a rooftop garden where students can grow their own vegetables.

"Beijing is our home and we want to be as proactive as we can when it comes to air quality," she says. "We believe that it is our responsibility to take measures and educate our children that you have to be aware of the environment and do things to make it better for everyone."

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Beyond Basics

Finding a supportive learning environment for your child

by Dana Cosio-Mercado



ssessing a school's academic success was once just a matter of measuring students' competence in the "three Rs": reading, writing and arithmetic. Courses were designed to provide children with very specific skill sets and as a result linear thinking was prioritized in an effort to ensure that students could "keep up" with their peers.

But developments in educational psychology over the last few decades have shown that there is more to learning than the old drill of "listen-repeat-remember," and as work options have expanded, so too has the need to teaching children new skills beyond the three Rs.

It is imperative to take learning style into consideration when measuring academic progress. Newer learning theories attempt to provide additional ways of understanding and addressing the needs of children who do not do well under a more traditional system.

Hemispheric Dominance, for example, was first posited by Roger W. Sperry in the late 1960s. According to this theory, people predominantly use either the left or right side of the brain in learning (hence the terms "left-" and "right-brain learners"). So if a child tends to work sequentially, and in clear and often logical steps to build up a solution to a problem, Sperry believed that they work primarily with their left brain and would be considered a "traditional" learner who typically does very well in the three Rs.

Conversely, if the student tends to see the whole picture first (i.e. a more holistic approach) and fills in the details in the process of working out a solution, they would be labeled a "right-brain learner" with a more creative "out-of-the-box" approach.

Another notion that has shifted public attitudes towards learning is Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligences Theory. Based on the premise that there are "many kinds of smart," this theory posits a range of "intelligences" ranging from linguistic and logical-mathematical

to spatial, musical, bodily-kinesthetic, naturalistic, interpersonal and intrapersonal. Students who are "word-" and/or "number-smart" should theoretically do better in school under the traditional three Rs educational system.

But what about those whose strengths do not lie in either of these two areas? Based on research that he conducted from the 1970s to the late 90s, Gardner proposed that individuals draw on these multiple intelligences in order to solve problems that are relevant to the societies in which they live. Today, educators have applied the Multiple Intelligences Theory to alternative ways of teaching children, allowing them to grasp concepts more intuitively.

A third key development in educational psychology has been increased understanding of how developmental delays affect learning. According to the Developmental Disabilities Act (US) of October 2000, developmental disability is currently legally defined as "a severe and chronic disability in an individual 5 years of age or older that is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of both; is manifested before the person reaches age 22; is likely to continue indefinitely; results in substantial functional limitations in three or more areas of major life activity (self care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, economic self-sufficiency); and reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, supports or other assistance."

Developmental delays can be manifest as consistently low scores on intelligence tests, poor academic functioning, and lack of adaptive skills. Sometimes, delays in motor development and in receptive and expressive language skills are also present. Special educators are armed with a wide range of learning theories that are necessary to understand and address the way an individual child learns best.

Whether learning difficulties encountered by the child are due to cognitive delays or behavioral challenges, the result is the same: The child's academic performance is negatively affected, and their social development and self-esteem suffer as a consequence.

Additional learning support centers fill the gap where regular or mainstream schools are unable to meet some of the children's needs. In some cases, these centers offer supplementary activities designed to help a student navigate school on their own. In other cases, the child's cognitive or behavioral needs require addressing in a small school environment.

In Beijing, the following three centers can provide children with learning support services.

The Learning Center

The Learning Center (TLC) offers tutoring to students who need additional assistance after school. Teachers provide review and homework support to struggling students with the aim of completing schoolwork independently and raising their grades. Assistance can also be extended to students who are capable of doing advanced work outside the classroom, such as gifted students looking to enhance their skills in mathematics, science, and English as a foreign language.

Tutoring at TLC is available for grades K-12. The goal is to complement the program at each child's school. The tutors regularly coordinate with teachers and/or learning support staff to provide help where it is most needed.

The center was founded in 2004 by Jennifer Sachs, an American teacher with over 20 years of experience in China. She and her team of qualified, native English-speaking educators run one-on-one, small group, and immersion classes in all key subject areas, including advanced English, science, math, humanities and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). TLC can help with SSAT, IGCSE, SAT, IB, AP, A-Level, and university entrance preparation.

Word from a Parent

"The Learning Center has been a wonderful resource for both of my children since it opened nine years ago. Teachers provide brief summaries of content coverage for lessons, which are an excellent communication tool for both students and parents. My children have also enjoyed TLC's summer programs. I highly recommend the educators and professionals at [TLC], as they create a truly positive, supportive and effective learning environment."

- Julie Upton-Wang (US), mother of Patrick (age 17) and Megan

Eliott's Corner

Eliott's Corner is a therapy center with a sister establishment in Shanghai called Olivia's Place. It was founded in 2011 by Jacqueline Chen, the mother of a boy born with cerebral palsy. The center is named after her son, whose condition requires ongoing physical therapy.

Eliott's Corner offers speech, occupational and physical therapy for children who have been diagnosed with special needs. Speechlanguage therapists help those who have difficulty communicating while occupational therapists help children develop their learning, self-care, and socialization skills.

Since its opening, Eliott's Corner has served around 400 clients ranging from babies to young adults (up to 18 years of age) with a variety of special needs.

Special needs children are defined as those who have been diagnosed with mental health conditions that require therapy, special education services, or other specialized services and support. Examples of special needs conditions include Down's Syndrome, autism, and dyslexia.



Physical therapy, which specializes in maximizing movement and physical function, incorporates play as part of treatment. Other services include child psychology assessments, applied behavior analysis, learning support services, reading clinics, and social skills groups.

Eliott's Corner adopts a holistic approach designed to meet individual needs, and therapists work closely with any medical professionals who monitor the child's developmental progress. The multicultural team of therapists can conduct interventions in English, Chinese, Dutch, German, French or Spanish.

As a service to the community, Eliott's Corner has weekly support groups for families with special needs children, and a weekly baby corner, where speakers give talks on childhood development topics. They also host information sessions for teachers and parents of children with a variety of needs like autism, ADHD and other behavioral issues.

Side by Side

Side by Side is a learning and educational support center that helps children with special needs and learning difficulties, their families, and their networks. The center offers three main services: academic tutoring, learning support and music therapy. It also provides social skills training, family support, and informational workshops.

Tutoring is available to students who need help completing homework or who have difficulty in a specific subject or area. Learning support is available to children with difficulties stemming from diagnosed or suspected learning or behavioral issues. This program is ideal for guiding those with expressive and receptive language delays, difficulties with organization, attention or executive functions.

Music therapy is an alternative form of creative expression for children and adults who need to work on emotional, behavioral, communication or organizational issues. Music therapy works well for anger management and self regulation issues, and is also a great way to help a very reluctant or shy child to express themself.

Side by Side is a very small and personal organization. The homely set-up enables the children to do chores like they would in their own home, including feeding the cats, measuring the growth rate of Side by Side's resident puppy, helping prepare meals, washing dishes,

Word from a Therapist

"Jared [not his real name] was born full-term without complications. After coming home, he seemed like an easygoing baby who spent most of his time just reclining in his baby seat and watching [everything around him]. He was guite slow to learn how to roll over and to sit up as compared to his sister and developmental charts.

At 15 months, when Jared was still doing nothing more than sitting, his parents took him to [Eliott's Corner], to have him evaluated by a team that included a physical therapist, occupational therapist, and speech therapist. This team found that Jared was significantly delayed and would benefit from all three therapists.

The speech therapist started by teaching Jared some simple hand signs and also made a photo album with pictures of Jared's family and of his favorite foods and toys so that he could point to what he wanted. He quickly learned to express himself for the first time and started to make speech sounds. By the time he was 3, he could say a dozen words and use 30 signs. By kindergarten, he spoke in full sentences and attended speech therapy to work on enunciation. Following this, his primary school performance was very good."

- Maggie Tai Tucker, occupational therpist at Eliott's Corner

and tending the vegetables in the garden. The objective is to create independence in everyday tasks, which also requires the child to listen to teachers and cooperate with other students. The center celebrates birthdays, outside achievements, school results, and progress both great and small within their programs.

Side by Side also offers a range of community support services, including workshops and training for schools, community groups and parents; information on parenting skills; and support for those dealing with a transition or a new diagnosis.



Word from a Parent

"We enrolled our son in music therapy at the recommendation of our psychologist to assist him with attention and social issues. Throughout the last year and a half we have noticed that he is much calmer because he has found new ways to express his emotions through music. He is also extending his attention span and can spend much longer on a specific topic."

- Mother of a 10-year-old music therapy student at Side by Side (name withheld by request)

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AnRic Little Montessori Room (AnRic LMR)

安杨蒙台梭利小屋



nRic Little Montessori Room (AnRic LMR) is a small multicultural classroom that caters to both local and foreign children. The school aims to help children develop into self-directed learners, flexible thinkers, creative problem solvers, empathetic citizens and resilient individuals. AnRic LMR was founded on the Montessori method, however other educational philosophies such as Reggio are also embraced. The school offers a fully bilingual curriculum so that children are immersed in an environment where both English and Chinese are consistently used all day. Children learn in an environment with a true sense of community, with special attention given to issues such as personalized support for separation anxiety. AnRic LMR is a full international member school of the American Montessori Society. The lead teacher holds a certification from the American Montessori Society as well as dual master's degrees in early childhood education and special education.

Founding date: April 2012

School type: International bilingual

preschool

Grades offered: Preschool

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? No

Accreditations: Full international member of the American Montessori Society (AMS) Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 2,000 Half day: RMB 7,880 Full day: RMB 9,280

Refundable deposit: RMB 5,000 Lunch fee: RMB 800/month

Insurance: RMB 180 (students under 3) or

RMB 365 (students over 3)

Lunch offered: Catered by government-

appointed food company with both Chinese and Western options

Age range: 2.5-6

Number of students: Maximum capacity

of 23

Nationality of students: US, Japan, UK, China, New Zealand, Sweden, Colombia,

Canada, Finland

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching languages: English and

ııınese

Class size: Maximum 23 Teacher/student ratio: 1:5

School hours: 8.30am-12.30pm (half day),

8.30am-3.30pm (full day)

After-school activities: Ice skating, piano,

Word from a Parent:

"My daughter has been thriving at AnRic Little Montessori Room since she started last fall. I used to be an educator, so the learning pedagogy and quality of teachers were my top considerations. The teachers are excellent and their approach helps students become happy, independent learners. The intimate atmosphere has helped Kaili develop social and leadership skills. Parents are encouraged to be involved in the school."

- Teresa Woodland (US), mother of Kaili

swimming, and ballet. AnRic plans to also introduce drama, golf, and yoga.

Special needs program: Available on a case-by case basis.

School facilities: Indoor gym, outdoor playground, reading area, parents' room, and piano room

Total area: 300sqm

School nurse or doctor available? No Contact: 9 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District (6591 8169, admissions@anricedu.com) www.anricedu.com 朝阳区光华路甲9号

American International Academy of Beijing (AIAB)

A派国际双语幼儿园

ocated in Shuangjing, the American International Academy of Beijing (AIAB) provides an authentic Montessori-based teaching approach to preschool education. Emphasizing the idea that "virtue leads to wisdom," AIAB tailors teaching to meet each child's needs and follows the Montessori and Chinese National curricula to ensure that children are able to enter both international or local Chinese schools. The bilingual Montessori program is specially designed to develop a "good character for the whole child" in a safe environment.

Founding date: September 2012

School type: Bilingual Montessori

kindergarten

Grades offered: Kindergarten

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? No

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic

year):

Application fee: RMB 10,000 Tuition: RMB 82,500 (11 months)

Lunch fee: RMB 10,890

Bedding fee: RMB 600

Lunch offered: Chinese and Western meals

delivered by Culinary Capers

Age range: 1.5-6 Number of students: 80

Nationality of students: US, UK, Switzerland,

Ireland, Hong Kong

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching languages: English and

Chinese

Class size: Max 12 (half-day class), 16

(nursery), or 20 (primary)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:3 (half-day), 1:4

(nursery), 1:5 (primary) School hours: 8.30am-4.30pm

After-school activities: Wushu, vocal music, percussion, happy cooking, art, and

School facilities: Montessori classrooms, dance studio, library, music room, baking room, meeting room, clinic and outdoor

playground

Total area: 2,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: Building 5, 78 Baiziwan Nan Er Lu, Chaoyang District (8776 0606, apaiacademy@ gmail.com) www.aiab.com.cn 朝阳区百子湾南

二路78号院5号楼



Beijing 21st Century International Kindergarten

二十一世纪幼儿园国际园



ounded by Siwa Group in 1995, Beijing 21st Century International Kindergarten is the only municipal-level, private model kindergarten and early childhood education center in Beijing. With a total investment of more than RMB 100 million in the kindergarten program, Beijing 21st Century now has 18 branches and more than 5,000 students in Beijing. All the foreign teachers at the kindergarten's international department are qualified teachers in their home countries. Experienced Chinese teachers discuss and present courses in tandem with their expat counterparts. The school helps students develop independence, social skills, courage, and teamwork through experience-based learning, weekly topics, international courses, Chinese culture courses, sports, and arts.

Founding date: 1995

School type: Kindergarten with international department that belongs to 21st Century

Education Group

Grades offered: Kindergarten

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic

Application fee: RMB 2,000 Nursery: RMB 106,000 K1-K3: RMB 98,000 Uniform fee: RMB 2,300

Boarding: RMB 800/month (optional)

Lunch fee: RMB 800/month (includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner)

Lunch offered: Vegetarian options, Chinese food, western food; nutritionist-approved

Age range: 2-6

Nationality of students: China and US Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: Chinese Class size: Minimum five, maximum 18 for all levels

Teacher/student ratio: Max 1:6, currently

Word from a Parent:

"My daughter bought cookies and candy today to share with her friends at school. That was so sweet of her. She now knows sharing is good. I can see the huge progress she's made since attending kindergarten!"

- Mrs. Fu (China), mother of Lexuan (3)

School hours: 8am-4.30pm

After-school activities: Piano, sports, arts and more

School facilities: Library, soccer field, basketball field, pirate ship, art room, science room, bunker, piano room, sensory integration and dance room

Total area: 2,107sgm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: 46 Enjizhuang (within 21st Century International School), Haidian District (5613 5819, yucinlybnu@gmail.com) 21.bjkid.com 海 淀区恩济庄46号北京市二十一世纪国际学校内

Beijing Bella Growth International Kids House

北京贝拉成长国际幼儿之家

ella Growth provides early childhood education and development inspired by the Reggio Emilia curriculum. The school combines this approach with an American (ESL) preschool phonics curriculum and the best parts of traditional Chinese educational theories. Children are guided rather than instructed by their teachers, to become confident, respectful, creative, and responsible individuals.

Founding date: June 2012

School type: Early childhood education

center

Grades offered: Kindergarten

Is the school registered with the Ministry of Education? Information not provided Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 500

One-time capital levy fee: RMB 3,000

Tuition: RMB 42,000

Lunch fee: RMB 800/month for three meals

and two snacks daily **Age range:** 2-5

Nationality of students: China, US, and

Canada

Foreign passport holders accepted?

Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching languages: Chinese

and English

Class size: Max 14

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4 School hours: 8am-4:30pm

After-school activities: Dance, crafts,

calligraphy and English

School facilities: Community facilities include a fitness center and a swimming pool

Total area: 200sqm

Word from a parent:

"Our son Chen Chen has been at Bella Growth for a year. As time goes by, he likes the school more and more. We are very happy to see how fast he is growing, not only physically but also mentally. It's all because of the teacher's care, love, attention, and sense of responsibility."

- Shaoyu Wang (China), father of Dichen (3)

School nurse or doctor available? No, but there are hospitals nearby.

Contact: Rm 102, Unit 4, Bldg 4, Yangguang Lijing Xiaoqu, 23 Huangsi Dajie, Xicheng District (8223 1635, 138 0106 5034, 1054282607@qq.com) www.bellagrowth.com 西城区黄寺大街23号阳光丽景小区南院4号楼4门102号



Beijing Meadowland International Kindergarten

北京伊禾木国际双语幼儿园



eijing Meadowland International Kindergarten's 10,000sgm campus is located in a parklike setting. Following the Montessori system, the school boasts a "comfortable, green setting," modern classroom facilities, a small student body and an educational philosophy that instills independence, moral consciousness and character development.

Founding date: 2011

School type: Montessori kindergarten **Grades offered:** Kindergarten

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic

year):

Application fee: RMB 2,300 One-year tuition: RMB 71,000 Lunch fee: RMB 600/month

Lunch offered: Chinese and Western

options

Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 100

Nationality of students: China, Russia,

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching languages: Chinese

and English **Class size: 25-30**

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4 School hours: 8am-4.30pm

After-school activities: Taekwondo, rollerskating, piano, mini-golf, mini-tennis

School facilities: Kitchen, library, outdoor playground facility, multi-function room, mini

farmland, and sandbox

Word from a Parent:

"It has been more than a year since Yu Hongyi first came to the school. We have all witnessed his growth and progress. Through Montessori, he learned how to take care of himself, share with others, take responsibility, and more. He also benefitted a lot from the green setting of Meadowland."

- Yu Shuisheng and Cai Xiujing (China), parents of Yu Hongyi (4)

Total area: 10,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: 9 Shuanggiao Donglu, Chaoyang District (8537 5775, yihemu@126.com) www.yihemu.com 朝阳区双桥东路甲9号

BPLC International Bilingual Kindergarten

优而嘉国际双语幼儿园

■ stablished in 2011, BPLC International Bilingual Kindergarten follows a bilingual Chinese and English curriculum that emphasizes holistic, adaptive and experimental education and instilling respect for other cultures. The teaching staff is comprised of both foreign and Chinese teachers and classrooms contain multimedia teaching facilities, original curriculum materials and a variety of features. BPLC also offers summer and winter camps and pre-primary sessions.

Founding date: September 2011

School type: Bilingual international

kindergarten

Grades offered: Kindergarten for children

aged 2-6 and pre-primary

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 2,000

Tuition: RMB 30,800 if paid annually, RMB 35,000 if paid per term, or RMB 40,000 if

paid monthly

Lunch fee: RMB 25 per day

Lunch offered: Mainly Chinese food with

Western and halal options Number of students: 30

Nationality of students: China, Germany,

South Korea, Bosnia, Turkey, Sudan, and Azerbaijan

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Other languages taught: Turkish

Class size: Max 10 (smaller classes) or 15

(larger classes)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4 School hours: 8.30am-5pm

After-school activities: Gardening,

vegetable picking and cooking

School facilities: 24hr security system, mini library, dance room, outdoor playground, garden, indoor play area and a multi-function hall

Total area: 1,500sqm

Word from a Parent:

"My child was introverted, timid, and had many behavioral and academic challenges. I looked at changing schools and ended up choosing BPLC. To my surprise, my son made great progress in a very short time. He became bright and cheerful, more talkative, and started learning to read and write – all of which moved me to tears. As a parent, I'm so grateful to the teachers at BPLC, who have made me feel confident, relieved and hopeful."

- Zhang Jing (China), mother of Kaiqin

School nurse or doctor available? No

Contact: D29, 2/F, Taihua Binhe Yuan, 41 Nanshiliju, Jiuxiangiao Lu, Chaoyang District (5829 4007/4003, thebrightplace@gmail. com) www.21edubj.com, blog.sina.com.cn/ youerjiacentre 朝阳区酒仙桥南十里居泰华滨 河苑底商2层D29



Children's House Montessori Kindergarten

巧智博仁国际幼儿园



he Children's House Montessori Kindergarten was the first Montessori kindergarten in Beijing. It opened its doors at the China World Trade Center in 1992 and today caters to more than 350 children. There are currently three international campuses and one bilingual campus in Beijing. All provide dedicated staff with the aim to achieve love, growth and peace amongst our future generations. The school's philosophy is based on the principles of Dr. Maria Montessori, and the kindergarten is dedicated to allowing each of its children to develop themselves. It encourages self-motivation and independent learning so that each child will solve problems, define what is important to them, assume responsibilities and continue to learn and grow. The Children's House's aim is to develop a love of learning and a thirst for knowledge that will stay with children for life.

Founding date: 1992

School type: International Montessori kindergarten (China World, Lufthansa and Yosemite Campuses) and local bilingual Montessori kindergarten (Yayunxinxin Gardens)

Grades offered: Kindergarten, nursery, and

reception

Is the school registered with the Ministry of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 2,500

Nursery/pre-primary (ages 1-3): RMB 87,000 (morning-only), RMB 100,000 (half day), or

RMB 134,000 (full day)

Primary (ages 3-4.5): RMB 116,000 (half day) or RMB 144,000 (full day)

Bilingual Primary (Yosemite and Kempinsky campuses only): RMB 85,000 (half day) or

RMB 122,000 (full day)

Reception (ages 4.5-6): RMB 148,000 Bilingual Reception: RMB 136,000 Uniform: Approximately RMB 400 per set Lunch: RMB 12,000 per year

Lunch offered: A mix of Western and Chinese foods with vegetarian, vegan, kosher, halal options and support for food allergies

Age range: 1-6

Number of students: 350

Nationality of students: US, UK, Germany,

Australia, Malaysia, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes, at

the bilingual campus

Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: Chinese Class size: Between 15 and 30

Teacher/student ratio: 1:3 at the nursery,

1:8 at primary

School hours: 8.30-11.20am (morning session), 8.30am-1pm (half day), or 8.30am-3.20pm (full day)

After-school activities: Music and movement, keyboard, ballet, kung fu, hip hop, cooking, circle sharing (English and Chinese), game club, board games, arts and crafts, and drawing

Word from a Parent:

"When looking for a kindergarten, I wanted a place that was warm, safe, and caring. I was always impressed by how passionate the teachers were about Montessori and how well they knew my children. They were supported by a great administrative staff and a wonderful principal. I loved watching my children develop self-confidence and independence through their experiences at the school."

- Meaghan Amor (Australia), mother of graduates George (10), Oliver (8), and

Extra help offered: ESL after-school

School facilities: Fully-equipped Montessori classrooms, playgrounds, children's kitchen, access to ice skating rink, swimming pool, and ballet room

Total area: 590sqm (China World Campus), 325sgm (Kempinski Campus), 360 sgm; (Yosemite Campus), 2,700 sqm (Yayunxinxin Gardens Campus)

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, consulting school doctor available

Contact: 6535 8129 (China World Campus), 6465 1305 (Lufthansa Campus), 8041 7083 (Yosemite Campus), or 5202 0293 (Yayunxinxin) www.montessoribeijing.com

Eduwings Kindergarten

金翼德懿幼儿园

duwings is a trilingual international kindergarten that teaches in German, English and Chinese. Following a German kindergarten curriculum, students learn in small groups with native-speaking teachers. Alumni have gone on to attend various international schools such as the German Embassy School, British School of Beijing, International School of Beijing, and Chinese primary schools. Eduwings has two campuses in Shunyi and Haidian.

Founding date: 2010

School type: International kindergarten with

German curriculum

Grades offered: Kindergarten

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Accreditations: Berlin Education Program

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 4,500 Half day: RMB 58 000

Full day: RMB 80,000 (includes lunch, uniform,

and afternoon activities)

Transportation fee: RMB 8,000-12,000/year Lunch offered: Chinese and Western food made onsite by the school chef, with special food for the youngest students. Milk provided by Wonder Milk (Shunyi campus only).

Age range: 1-6

Number of students: 100 (Shunyi campus),

50 (Haidian campus)

Nationality of students: Germany, China,

US, Mexico, Switzerland

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching languages: German,

Chinese and English

Class size: Average 12 (baby class, others 15 Teacher/student ratio: 1:5 (ages 2.5-6),

1:3-1:4 (under 2.5)

School hours: 8am-4:30pm

After-school activities: Art, dance, PE, rollerblading, cooking, swimming (summeronly), Orff music, German drama, street dance (both Shunyi-only), softball (Haidian-only)

Special needs program: Yes, developed

School facilities: Climbing room (Shunyi), indoor playground (Haidian), art and science

Word from a Parent:

"Though the kindergarten is large, it feels like a family. Our kids are encouraged to explore. Monthly topics give them the perfect avenue to engage in learning, conversation, and experiments through creative and relevant field trips."

- Ute Türk (Germany), mother of Niklas (5) and Louisa (3)

room, PE and dance room, nap room, outdoor playground with sandbox and play kitchen Total area: 4,000sqm (Shunyi), 1,000sqm (Haidian)

School nurse or doctor available? Yes

Contact: www.eduwingskids.com

- Shunyi campus: Bldg 5, Merlin Champagne Town, 6 Liyuan Jie, Tianzhu, Shunyi District (6450 8384, eduwings@126.com) 顺义区天 竺镇丽苑街6号美林香槟小镇会
- · Haidian campus: 6 Guangda Xiyuan, Wanliu Zhonglu, Haidian District (8257 0436, eduwingshaidian@126.com) 海淀区万柳中路 光大西园6号)



Epoch Kindergarten

宜宝双语幼儿园



poch Kindergarten currently has three locations: one in Haidian, one near Xiangshan (Fragrant Hills), and the main campus in Liangmaqiao. The bilingual schools were founded by American and Chinese partners. Based on Montessori principles, the curriculum combines American and Chinese teaching styles. Teachers are all wellqualified, and many are certified Montessori teachers. Epoch international classes feature fulltime experienced native English-speaking teachers and Chinese teaching assistants. Epoch also offers an extensive range of extracurricular activities based on children's interests. The school has full-day and half-day classes, as well as limited boarding options.

Founding date: 2005

School type: Local private and boarding

kindergarten

Grades offered: Kindergarten

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic

Application fee: RMB 1,200 Bilingual Class: RMB 2,580/month International Class: RMB 5,000/month **Lunch offered:** Three meals and two snacks a day with a special kitchen for kids and a

menu designed by dietician Age range: 1.5-6

Number of students: Over 500

Nationality of students: China, US, Canada,

Philippines, Russia

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching language: Chinese Other languages taught: English

Class size: 15-30

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6 School hours: 7.30am-5.30pm

After-school activities: English corner, dancing, drawing, roller-skating, taekwondo, piano, guzheng, Western and Chinese

School facilities: Outdoor playground, library, multi-purpose room, piano room, and more

Total area: Around 3,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes

Word from a Parent:

"Our daughter has done really well at Epoch and just finished her second year. She really likes her teachers. We can tell that not only is she getting a good education, but also exposure to Chinese culture and language. Epoch was also the most affordable of all the kindergartens we considered."

- Joan Fulkerson (US), mother of Kally

Contact:

- Bldg 4, 41 Nanshiliju, Taihua Binhe Garden (near the US Embassy), Chaoyang District (5829 3820, epoch@epoch-school.com) 朝阳区泰华滨 河苑(近美国大使馆)南十里居41号4号楼
- Xiangshan Nanlu, Haidian District (5114) 9551, 186 1155 2230, 186 0052 5217, epoch@ epoch-school.com) 海淀区香山南路
- A-17 New Landmark Area, Qinghe Yongtai Garden, Haidian District (8275 1372, epoch@ epoch-school.com) www.epoch-school.com 海淀区清河永泰庄新地标A-17

Etonkids Bilingual Kindergartens

伊顿国际双语幼儿园

art of the Etonkids International Education Group, Etonkids Bilingual Kindergartens feature a bilingual Montessori program designed to develop independence, initiative, and creativity. The school is divided into Nursery (18 months-3 years) and "Casa" (or the Early Childhood Community for ages 3-6) with lessons that promote intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth in the nursery stage, as well as coursework in language arts, mathematics, everyday living skills, sensory awareness exercises, and culture at the Casa stage. Check the website for additional Etonkids Bilingual campuses.

Founding date: 2005

School type: International nursery and

kindergarten

Grades offered: Preschool and

kindergarten

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes **Accreditations: AMS**

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic

year):

Midtown Campus: RMB 46,200-63,000 Olympic Village Campus: RMB 67,200 Peking House Campus: RMB 52,800-72,000 Central Park, Palm Springs, and Lido campuses:

RMB 66,000-90,000

Transportation fee: RMB 900/month Materials fee: RMB 1,200/year Activity fee: RMB 1,000/term

Lunch fee: RMB 620/month (half day) or RMB

750/month (full day) **Age range: 1.5-6**

Number of students: About 180 per campus Nationality of students: China, France, US, UK, Singapore, Canada, Germany, Australia, Brazil, Spain, Japan, South Korea and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching languages: Chinese

and English Class size: 20-25

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5 (Nursery); 1:6

School hours: 8.30-11.30sam (half day);

8.30am-4.30pm (full day)

After-school activities: Basketball, cooking in English, drama in English, soccer, fun with English, paper cutting, phonics, roller skating,

Extra help offered: After-school programs focused on English development are taught by English specialists.

School facilities: Outdoor play areas with child-friendly equipment, art and music rooms, ballet studios, and more

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: www.etonkids.com

• Lido Campus: Rm C103, Lido Country Club, Lido Place, Jichang Lu, Chaoyang District (6430 1503, lidoadmin@etonkids.com) 朝阳 区机场路丽都大厦丽都乡村俱乐

Word from a parent:

"We tried several kindergartens before settling on Etonkids; this was where my daughter finally fit in. Etonkids is a place where the teachers really care about the students. Yesterday was the first time I had ever heard my daughter say: 'Mommy, I want to go back to school!"

- Lulu Huo, mother of Coco

- Midtown Campus: 21 Guanggu Jiayuan Bldg, Guangqumen Wai, Chongwen District (6749 5002, bonniegian@etonkids.com) 朝阳区广渠 门外广渠家园21号楼
- Olympic Village Campus: Southwest Corner of Beichen Xi and Kehui Lu, Chaoyang District (8437 1007, wangxh@etonkids.co) 朝阳区北 辰西路与科荟路交汇处西南角
- Peking House Campus: 20 Xidawang Lu, Chaoyang District (5870 6778/9, xuyan@ etonkids.com, zhoudan@etonkids.com) 朝阳 区西大望路20号
- Central Park Campus: Bldg 19, Central Park, 6 Chaowai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6533 6995, cpadmin@etonkids.com) 朝阳区朝外 大街6号新城国际19号楼
- Palm Springs Campus: Palm Springs International Apartments, 8 Chaoyang Gongyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District (6539 5967, psadmin@etonkids.com) 朝阳区朝阳 公园南路8号棕榈泉国际公寓



The Family Learning House (TFLH)

家育苑



ecognized as a model kindergarten by the Chaoyang Ministry of Education, The Family Learning House is a virtues-based, bilingual pre-school dedicated to acquiring knowledge and good character for the purpose of serving humanity. In addition to its 'Virtues in Us' character education program, the school aims to provide an academically stimulating Montessori and Chinese curriculum. The Family Learning House includes a petting farm, organic produce and a child-directed recycling program, additionally the curriculum places strong emphasis on art and music, offering daily piano lessons for ages 4.5 to 6. Students also participate in monthly educational outings, community service projects, and multicultural celebrations. The school seeks to foster a learning community involving students, teachers, ayis and families.

Founding Date: 2002

School type: Bilingual virtues-based

Montessori kindergarten **Grades offered:** Kindergarten

Is the school registered with the ministry

of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic Year):

Full-day session RMB 95,000/year Lunch fee: Included in the tuition fee.

Lunch offered: Yes. Nutritionally balanced Chinese and Western meals are served with

many vegetarian options. Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 200

Nationality of students: Mixed

nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching languages: Chinese

Class size: 21-30 (primary); 20 (toddler)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5 School hours: 8.30am-4pm

School facilities: Montessori classrooms with child-size kitchen, and library. Certified Montessori learning materials. Piano in each classroom. Two outdoor playgrounds with vegetable garden and petting farm. art room and Multi-purpose room and parents' coffee lounge.

Total area: 2,100sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes

Word from a Parent:

"The Family Learning House has been a haven for our daughter – a place that integrates virtues-based Montessori education with the joy and magic of early childhood. During our three years at the school, we have witnessed our daughter and her classmates as well as teachers, staff and diverse families all continue to learn and grow together. We feel blessed to have found in The Family Learning House a welcoming, nurturing and healthful environment where there is genuine concern for the needs of the children."

> - Michael Cherney (US), father of Autumn (5)

Contact: Beside Bldg 14, Jianwai SOHO West Area, 39 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District (5869 7540 ext 800 reception/801 office, info@thefamilylearninghouse.com) www.thefamilylearninghouse.com 朝阳区东 三环中路39号建外SOHO西区14号楼旁

House of Knowledge International Kindergarten (HoK)

好思之家国际幼儿园

ouse of Knowledge believes that tomorrow's leaders need an excellent foundation, cultivated in an environment that is both caring and challenging where they can thrive and develop. The school's unique curriculum is designed to facilitate a multilingual, child-driven education. Offering programs in English, Chinese, and German, the HoK curriculum trains students to acquire critical thinking and collaboration skills by teaching them how to "learn to learn."

Founding date: 2007

School type: International nursery, kindergarten, pre-school, elementary school Grades offered: Kindergarten, nursery, and pre-school (Grades 1-5 as of Sep 2014)

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Accreditations: Currently undergoing WSAC

process

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Toddler (12-20 months): RMB 30,050 (half day, two days per week), RMB 42,290 (half day, three days per week) or RMB 66,780 (half day, five days per week)

Nursery (20 months-3 years): RMB 86,810 (half day) or RMB 102,400 (full day)

Middle Age (3-5 years): RMB 133,560 (full day) Pre-school (4-6 years): RMB 136,680 (full day) Elementary Grades 1-2*: RMB 168,760 Elementary Grades 3-5: RMB 178,660

Lunch fee: RMB 6,000/year

*Elementary grand opening discount: 20 percent off on tuition fees, registration and full payment no later than April 1, 2014

Lunch offered: Breakfast and lunch prepared daily by in-house chef using organic produce. Ingredients include sausages sourced from a German butcher and fresh bread from South German Bakery.

Age range: 1-11

Number of students: Currently 155,

capacity for 250

Nationality of students: Austria, Germany,

US, UK, Spain, China, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching language: English or

Other languages taught: English, Chinese and German

Class size: 9 (toddler); 16 (nursery); 20 (kindergarten); 20 (preschool); 20

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4 on average (kindergarten); 1:10 (elementary)

School hours: 8am-3.45pm

After-school activities: Super Science, dance, soccer, micro scooter, kung fu, Chinese traditional dancing, drama, crafts, Chinese culture, and more (see website for current listings)

School facilities: Multi-level classrooms, under-floor heating, reading room, in-house

Word from a Parent:

"Luis has attended HoK for two years. He has had lots of fun experiencing new things with hildren from all over the world. Our son's inquiring mind is supported and encouraged by a very dedicated team. As parents, it is always fascinating to see the children's new projects and how playfully they handle learning in three different languages."

- Stephanie and Oliver Stroz (Germany), parents of Luis (3)

kitchen, swimming pool, art stations, parents' corner, outdoor playground and labyrinth, indoor gym, drama centers, building stations, and more

Total area: 1,600sqm (Chaoyang Park campus); 5,000sqm (Quanfa campus)

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, and all staff are certified in first aid.

Contact: info@hokschools.com

- · Quanfa Campus: North gate of Quanfa Gardens, 18 Maguanying, Shunbai Lu, Chaoyang District (6431 8452, gf@hokschools. com) www.hokschools.com 朝阳区顺百路马泉 营路18号泉发小区北门
- Chaoyang Park Campus: Victoria Gardens, 15 Chaoyang Park Xilu, Chaoyang District (6538 2624, vg@hokschools.com) 朝阳区朝阳公园 西路15号维多利亚花园



Huijia Kids 汇佳幼儿园



uijia Education Group has been providing quality education in Beijing for 20 years. Established in 1993, the company now provides education to over 6,000 students in kindergarten, primary school, high school and university. Huijia currently owns and operates 43 kindergartens across China. All Huijia education centers follow the PYP curriculum and philosophy. Huijia strives to provide a multicultural and bilingual education for both local and international students. Children learn through inquiry and by exploring the world around them. The group aims to provide all its children with a safe and supportive learning environment, and believes that every child deserves individualized attention. The curriculum is designed to create well rounded, internationally minded children. Huijia Education Group's offerings include local kindergartens, bilingual kindergartens, and international kindergartens.

Founding date: 1993

School type: Private kindergarten **Grades offered:** Kindergarten

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

What accreditations does the school

have? IB, PYP

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic

year):

RMB 41,500-110,000 per year Lunch fee: Varies according to campus Transportation fee: Varies according to campus

Lunch offered: Chinese and Western food

Age range: 1.5-6

Number of students: Around 7,000 Nationality of students: US, UK, Singapore, South Korea, China

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching language: Chinese Other languages taught: English

Class size: 15-25

Teacher/student ratio: Varies according

to campus

School hours: 7.30am or 8am-5pm After-school activities: Varies according to campus

School facilities: Playground, dance room, library, piano room, arts room, science room School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact:

· Wanguan campus: 35 Xinxin Jiayuan, Wanquanyuan, Bagou Nanlu, Haidian District

Word from a Parent:

"We are very happy that our son attends Huijia. The teachers treat the children well and when I mention the kindergarten, Juan gets excited. He likes his teachers and has a lot of good friends. He is happy to stay there, happy to play and happy to eat."

- Joan Bros and Rocio Sobejano (Spain), parents of Juan (K3 student)

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- Sanyuan Qiao campus: 6 Jing'an Dongli, Chaoyang District (6463 5251) 朝阳区静安 东里6号
- Changping campus: Huijia Vocational College, 20 Chuangxin Road, Zhongguancun Kejiyuan, Changping District (5163 1603) 昌平 区中关村科技园创新路20号汇佳职业学院内
- Shangdi MOMA campus: MOMA, Anning Zhuang, Haidian District (8275 9510, 8274 1391) 海淀区安宁庄上地MOMA小区
- · Xibahe Campus: 103 Xibahe Donglu, Chaoyang District. (6465 5212) 朝阳区西坝 河东里103号

Ivy Academy

艾毅国际幼儿园

vy Academy offers an English speaking environment. Taught by a team of highly qualified early childhood educators, the Multiple Intelligences theory-influenced curriculum is customized according to the children's interests.

Founding date: 2004 (East Lake Villas campus), 2013 (Central Park campus)

School type: International preschool and kindergarten

Grades offered: Nursery to kindergarten Is the school registered with the Ministry of Education? Information not provided Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year):

East Lake Villas Campus: RMB 146,030 per year

Central Park Campus: RMB 145,500 per

Lunch fee: Optional (contact school for latest

Transportation fee: Optional (contact school for latest info)

Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 65 (East Lake Villas

campus), 75 (Central Park campus)

Nationality of students: Australia, UK,

Canada, Japan, France, Germany, US, China Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching language: English School hours: 8.30-11.30am (half day); 8.30am-3.30pm (full day)

After-school activities: Extended after school care by request

School facilities: A library, art classroom, and children's kitchen

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact:

- East Lake Villa Campus: C-101 East Lake Villas, 35 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Dongcheng District (8451 1380/1, info-EL@ivyschools.com) 东城区东直门外大街35号东湖别墅C座101室
- Central Park Campus: Bldg 24, 6 Chaoyangmenwai dajie, Chaoyang District (5738 4559, 6597 0250, info-CP@ivyschools. com) 朝外大街6号新城国际公寓24号楼

Word from a Parent:

"We were apprehensive about how our son would adjust to school in Beijing. But we were pleasantly surprised by how well he has taken to Ivy's staff and his classmates. We have seen much progress in his development, keenness to explore, and unquenchable curiosity for everything around him. Ryan has become more wellrounded way since moving here. He has always been talkative and super active; we are glad that these traits have not been inhibited but rather channeled into something constructive. His daily need to bring a toy and get ready for his "show and tell" session is a testament to how excited he is about school. We eagerly await the school's online weekly journals because we enjoy laughing at pictures of him in class playing, learning, painting, socializing and - oh yes - cooking."

- Rodney Looi (Malaysia), father of Ryan (5)



Ivy Bilingual Schools (IBS)

艾毅双语幼儿园



vy Bilingual Schools offer a curriculum based on the Multiple Intelligences theory and provide an immersive bilingual program where both Chinese and Western teachers interact with children throughout the day. There are two locations in Beijing.

Founding date: 2006 (Ocean Express campus); 2008 (Orchid Garden campus) School type: International bilingual preschool and kindergarten

Grades offered: Nursery to kindergarten Is the school registered with the Ministry of Education? Information not provided Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic

Ocean Express Campus: RMB 8,100 per month (full day)

Orchid Garden Campus: RMB 7,750/month (full day)

Lunch fee: Optional (contact school for latest info)

Transportation fee: Optional (contact school for latest info)

Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 175 (Ocean Express campus); 100 (Orchid Garden campus) Nationality of students: Canada, Japan,

France, Germany, US, China

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Class size: 20-25

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5-1:8

School hours: 8.30-11.30am (half day);

8.30am-4pm (full day)

School facilities: An outdoor playground, bilingual library, a large indoor playroom, a multiple-purpose room, and a children's kitchen for cooking classes

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact:

- Ocean Express campus: Bldg E, Ocean Express, 2 Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (8446 7287/7286/7921, info-OE@ ivyschools.com) www.ivyschools.com 朝阳区 东三环北路2号远洋新干线E座
- Orchid Garden campus: Orchid Garden,

Word from a Parent:

"We are pleased to have chosen IBS for our son first experience with school. He enjoys seeing his friends and teachers every morning and is always happy. At age 2, he is starting to discover the world around him. Ivy Schools has encouraged Freddie's curiosity and learning through the wide range of activities provided. I am always struck by how upbeat and friendly everyone at Ivy Schools is, from the helpers at the gate to office staff and teachers – even those that are not from Freddie's class! It means a lot that the staff remembers children's names and always have a kind word for them."

- Jwee San (Canada), mother of Freddie

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Jack and Jill Children's Center

嘉杉嘉华儿童之家

ack and Jill Children's Center is a full-day childcare and education provider. The childfocused teaching practices are the cornerstone of a dynamic learning process designed to build up students' curiosity and enthusiasm for knowledge. The curriculum is designed and implemented by a professional teaching team. Based on various curricula, influences include HighScope, Reggio Emilia, and Chinese culture. In an environment where children are the "real owners," they will strengthen mind, body and spirit as they explore the world around them, develop communication and social skills, and learn to think proactively and independently, judge and solve problems.

Founding date: October 2012

School type: Local early childhood education

Grades offered: Nursery and kindergarten Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year):

Registration fee: RMB 2,000 One-year tuition: RMB 70,000 Lunch fee: RMB 600/month

Lunch offered: Organic, nutritionist-approved

Chinese and western food

Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 50

Nationality of students: China, US,

Malaysia

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: English and

Chinese

Class size: 18-20

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4 School hours: 8.30am-4.30pm

After-school activities: Western and Chinese holiday events, out-of-campus activities, extracurricular courses (cooking, comics, and more), winter and summer camps

School facilities: Library, multi-function

room, cooking classroom, park

Total area: 800sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: Rm 105-108, Bldg 1, Chevalier Apartments, 2 Shangjialou Lu, Chaoyang

Word from a Parent:

"During our first visit to Jack and Jill Children's Center, we were deeply impressed with the warm service and lovely facilities, all of which are designed especifically for children. Our 3-year-old daughter fell in love with it at first sight. Teachers respect Szeen and give her freedom to play, which is particularly important to us. She enjoys Jack and Jill's out-of-campus activities: visiting a hypermarket, seeing the process of baking bread, taking part in a breadmaking course, dressing up as a fairy for Halloween and visiting the fire department - all of these are memorable things that she has shared with us."

> - Chea Hooi Khor and Ban Fong Lim (Malaysia), parents of Szeen (3)

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Jiade Montessori Bilingual Kindergarten

嘉德蒙台梭利双语幼儿园



iade combines Chinese culture with an international blend of English classes by its international faculty team. The children work individually or together in small groups with a variety of educational materials in close co-operation with teachers, each following an individualized learning program within the Montessori curriculum. The classrooms are neatly organized engaging children's curiosity and intellectual creativity in self-directed work. The calm but energetic ambience of the classroom creates a natural environment conducive to encouraging children to learn. Jiade provides the opportunity, facilities, materials and ethos for children to become independent, self-directed, motivated, analytical and confident learners.

Founding date: 2009

School type: Montessori kindergarten Grades offered: Nursery and kindergarten Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic

year):

Nursery: RMB 72,000 Kindergarten: RMB 82,000

Lunch fee: RMB 4,175 per semester Transportation fee: RMB 4,750 per semester Lunch offered: Chinese and Western options,

with menu rotating every 20 days

Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 121

Nationality of students: 75 percent

Chinese, 25 percent foreign

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching languages: Chinese

Class size: 20-25 students Teacher/student ratio: 1:4 School hours: 8.30am-4.30pm

School facilities: Outdoor playground facilities, a sport field, a library, an art room, a

Word from a Parent:

"Jiade have been a great help since my son started school there in September. He has progressed quickly and learned how to behave himself. He understands things we did not teach him. We are very thankful that Jiade has offered our son a bright new environment and a committed staff. I believe he will progress step-by-step in the future with Jiade's help. We will definitely continue sending him there."

- Zou Xin (China), parent of Jizhen (2)

gymnasium, and a dance and music studio

Total area: 3,100sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: Bldg 221, Balizhuang Beili, Chaoyang District (8591 8288) www.jdmontessori.com

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La Maison Montessori de Pékin (LMMP)

中法双语儿童之家

a Maison Montessori de Pékin (LMMP) is the first bilingual French and Chinese Montessori kindergarten in Beijing. The school is situated in Dongsishisitiao in a beautiful Chinese courtyard that provides a local cultural setting. It was founded by Julie Castellotti, a Montessori teacher, and two mothers, Natalia Roitman and Li Shuwen, who wished to create another educational option for the French-speaking community in Beijing. The school aims to provide a method of education that takes into account the individual needs of each student in a bilingual environment. The small structure enables the teacher and families to communicate daily about the progress of the children and the small courtyard helps the students feel at home. The class includes two AMS Montessori-certified lead teachers (one French speaker and one Chinese speaker), as well as a Chinese assistant teacher. The curriculum incorporates the five domains of the Montessori environment and a social and emotional learning curriculum.

Founding date: 2013

School type: Bilingual French-Chinese

Montessori kindergarten **Grades offered:** Kindergarten

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? No

Accreditations: None, but the teachers are AMS (American Montessori Society)

certified.

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 1,200 One-year tuition: RMB 55,200 Lunch fee: RMB 550 per month

Lunch offered: Chinese and Western with partly organic produce and vegetarian options

Age range: Currently 2.5-6 **Number of students: 16**

Nationality of students: China, France,

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching languages: French and Chinese

Class size: Max 16

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6

After-school activities: Daycare services for students available, as well as classes in French, English, Chinese, cooking, art, music, Montessori and theater. The school also hosts Montessori introduction classes for parents, other family members and ayis.

School facilities: Located in a traditional Chinese courtyard with two classrooms, a reading corner and an outdoor yard. The school has one air purifying machine per room.

Total area: 150sqm

School nurse or doctor? No, but the lead teacher has first aid training and Dongzhimen

Word from a Parent:

"LMMP is a second home to our son. Since he started school, he leaves every morning laughing. The crying crisis of wanting 'to stay with maman' are over. This little school allows him to grow in a safe and intimate environment. Here, he develops confidence at his own rhythm with other children. He passes the day in his mother tongue, French, and in Chinese. By choosing a small school, we are able to closely follow his education. Every day we speak to Julie, the French teacher, to learn about his day. This constant contact is important in making the connection between home and school. I know he is happy. The proof? Every morning, a smiling little boy pulls me by the sleeve so we are not late for school. What else could I ask for?"

- Agnes Ah-Kong (France), mother of Gaëtan (3)

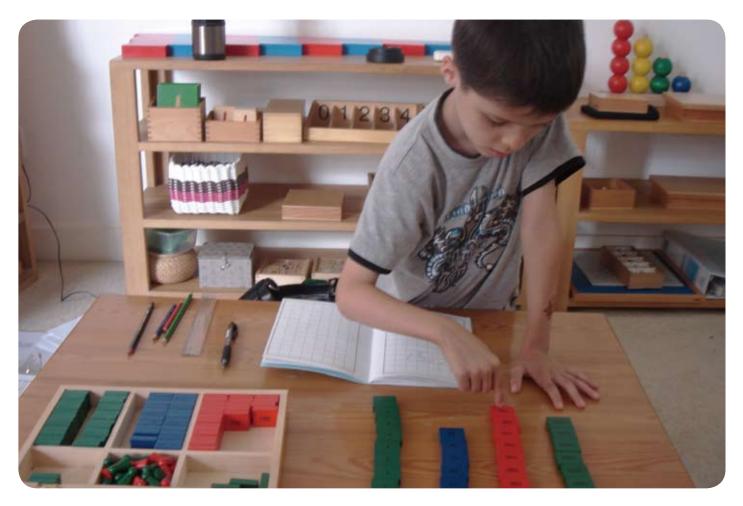
Hospital is within three minutes' walking distance from the kindergarten.

Contact: 50 Dongsishisitiao, Dongcheng District (8401 3974, FR: 131 2025 0341, EN: 139 1025 3125, CH: 136 8354 1333, lamaisonmontessoripk@gmail.com) 东城区 东四十四条50号



Mammolina Children's Home Model Montessori Kindergarten

三为园蒙德梭利教育国际标准示范园



ammolina Children's Home Model Montessori Kindergarten prides itself on offering the benefits of a high-quality, uncompromising Montessori English-Chinese bilingual environment to ages 1-7. The highly-qualified teachers have a minimum of 20 years of experience each. Classrooms are fully bilingual, uniquely integrated, and feature open spaces. Unparalleled one-on-one assistance is offered, and the school's detailed record-keeping system allows teachers to tailor programs to each child's interests. Mammolina's graduates are well-prepared to enter top foreign and Chinese schools. Following the highest safety and hygiene standards, the school nurtures confidence, curiosity, and creativity.

Founding date: 2005

School type: International Montessori

Grades offered: Infant-toddler and

kindergarten programs

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year):

Half day to full day for toddler: RMB 96,000-

124,000

Half day to full day for kindergarten: RMB

102,000-134,000

Bus fee: RMB 8,500-16,000/year Lunch fee: RMB 5,500/year

Lunch offered: All foods are prepared in-house and include a mix of Chinese and Western organic food approved by three certified dieticians.

Scholarships offered: Financial assistance can be considered for families in need.

Age range: 1-7

Numbers of students: 40

Nationality of students: Around half of

Mammolina's children are foreign

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching languages: English and

Chinese

Class size: 15 (infant-toddler classroom); 25 (kindergarten)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4

School hours: 8.00am-3.30pm (half day

program available)

After-school activities: Ballet, kung fu,

piano, violin, guitar and more

Special needs programs: Professional

assistance available Extra help offered: ESL

School facilities: Independently-owned facilities, integrated 250-300sqm classrooms, child-sized kitchen, two libraries, indoor and outdoor private garden and play areas and more

Total area: 1,600sgm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: 36 Maguanying Sigu (next to Beijing Riviera), Xiangjiang Beilu, Chaoyang District (8470 5128, mammolina@163.com) www.montessori.ws 朝阳区香江北路马泉营四 区36号(香江花园旁边)

Maple Children's House (MCH)

枫叶儿童之家

aple Children's House is an American Montessori school and the only early childhood education center started by an international school (Maple International Academy). The classes follow Montessori principles and offer a world-class education for kids aged 0-6. At MCH, kids have the ability to explore the natural world through the school's outdoor patio and 45 mu of organic farmland. Classrooms are equipped with professional Montessori teaching materials. MCH offers ten courses, which include Montessori Sensorial Program, Music Culture, Life Art, Jolly Phonics, Science, Happy Kitchen, Virtue Education, Music Theory, and Pre-Kindergarten. All classes are taught in English, with an equal number of Chinese and foreign teachers.

Founding date: 2012

School type: International Montessori

kindergarten

Is the school registered with China's

Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: All teachers are AMS, AMI

or NAMC certified.

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 680 Tuition: RMB 6,000 -24,900

Lunch offered: Pre-kindergarten classes include lunch made with organic produce from MCH's farm. Lunch not included for parentchild classes.

Age range: 0-6

Number of students: Over 600

Nationality of students: 90 percent

Chinese, 10 percent foreign

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Class size: Max 10 for parent-child classes

and max 16 for pre-kindergarten

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5 in parent-child

classes, 1:4 in pre-kindergarten

School hours: Parent-child classes varies,

Tue-Fri 9am-12.30pm for Pre-K

Special needs programs: Accepts children

with special needs

School facilities: Multi-purpose hall, nursing rooms, mother and child restrooms, patio, and

45 mu of farmland

Total area: 1, 200sqm

Word from a parent:

"We enjoy the environment that MCH provides; it is safe, warm and inspiring. Before we came to MCH, our daughter Rita would not participate in games we tried to play with her and we had trouble communicating. Now, she is receptive, focused, and independent. Thanks to the school's baby sign language program, she can communicate her needs, which has reduced her tantrums. The teachers are always there to support us with their knowledge and understanding. After many bad experiences in other early years centers, we would not trust any other school with Rita." - Drew Delaney (US), father of Rita (18 months)

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: 16 Tonghui Lu, Xisihuan Beilu, Haidian District (5872 0909, marry.ma@ mapleacademy.com.cn) www.mch0-6.com 海淀区西四环北路通汇路16号



Meihua Caiyuan Foreign Language Preschool (MHCY)

美华彩苑外国语幼儿园



ei Huan Cai Yuan Foreign Language Preschool was opened in November 2011 as a foreign language kindergarten. It is located at the foot of Yuguan Mountain and covers an area of 15,000sqm. The Summer Palace, Fragrant Hills and Botanic Garden are all located close by. MHCY is registered with the Ministry of Education and strictly follows the rules and regulations of the state in accordance with the law. The school counts 20 classes with full capacity of 424 children and 146 teachers and staff.

Founding date: November 2011

School type: Local private foreign language

preschool

Grades offered: Pre-kindergarten and

kindergarten

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic

year):

International Department: RMB 6,900 per

Bilingual Department: RMB 3,660 per month Lunch offered: Nutritionist-consulted set

lunch

Age range: 2.5-6

Number of students: 427

Nationality of students: China, US, Hong Kong and Taiwan

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Class size: Max 22 (ages 2-3), 25 (ages 3-5),

or 35 (ages 5-6)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5 School hours: 8am-5.30pm

After-school activities: Baseball, The Commonwealth Society of Teachers of Dancing (CSTD) course syllabus (ballet, jazz, piano), Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) course syllabus (violin) School facilities: Jin Bo library, theater, two

Word from a Parent:

"Our child, Xiao Hulu (age 3), has been at MHCY for almost a year. He has made great progress in his independence and English vocabulary. He has also gotten rid of some of bad habits and become more polite. For example, Xiao Hulu is now more sociable and willing to play with friends than before. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the teachers at Primary Class 3."

- Names withheld by request

outdoor playgrounds with protective rubber base (5,000sqm), art classroom, ballet room, clinic, book corridor and vegetable garden School nurse or doctor available? Yes, one doctor and three nurses on staff Contacts: 23 Beiwucun Lu, Haidian District (400 065 6006, 8885 4880) www.mhcyedu.com 海淀区北坞村路23号

MOMA Kids International Kindergarten

北京当代MOMA国际幼儿园

OMA Kids provides children with the encouragement, inspiration, and environment needed to meet their potential and develop a life-long love of learning. The school is committed to providing a loving, holistic, and pastoral environment, allowing students to develop healthy minds and bodies. MOMA Kids' Green Economy policy educates students on the need to take care of themselves and the world around them. As a carbon-neutral school, MOMA Kids sources and even produces its own organic food, and has a 100 percent commitment to recycling its waste and water. In addition, the school provides an extensive, creative, and exciting curriculum for its students. MOMA Kids follows the English Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum, and delivers this in English and Chinese to prepare students for their personal and academic lives. The school encourages parents to participate in their children's life at MOMA Kids, exchanging constructive assessment and feedback, taking on challenges, and celebrating successes together.

Founding date: 2011

School type: International nursery and

kindergarten

Grades offered: Nursery and kindergarten Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? In process

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

One-year tuition: RMB 70,500 (MOMA residents are eligible for a discount)

Lunch fee: RMB 7,800/year (three meals and

snacks daily)

Insurance fee: RMB 100/year

Miscellaneous fees: RMB 3,000 the first year,

RMB 1,500/year the second year

Lunch offered: Western food made with

organic produce Age range: 1.5-6

Number of students: 120

Nationality of students: China, Germany,

US, Italy, France, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes **Primary teaching languages:** Chinese

and English

Class size: 15-25 children Teacher/student ratio: 1:4 School hours: 8am-5.30pm

After-school activities: Taekwondo, dancing,

cooking, Orff music, Lego, art, drama

School facilities: Two outdoor playgrounds,

Word from a Parent:

"Since my son Jingjie entered MOMA Kids, he has been under his teacher's care and has made a lot of progress. Teacher Wang makes sure he is fed and dressed, and has helped him adjust to kindergarten life. Teacher Han broadened his mind. Teacher Xiaoging and the foreign teachers enhanced his interest in learning, helping him to be a student with logical thinking and clear speaking. He has become very popular in the neighborhood due to these great changes!"

- Cheng Yang (China), mother of Hu

two indoor playgrounds, music function room, cooking classroom, art classroom, reading area, skyline theater, mini golf course, bamboo garden, organic garden

Total area: 2,800sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: Dongzhimen MOMA, 1 Xiangheyuan Lu, Dongcheng District (6464 7386, bjdmkids@ firstcare.com.cn) www.first-edu.com.cn 东城区香河园路1号当代MOMA



Muffy's International Kindergarten (MIK)

博识梦飞国际幼儿园



uffy's International Kindergarten offers English immersion and dual immersion programs founded on research-based best practices in language acquisition and early childhood education. Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligences Theory forms the backbone of the curriculum. The school's facilities and teaching philosophy were developed over ten years, benefitting from the input of many Chinese and international teachers, parents, and education professionals. MIK tailors its learning environment to each child's abilities and talents. The focus on active learning nurtures critical thinking and social skills, laying the groundwork for the next generation of global citizens.

Founding date: 2003

School type: International kindergarten Grades offered: Nursery, pre-school and

kindergarten

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year): Application fee: RMB 800 (non-refundable)

One-year tuition: RMB 9,800

Deposit (includes application fee): RMB

10,000

Meal fee: RMB 6,500 per year

Transportation fee: RMB 8,000 per year, RMB 4,500 for half year, or RMB 1,200 a month Meals offered: Chinese/Western fusion

Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 420

Nationality of students: China (90 percent),

US, Canada, Korea, and UK

Foreign passport holders accepted?

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Class size: 13-18

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6 (maximum) School hours: 8.30am-5pm (hours vary

depending on ocation)

After-school activities: Academics, sports, art classes, yoga, debate, science and cooking

School facilities: Classrooms, indoor gym,

Word from a Parent:

"My son has been at MIK for almost two years. Apart from the improvement in his language skills, his personality has also been carefully nurtured and respected. MIK has always focused on multiple intelligence development and its teachers are required to establish a good relationship with kids – like friends. They are sensitive to each student's characteristics, and give them encouragement and guidance. As a result, my son has developed independence, confidence and optimism."

> - Luo Ronghui (China), mother of Wilson (4)

library, music room, art room, media room, big outdoor playground facility.

Total area: 2,800sqm (Wanliu), 3,000sqm

(Wangjing), 800sqm (Xiangshan)

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: 400 663 3282, www.muffys.cn

New Bamboo Academy

新竹国际幼儿园

ew Bamboo Education was founded in 1993 in Liaoning Province. One of the first private education institutions in northeast China, it now counts private schools and international kindergartens in Beijing, Shenyang and Nanjing. New Bamboo Academy in Beijing uses the US High Scope curriculum as its foundation. In an attempt to answer the question "What kind of talent is needed for the future?" New Bamboo Academy has incorporated the most up-to-date research in its teaching.

Founding date: 2010

School type: English-language local preschool

and kindergarten

Grades offered: Kindergarten and pre-

school

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? In process

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic

year):

Application fee: RMB 1,000 One-year tuition: RMB 60,000 Lunch fee: RMB 30/day

Lunch offered: Chinese and Western food,

vegetarian options available

Age range: 1-6

Number of students: 50

Nationality of students: 70 percent

Chinese, 30 percent foreign

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: Chinese

Class size: Maximum 15 Teacher/student ratio: 1:5 School hours: 8am-5pm

School facilities: Indoor playroom and

Word from a Parent:

"I'm very happy with the service and smiling faces of the teachers and staff. Everyone is very warm and friendly, which makes it welcoming for the kids and family to attend school. I would recommend any family to send their kids to New Bamboo Academy."

- Gaia (Malaysia), mother of a 3-year-old

outdoor play area Total area: 606sgm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: East Ruijing Tower (West Gate), 16 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6569 1123, bjrj@newbambooschools.com) www.newbambooschools.com 朝阳区建国门

外大街16号东方瑞景小区(西门)



New Garden International School

新园双语幼儿园



ocated just south of the China World Trade center, New Garden International Kindergarten has both Chinese and native English-speaking teachers on its staff. The school offers a fun and enriching curriculum that enables students to flourish in both Chinese and Western education systems. Equipped with a children's kitchen, library, and indoor and outdoor play areas, New Garden International School provides a warm and peaceful childcentered environment for students to develop and learn in. The school accepts students 2-6 years of age, with extracurricular classes available for kids up to 12 years of age.

Founding date: 2008

School type: International bilingual

kindergarten

Grades offered: Kindergarten

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Yearly tuition (ages 2-6): RMB 42,000 Materials fee: RMB 800/year Food fee: RMB 750 per month

Lunch offered: Organic produce; Chinese

and Western food Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 235

Nationality of students: US, China, UK, France, Canada, Australia, Singapore, Vietnam, Israel, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: English and

Chinese Class size: 25

School hours: 7.40am-5pm Teacher/student ratio: 1:5

After-school activities: Art, dance, science,

wushu, piano and calligraphy

School facilities: Children's kitchen, library,

indoor and outdoor play areas

Total area: 2,500sqm (Fulicheng Campus),

4,500sqm (Wanke Campus)

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact:

- · Bldg 61, Area D, Fulicheng (north of Shuangjing Qiao), Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District (5876 1319, mcyo521@163. com) 朝阳区东三环双井桥北富力城D区西门 61号楼
- Bldg 7, Wanke Lanshan (northwest of Yaowahu Bridge), 3 Nanmofang Lu, Dongsihuan, Chaoyang District (136 0124

Word from a Parent:

"We are satisfied with the level of care and education that our child is receiving. My husband and I think that the teacherchild bond is very important. We were very impressed when we learned of a parent who had complained about a certain teacher's attitude to the school and immediate action was taken. I have had the experience of a local school that just argued and denied wrongdoing. We appreciate the daily reports that New Garden provides. Teachers take parents' requests seriously. On the first three days of accompanying Benji to school, I saw the teachers give the kids a chance to express themselves. During story time, the teacher encourages children to share their thoughts. Overall, we are very happy with New Garden and are looking forward to the progress of both our child and the school."

> - Ruby Shiu (Canada), mother of Benjamin (5)

7394, mcyo521@163.com) 朝阳区东四环南 磨房路3号院(窑洼湖桥西北角)万科蓝山小 区幼儿园

PKU College International Bilingual Preschool (PKUC)

北大公学北苑国际双语幼儿园

KU College Preschool is an international and bilingual preschool branded through Peking University. The school aims to cultivate great Chinese and world citizens with leadership, creativity and an international perspective. The three-dimensional education and highdimensional achievements pedagogic theory embodies our educational philosophy. PKUC focuses on students' physical and psychological health while guiding them to find their interests. As a result, students come to care for themselves, others and the environment while reaching their full-potential through independent and comprehensive skills development.

Founding date: May 2010

School type: International bilingual

preschool

Grades offered: Preschool

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

International class: RMB 60,000-85,000 Bilingual class: RMB 45,600-68,000

Uniform fee: RMB 1,200

Lunch fee: RMB 400/month Bus fee: RMB 500/month

Lunch offered: Nutritionist-approved Chinese

meals with some western-style snacks

Age range: 1.5-6

Number of students: 160

Nationality of students: China, US, South

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English for international class, Chinese for bilingual class

Other languages taught: English Class size: Average 25 students per class Teacher/student ratio: 1:4 for Nursery

(ages 1.5-3); 1:5 for Casa (ages 3-6)

School hours: 7.30am-5pm

After-school activities: Violin, traditional Chinese painting, kung fu, cooking, roller skating, taekwondo, soccer, golf, Chinese chess, pottery, creative arts, dancing, singing, and English School facilities: Outdoor playground, a

library with thousands of picture books and a SmartBoard, a kitchen, an art room, one multipurpose room, one Mommy and Me room, two piano rooms, central air conditioning, and 24hr hot water.

Total area: 3,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes,

one dedicated school nurse.

Word from a Parent:

"On Yuhan's first day, I remember the school bus arriving at 7.30am. She was nervous, but the fear quickly turned to joy because the teacher played with her all day. She didn't cry because she realized there was nothing to worry about. Since then, I've seen Yuhan's happy, smiling face every day. She tells me: 'Mama, I love going to school," I like my teacher," Teacher gave me a sticker today and told me I did well at school,' and so on. As a parent, I appreciate the great love, patience, encouragement, and sense of responsibility that Yuhan's teachers have shown towards her. I can follow her growth and daily life through the class blog, and have witnessed with pride her developing independence and ability to take care of herself."

- Mrs. Wang (China), mother of Yuhan

Contact: Entrance of Chaolai Forest Park, 9 Xinbei Lu, Chaoyang District (8491 8189, info@pkucollege.com) bjby.pkucollege.com 朝 阳区新北路9号(朝来森林公园门口)



Positive Foundations School (PFS)

北京灵睿国际学校



ositive Foundations School is an international school dedicated to educating young children. The curriculum is designed to provide engaging and developmentallyappropriate activities that encourage children to be confident, competent and independent learners. Students explore, create, and discover in a home-like bilingual environment. Experienced teachers design lessons to meet each child's individual learning goals, and employ Montessori methodology to teach a curriculum based on American standards. Enrichment classes include art, music, dance, kung fu, language, and cooking. Teachers and teaching assistants are certified in Infant through Adult First Aid and CPR by the American Heart Association. PFS uses high-quality educational aids and Montessori learning materials. All teachers are trained and certified by NAMC (North American Montessori Council).

Founding date: November 2009

School type: International bilingual

kindergarten

Grades offered: Toddler through

Kindergarten

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes **Accreditations: NAMC**

School fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Tuition: RMB 80,000 Registration fee: RMB 2, 000 Lunch fee: 10,000 RMB/year

Transportation fee: Starts from RMB 8,000 Lunch offered: Nutritious snacks and lunches (with vegetarian options) prepared onsite using locally grown organic produce. Menu includes Chinese and Western dishes, vegetarian and Muslim options.

Age range: 18 months-6 years old Number of students: Capacity for 60 Nationality of students: China, US, UK, Belgium, Japan, Germany

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching languages: English and

Class size: Max 15

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5 School hours: 9am-3.30pm

Special needs programs: Decided on a

case-by-case basis

School facilities: Three classrooms full of natural light, indoor and outdoor play and PE areas, napping room, and library (all equipped with high quality teaching materials imported

from North America and Europe)

Total area: 632sgm

School nurse or doctor available? No Contact: 2099 Gahood Villa, Houshayu, Shunyi District (Chinese: 8046 6302, English: 8046 1546, pfsschool@126.com) www.pfsmontessori.com 顺义区后沙峪西白幸庄嘉浩别墅3006

Word from a Parent:

"My son has been at PFS for over two years and my daughter has been there for one. When I first visited, I was attracted to the school's atmosphere. It was filled with warm wooden educational toys and furniture. Although my husband and I usually don't speak English to our children, they both quickly learned the language. Sometimes they speak English with each other at home. When I hear their conversations, I can see that the native English-speaking teachers work very hard to help them learn. The Chinese staff is also very loving, caring, and hardworking. They look after my children so that they can learn Chinese in a natural and comfortable way. They even taught them San Zi Jing, a classic that all Chinese children learn. When Yuki sang them at home, he made his Chinese father very proud. My husband and I are always pleased to see Yuki and Ellie come home with big smiles. Teachers often tell us that they are very happy to see our children. This makes us feel special."

- Ayako Ono (Japan), mother of Yuki (4) and Ellie (3)

Ritz Calilord Academy

丽思嘉洛德国际双语幼儿园

eachers at Ritz Calilord educate every child with professionalism and dedication to lead them on a positive path for the rest of their education. Calilord's board comprises a group of enthusiastic and experienced educators from Taiwan and Australia, as well as the Children Development Center of China National Committee on Care for Children and its partners. They share a love for the school and have a deep commitment to its vision of Early Childhood Education. The curriculum is based on helping children develop good habits to inspire a passion for excellence and the ability to achieve self-satisfaction.

Founding date: 2009 School type: Local school **Grades offered:** Kindergarten

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes **Accreditations: AMS**

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic

year):

One-year tuition: RMB 80,000

Lunch fee: RMB 30/day or RMB 660/month Lunch offered: Organic food, mostly

vegetables and Chinese dishes

Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 120

Nationality of students: US, UK, France,

Malaysia, Singapore

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching languages: English and

Chinese

Class size: 15-20

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4 **School hours:** 8:00-17:00

After-school activities: Ballet, piano, logic,

chess, and skating

School facilities: Library, playground, two piano classrooms, and monitors in public

Word from a Parent:

"Every teacher at the school takes full responsibility for helping children grow with love in their hearts. My two kids have already graduated; during their three years there, they developed both their physical and spiritual sides. I believe that all the teachers worked hard to help the children gain knowledge, and improve their attitudes and behavior. As a result, they developed good habits. The staff at the school helped the kids develop their personalities through individualizing learning."

- Yuan Li (US), mother of Xiajia (7) and Yaqing Fan (6)

Total area: 3,500sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: 58 Qianyijie, Tianzhu, Shunyi District (5810 1708, candy@calilord.com) www. calilord.com 顺义区天竺镇府前一街58号



Sunwaykids International Kindergarten

尚慧国际幼儿园



unwaykids International Kindergarten is an early childhood educational institute that is part of Sunwaykids International Education Group and the Soong Ching Ling Foundation. The school has inherited the educational concept of "giving children the most valuable things" from Soong Ching Ling, and it nourishes broad-minded, active, and curious children with good behavior and an international horizon. The school adheres to the ethos of "respecting each and every child's personality development in the education process, giving children a happy childhood," and offers an age-appropriate curriculum in a warm environment with dedicated teachers to promote children's growth and all-round development.

Founding date: 2010

of Education? Yes

School type: International kindergarten

Grades offered: Kindergarten

Is the school registered with the Ministry

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

International full day curriculum: RMB 12,800/

month or RMB 118,000/year

International half day curriculum: RMB 7,800/

month or RMB 70,800/year

Bilingual full day curriculum: RMB 9,600/

month or RMB 86,000/year

Bilingual full day curriculum for infants: RMB

10,000/month or RMB 88,000/year Bilingual half day curriculum for infant: RMB

6,000/month or RMB 52,800/year Bus fee: RMB 500/month or RMB 5,000/year for one way; RMB 900/month or RMB 9,000/

year for round trip

Lunch offered: Organic, vegetarian, Chinese and Western options approved by a nutritionist

Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 360

Nationality of students: 30 percent foreign,

70 percent Chinese

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching language: Chinese Other languages taught: English

Class size: 20-25

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4 School hours: 8am-5pm

After-school activities: Extracurricular

Word from a Parent:

"Sunwaykids is a great kindergarten. The things I like the most are the environment and teachers. Every classroom has its own style; Linda is in K1 international class, which has a cat theme. There are five teachers in her class and all of them are so kind to my daughter. Linda enjoys her time at the kindergarten every day." - Li Ming (China), father of Linda (3)

courses include art and piano classes, as well as summer and winter camps.

School facilities: A library, an outdoor playground, a music classroom, a social street, film screening, mini golf, sand pit, climbing zone, plant zone, and more

Total area: Buildings 5,000sqm, grounds

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, one doctor on staff

Contact: Yile Nanjie, Liyuan, Tongzhou District (6052 3333 sunwaykidsbj@sunwaykids.com) www.sunwaykids.com 通州区梨园怡乐南街

Twinkle Twinkle Play and Learning Center

星熠宝宝

winkle Twinkle Play and Learning Center is an international nursery and kindergarten that provides full-time early education. Headquartered in Japan, the school has more than 50 years of history and has six branches in its country of origin. In China, Twinkle has locations in Beijing's Lido area and Guangzhou. The school offers a tailor-made educational plan for each child, advocating a philosophy of "slow education" while providing a warm and loving atmosphere for every teacher, student, and family. Twinkle also lectures on early education in universities and publishes parenting articles in magazines.

Founding date: September 2011

Type of school: Nursery and kindergarten **Grades offered:** Nursery and kindergarten Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? No

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic

year):

Application fee: RMB 2,500 One-year tuition: RMB 70,000

Age range: 1-6

Number of students: 50

Nationality of students: 70 percent

foreign

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching languages: Chinese

and English

Class size: Average 10 students per class

Teacher/student ratio: 1:3 School hours: 8.30am-4.30pm

School facilities: Hall and outdoor

playground

Total area: 800sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: 2B, Greenland Garden, 1 Jiangtai Xilu, Chaoyang District (8457 4060, info@ xingyibaby.com) www.xingyibaby.com 朝阳

区将台西路甲1号嘉林花园 2B

Word from a Parent:

"The moment I stepped into Twinkle Twinkle Kindergarten, I knew I finally found the right place for my girls. The atmosphere is warm and loving; it is obvious how much the teachers love the children. Every week, I can follow my children's activities through pictures from the kindergarten. They have developed tremendously as individuals both linguistically and artistically; I love their amazing stories and performances at home. The kindergarten also values parent input and do their utmost to improve and have happy, well-adjusted kids. My oldest daughter just started primary but misses Twinkle Twinkle so much that she returns every afternoon after school to see her teachers."

- Charlotte Lodahl, mother of Laura (6) and Asta (4)



Windsor Bilingual Kindergartens

温莎双语幼儿园



indsor Bilingual Kindergartens hold true to one very simple philosophy: children come first. The school's expertly-trained teachers deliver a unique, tailor-made curriculum that combines the strongest elements and values of educational theory from the UK with a traditional Chinese education. Windsor treats all children as individuals and caters specifically to their emotional, cognitive, and physical growth - recognizing that these factors are interrelated and essential to creating a whole child. Married with Windsor's multicultural environment, this allows the schools to nurture learners who are self-motivated and ready for the multinational world in which they will play active roles. Windsor's state-of the art facilities are purpose-built with fun and safety in mind, catering to all from the most rambunctious of individuals to the most serene.

Founding date: 2009

School type: International kindergarten

Grades offered: Kindergarten

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? No

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 500 Bilingual class: RMB 72,000 International class: RMB 100,000

Uniforms: RMB 450

Transportation fee: RMB 600-900/month

Lunch fee: RMB 600/year

Lunch offered: Lunch consists of Western and Chinese dishes, plus snacks and fruit. Nutrition is monitored by the school nurse in accordance with Chinese guidelines.

Age range: 18 months to 6 years

Number of students: 150

Nationality of students: China, US, and

South Korea

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching languages: English and

Chinese

Class size: Min 16, max 25

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4-1:8 (depending

School hours: 8.30am-4.30pm

After-school activities: Chess, cooking, creative art, dance, taekwondo, and roller

School facilities: Cooking rooms, libraries, indoor gym with climbing facilities, playgrounds and gardens

Word from a Parent:

"My son had a really good time at Windsor. He still loves making art, a habit we think he picked up from school. The teachers gave children opportunities to showcase their talents. The Windsor education gives students confidence and they love going to school. My son has good memories of Windsor and we really miss the times he studied and played there."

- Kathy Liu (China), mother of Hailong (7, graduated last year)

School nurse or doctor available? Yes. qualified nurse available.

Contact:

www.windsorkindergarten.cn

- Legend Garden Campus: 89 Capital Airport Road, Shunyi District (6456 0020, cherry. chen@windsorkindergarten.cn) 顺义区首都 机场路89号丽京花园别墅
- Vancouver Forest Campus: Litang Lu, Beiqijia Town, Changping District (6975 6579, Didi. chen@windsorkindergarten.cn) 昌平区北七 家镇立汤 路温哥华森林别墅

Yew Wah Infant and Toddler Education Centre (YWITEC)

耀华婴幼儿教育中心

'ew Wah's education services are founded on Yew Chung Education Foundation's experience in offering quality international education in Hong Kong and mainland China. The school has developed a unique international education curriculum for young children, with a rich, nurturing environment. One English teacher and one Chinese teacher lead the international class, which allows children to gain knowledge and experience of different languages and cultures. YWITEC adheres to the child-centered philosophy and advocates protecting children's rights. The school focuses on the holistic development of children and helps students grow up with the values of independence, environmental conservation, and global citizens. YWITEC believes that this will translate into a solid foundation for their self-growth and lifelong learning.

Founding date: September 2010 School type: Local private school **Grades offered:** Kindergarten

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 100 Tuition: RMB 80,000 Uniform fee: RMB 770 Transportation fee: RMB 7,500 Lunch fee: RMB 5,300

Lunch offered: Chinese and western dishes with vegetarian options and partially organic

produce

Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 120

Nationality of students: China, Hong Kong,

US, Canada, Australia

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching languages: Chinese

and English Class size: 15-20

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5 School hours: 8.30am-4.15pm

School facilities: Access to the park playground, music and dance area, art room,

and indoor multi-purpose area

Word from a Parent:

"My two sons are lucky to have teachers who care for them and surround them with love. My boys have succeeded in completing their first important life phase. It's fantastic to see my kids with smiles on their faces every day, sing and dance along to songs we have never heard, say English words, draw something creative, eat foods they have never tried before, or even accidentally call me 'teacher!""

- Ms. Luo (China), mother of Andy and

Total area: 900sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes,

one doctor on staff

Contact: Block F, Honglingjin Park, 5 Houbalizhuang, Chaoyang District (8581 9223/8466 ext 817, itec@bj.ycef.com) www.ywitec.com 朝阳区后八里庄5号 红领巾 公园东门F楼



Young Starters Academy (YSA)



oung Starters Academy is an international bilingual preschool for children aged 2 to 6 with two campuses located in Chaoyang District. Founded by Singaporean educators Joyce Lim and Kristin Koh, YSA offers a bilingual curriculum, individualized learning programs, and diverse after-school activities. Based on the tenet that every child develops at their own pace, portions of the curriculum are taught on a one-on-one basis, including music/piano, reading and brain training. In addition, YSA has a new Bridging Class for ages 5 and up to prepare them for Grade 1. All the teachers undergo biweekly training sessions and the Parent Effectiveness Training (PET) program to help them work more closely with parents on the developmental needs of their children.

Founding date: 2010

School type: International preschool

academy

Grades offered: Kindergarten

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? No

Tution fees (2014-2015 academic

Application fee: RMB 1,000 Half day: RMB 53,000 Full day: RMB 75,000 Lunch fee: RMB 30/day

Lunch offered: The organic lunch is prepared

by Thermomix. Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 45

Nationality of students: Singapore, Malaysia, US, Australia, and European countries

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: Chinese

Class size: 6-10

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 9.30am-12.30pm (half day),

9.30am-4.30pm (full day)

After-school activities: Art, kung fu, reading, cooking, science, paper folding, "happy reading"

School facilities: Music room/dance studio,

indoor play area

Total area: 300sgm (Mixion Campus),

150sqm (Upper East Side Campus)

School nurse or doctor? available No. but the school is staffed with first aid-trained teachers.

Contact: www.theyoungstarters.com

• Young Starters@Upper East Side: Rm 101, Unit 5, Block 5, Area 2, Upper East Side Apartments, 6 Dongsihuan Beilu, Chaoyang

Word from a Parent:

"Kristin and Jovce have watched Dylan grow from the time when he couldn't speak to today, when he just can't stop talking in both English and Chinese. Every day, I ask him, "What did you learn today?" And he'll always say "I don't know." But at the most opportune times, he displays surprising skills and knowledge such as writing his name, doing simple addition, and putting his toys away. Through regular interaction with [the staff], I understand my child better and I can become a better parent as a result."

> - Stella Antakusuma (Singapore), mother of Dylan Ng (4)

District (186 0004 9065 Joyce, 135 2256 3767 Kris, theyoungstarters@gmail.com) 朝阳区东 四环北路6号二区阳光上东5号楼5单元101室

 Young Starters@Mixion: Unit 4 Apt 102, Tower 6, Jin Dui Hui Mixion Apartments, 9 Maizidian Xilu (near Nuren Jie), Chaoyang District (186 0004 9065 Joyce, 135 2256 3767 Kris, theyoungstarters@gmail.com) 麦子店西街9号华远九都汇6号楼4单元102室 邮编100125

3e International School

3e国际学校

e International School opened in 2005 and has grown into an institution with 180 students from nursery through to Grade 4. The school aims to develop "critical thinkers and passionate learners who move confidently and fluidly across cultures" through a research-based curriculum developed especially for this model education. Classes are conducted in English and Chinese with half of every day devoted to each language. The school program balances of child-initiated and teacher-directed activity to support children's development across the entire curriculum.

Founding date: 2005

School type: International school Grades offered: Nursery through Grade 4 Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

What accreditations does the school

have? CIS

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 1,600 Half-day nursery: RMB 103,200 Full-day nursery: RMB 108,000

Pre-K: RMB 142,400 Kindergarten: RMB 146,300 Grades 1-4: RMB 156,800 Lunch fee: RMB 6,300/year

Transportation fee: RMB 9,720-14,760/year Lunch offered: Onsite kitchen with vegetarian options. The school consults with a nutritionist and international food is prepared by Eurest.

Age range: 2-10

Number of students: 180

Nationality of students: 25 nationalities Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? No Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Class size: Nursery maximum 12; pre-K maximum 16; kindergarten maximum 16-18; elementary maximum 18-20

Teacher/student ratio: Nursery 1:4; pre-K 1:8; kindergarten 1:8-1:9; elementary 1:9 -1:10

School hours: Half-day Nursery: 8:30am-11:30am; Full-day Nursery-Grade4: 8:30am-

After-school activities: Art, basketball, ukulele, kung fu, science, ballet, cooking, yoga, yearbook, roller-skating, football, magic

show, games, tennis, and more **Special needs program:** Yes

School facilities: Gym and dance studio, large natural outdoor space, multipurpose field, library, art studio and student kitchen

Word from a Parent:

"I was immediately excited to walk through the doors of 3e International School. Having looked at dozens of schools, 3e stood out for its safe environment and research-based curriculum. The program is designed with a bilingual education in mind. The beauty of this curriculum is that it incorporates age-appropriate learning techniques. The program is playbased, so my son loves going to school. The school offers very low student-toteacher ratios so all the children get the attention they require. The teachers are young but highly-trained through a lab school environment in the US and their energy is apparent. My son is now fluent in both English and Mandarin."

- Alison Thompson (UK), mother of Milo (6) and Merle (2)

Total area: 3,068sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: 9-1 Jiangtai Xilu, Lido, Chaoyang District (6437 3344 ext 100, admissions@3einternationalschool.org) www.3einternationalschool.org 朝阳区将台 西路9-1号



Children's International Bilingual Academy (CIBA)

爱嘉励儿童双语培训学校



he Children's International Bilingual Academy (formerly known as the Children's Learning Center of Beijing) has served the Chinese and expatriate community in Shunyi for over a decade. CIBA uses an integrated international curriculum based on American and British national standards. The Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework and Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) guide the planning, implementation, and reflection of learning programs that meet all children's needs. Both frameworks have a strong emphasis on play-based learning, as play is a necessary tool in young children's learning and brain development. The frameworks also emphasize communication and language learning through early literacy, numeracy, and social and emotional development. CIBA also uses the Chinese Thematic Curriculum.

Founding date: 2002

School type: International bilingual school **Grades offered:** Pre-Nursery to Year 2 Is the school registered with the Ministry of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Pre-Nursery: RMB 55,000 Nursery: RMB 60,000

Foundation Stage 1: RMB 65,000

Reception: RMB 67,500

Year 1-2: RMB 72,000 (fees include ABC Music

and Me and dance classes)

Application fee: RMB 1,500 (non-refundable) Lunch fee: RMB 35 daily. Onsite kitchen provides nutritious western and Chinese dishes.

Transportation fees: RMB 30-70 daily depending on location. Door to door service *Early bird, group and embassy discounts available.

Age range: 15 months to 7 years

Number of students: 85

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Nationality of students: Over 20 nationalities (US, Germany, Sweden, Norway, UK, China, Australia, and more)

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Class size: Average 10 (Pre-Nursery), 16 (Nursery), 20 (FS1), 20 (Reception), or 12 (Year 1-2)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:3 (Pre-Nursery), 1:4 (Nursery), 1:5 (FS1), 1:6 (Reception) or 1:7 (Year 1-2)

School hours: 8.30am to 4pm

Extra help offered: ESL, CSL, and tutoring After-school activities: Dance, drama, singing, choir, piano, and Chinese art, Mommy and Me class, summer camp in July and August

School facilities: Music and dance rooms, play areas, multi-purpose room, library, outdoor playground, private garden that extends between both buildings, two sandpits, a large trampoline, and climbing equipment

Total area: 1,000sqm

Contact: 3052-3056 Gahood International Villas, Shunyi District (EN or CH: 8046 7082, EN only: 8046 3122, EN: administration@ clcbkids.com, CH: wendy@clcbkids.com) www.cibabeijing.com 顺义区后沙峪嘉浩别 墅3052/3056

Daystar Academy

启明星双语学校

aystar Academy is a kindergarten to Grade 6 non-profit school that offers a balance of Montessori-based English education and the Chinese National Curriculum, with students spending half their day in each language environment. This innovative approach connects two cultures and implements the strongest attributes of both Western and Eastern teaching methodologies.

Founding date: 2002

School type: Non-profit local day school Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Accreditations: Process to begin in 2014 Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year): Toddler: RMB 45,000 (half day) or RMB 63,000

(full day)

Kindergarten: RMB 95,000-105,000 (full day) or RMB 57,000 (half day for age 3 only)

Elementary: RMB 110,000

One-time elementary entrance fee: RMB

30,000

Bus fee: RMB 7,000-13,000/year (optional) Lunch fee: RMB 25-30/day (optional)

Lunch offered: In-house staff provides organic meals sourced from local farms. Lunches are approximately 95 percent organic. Chinese and Western food is served.

*5 percent sibling discount for second child

and 15 percent for third child.

Scholarships offered: Based on financial

need

Age range: 22 months to 12 years **Number of students: 242**

Nationality of students: 19 nationalities represented including China, US, and Australia.

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching language: Half-day Chinese, half-day English

Class size: Kindergarten has 25 students per class; Elementary 22 students per Chinese class and 28 students per English class.

Teacher/student ratio: Kindergarten 12:1; Elementary Chinese classes 22:1; Elementary English classes 14: 1.

After-school activities: Art classes, basketball, RAD ballet, soccer, cooking, computers, drama, gymnastics, kung fu, Lego robotics, table tennis, mini-tennis, track and field, yoga, and music

Extra help offered: Specialized ESL and CSL programs available

School facilities: Energy efficient modern campus, gymnasium, outdoor sports facilities, professional stage, dance studio, instrument practice rooms, library, ICT lab, and workshop with cooking facilities.

Word from a parent:

"Having called Beijing home for almost 16 years, we know our school options and we chose Daystar because it offers the most balanced bilingual curriculum in the city. Our girls jump effortlessly between Chinese and English and will leave Grade 6 fluent in both languages. Beyond academics, Daystar is leading the way in character education, placing great importance on high personal aims for each child and building a community that is respectful and compassionate. What do our daughters enjoy the most? The field trips to museums and historical sites, or maybe yoga or kite-making after-school activities. But the truth is, their favorite time is lunch when they eat delicious (and organic) food with their 'family' group."

- Laura and Dominic Johnson-Hill (UK and Canada), parents of Winnie (Grade 3) and Rosemary (Grade 1)

Total area: 20,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: 2 Shunbai Lu, Chaoyang District (8430 2654 or 5603 9446 admissions@ daystarchina.cn/heatherz@daystarchina.cn)



Fangcaodi International School (FCD)

芳草地国际学校



nrolling international students since 1973, Fangcaodi is a well-known local primary school that boasts a long history and some well-known alumni, including the sons of the late Cambodian monarch Prince Sihanouk. With its large faculty and international student ■ body, the school touts its highly experienced teachers, excellent facilities, multi-faceted curriculum and progressive teaching methods – all for a reasonable cost.

Founding date: 1956

School type: Local primary school Grades offered: Grades 1-6

Is the school registered with the Ministry of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic vear):

Registration fee: RMB 500 Annual tuition: RMB 48,000

Lunch fee: Included in the price of tuition. Transportation fee: RMB 2,600/semester (within Third Ring Road); RMB 2,700/semester (within Fourth Ring Road); RMB 2,800/

semester (within Fifth Ring Road) Lunch offered: Fangcaodi offers Chinese lunch options, with some organic produce

Age range: 6-12

Number of students: 4,400

Nationality of students: US, Canada, South

Korea, Japan, Russia

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Chinese students accepted? Yes **Primary teaching language:** Chinese Other languages taught: English

Class size: 25-40

Teacher/student ratio: 1:20 School hours: 8am-3.15pm

After-school activities: Developed

according to student interest.

School facilities: 200m racetrack, basketball

courts and a library Total area: 280,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: 1 Ritan Beilu, Chaoyang District (8563 9140, fcdyy@hotmail.com) www.fcd.

com.cn 朝阳区日坛北路1号

Word from a Parent:

"One of our main goals was for both our sons to become fluent in Chinese. After trying several schools, we have been happiest with the international department at FCD. The school's Chinese curriculum is very focused on exams, but in a way that is catered towards foreign students. For example, they allowed my eldest to take Chinese classes at a lower grade level and skip grades for English classes. Our sons got exposure to different cultures and made friends with other native English speakers so their English skills continued to improve. We have generally had very good teachers who cared about their students and were open to regular communication. And of course, a big plus is how affordable the tuition is."

> - Victor Wong (Canada), father of Ethan (Grade 4) and Victor Jr. (graduated two years ago)

The International Montessori School of Beijing (MSB)

北京蒙台梭利国际学校

n affiliate member of the American Montessori Society (AMS), MSB has been teaching preschool and elementary students for 22 years. The school is also affiliated with the International Montessori Teaching Institute (IMTI), which provides ongoing professional training and development to all MSB lead teachers and assistant teachers.

Founding date: 1990

School type: Montessori pre-school and

elementary school

Grades offered: Nursery-Grade 6

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes **Accreditations: AMS**

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year):

Application fee (credited towards school fees):

RMB 2,000

Nursery (ages 1.5-3): RMB 95,000 (half day)

or RMB 140,000 (full day)

Kindergarten (ages 3-5): RMB 98,000 (half

day) or RMB 145,000 (full day) Reception (age 5): RMB 163,000 Elementary (ages 6-12): RMB 169,000 Transportation fee: RMB 9,000-13,000/year

Lunch fee: RMB 6,300/year

Lunch offered: The menu changes monthly and alternates between Chinese and Western dishes.

Age range: 1.5-12

Number of students: 365

Nationality of students: US, Canada, Hong Kong, Australia, Sweden, France, Denmark,

and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? No Primary teaching languages: English and

Chinese

Class size: Maximum 24

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4, 1:6 or 1:8

depending on student age

School hours: 8.30am-3.45pm

After-school activities: Language clubs, football, baking, wushu, swimming, dancing,

scuba diving and more.

School facilities: The MSB campus is made up of two main buildings that house the preschool, reception and elementary classrooms, art and music studios, children's kitchens, libraries and Coffee Stops, refreshments areas run by the

Word from a Parent:

"MSB is a truly amazing school. My son has been in the Dual Language Program for the past five years and I am continually impressed by the breadth of his knowledge in every subject area, as well as his fluency in English and Chinese."

> - Jami Proctor-Xu, mother of Dylan (Grade 5)

MSB Parents' Association. There is also a multipurpose hall featuring an indoor ball court and stage, two playing fields, two basketball courts, a running track, a sandbox and four playgrounds - one each for nursery, kindergarten, reception and elementary. Throughout the grounds are bamboo and rock gardens, planters and trees, ensuring no shortage of nature on campus.

Total area: 10,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: Bldg 8, 2A Xiangjiang Beilu, Chaoyang District (6432 8228, admissions@ msb.edu.cn) www.msb.edu.cn 顺义区香江北 路甲2号院8号楼



Prestige Education Centre (PEC)



restige Education Centre (PEC) is a new school at the heart of the villa community in Beijing. Its curriculum is based on the Independent English School system and teaches children to be independent, creative, and confident learners in small, personalized classes. Currently, PEC's headmaster and the majority of its teachers are from the UK, and the rest are from North America. The school's mix of children from local schools and international schools gives students a culturally-rich experience that comes together in a 100 percent English environment. PEC caters to students who would like to go on to study abroad or an international school, and those who would like to enrich their learning in general. PEC's weekend classes run for one day or two days, in half-day or whole-day sessions. A well-rounded UK education is provided, which includes math, phonics, English, geography, science, history, music, art, drama, and design, as well as specific topic-based activities for younger learners. By making weekend study fun, PEC aims to help individuals realize their personal and academic potential.

Founding date: 2012

School type: Weekend school with UK

curriculum

Grades offered: Kindergarten to Grade 8 Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic

year):

Application fee: RMB 100 Yearly tuition: RMB 17,500-61,000

Lunch fee: RMB 1,440

Lunch offered: Healthy Chinese and western options offered using local and organic

produce when available Age range: 4-13

Number of students: Capacity for 100

Nationality of students: China, US, UK,

Japan, Malaysia

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: French available on request

Class size: 3-8

Teacher/student ratio: Average 1:4;

maximum 1:8

School hours: Saturday and/or Sunday 9.30am-4.20pm (half days also available). PEC also offers a range of tailor-made after school classes from Monday to Friday.

After-school activities: Phonics, grammar and tailor-made after-school classes

Word from a Parent:

"I thank PEC and its teachers for making my daughter feel welcome both in and out of the classroom. Cindy loves to attend class, as she really enjoys the teacher's education method and sense of humor - not to mention the delicious lunches. The children have not only obtained more knowledge, but also a new concept of learning. We feel that the staff is committed to ensuring the progress and well-being of the students. The latter are encouraged to feel the power of learning and continuously be inspired. As a result, they are eager to learn."

School facilities: Large sunny classrooms, library (free book lending for students), computers, a cafeteria, and an art and media room.

- Weijie Hong (China) mother of Cindy (9)

Total area: 500sgm

School nurse or doctor available? No Contact: Area D, Art Base 1, Hegezhuang, Chaoyang District (6432 2797, information@ pedcentre.com) www.pedcentre.com 朝阳区 何各庄壹号地国际艺术园D区

Russian Children's Education Center (RCEC)

俄罗斯儿童教育中心

he motto of the Russian Children's Education Center is "To know, to feel, to do," signifying a commitment to hands-on learning. The Russian-centered program seeks to nurture children's cognitive activity, curiosity, and desire for self-knowledge while stimulating their imagination and developing creativity, speech, and intellectual abilities. The school focuses on increasing children's self-awareness and establishing an environment of emotional support. Learning materials feature the super popular animal characters from the Russian animation Smeshariki, also known in China as Kaixingiu (开心球).

Founding date: January 2011

School type: Russian preschool, kindergarten, grade school, and culture center with bilingual

Russian/English program

Grades offered: Kindergarten to Grade 6 Tuition fees (2012-2013 academic year):

Full day: RMB 6,500/month Half day: RMB 5,000/month

Transportation fee: Varies according to distance and frequency. Most parents pick their kids up, but students have the option of being dropped off at home.

Lunch offered: Lunch is included in the tuition fees for preschool and kindergarten, but Grade 1 students from the new school program pack their own lunch. Includes Russian and European cuisine.

Age range: 3-12

Number of students: 150

Nationality of students: Russia, US, Hungary, Israel, Belarus, Thailand, Kazakhstan,

Ukraine, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: Russian Other languages taught: Chinese and

English Class size: 20

Teacher/student ratio: 1:10 School hours: 8.30am-6pm

After-school activities: Music, art, English,

and Chinese

School facilities: New campus with nearby park, spacious classrooms tailored to meet the developmental needs of each age group and featuring large work areas, natural light, and children's furniture

Total area: 650sqm

School nurse or doctor available? No Contact: Rm 101, 1/F, Bldg 2, Qiumadu, 2 Shangjialou Lu, Chaoyang District (8436 1864, zr@smeshariki.cn.com) www.smeshariki. cn.com 朝阳区尚家楼路2号院裘马都2号楼1 层101



Springboard International Bilingual School (SIBS)

君诚国际双语学校



pringboard International Bilingual School (SIBS) is where children come from all around the world to work and learn together in a safe, friendly, educational environment. The international curriculum is complemented by two daily instructional courses for Chinese language and math. SIBS' teachers are dedicated professionals from the UK and the US. The new Middle School opens in August 2014.

Founding date: April 2002

School type: International bilingual school **Grades offered:** Kindergarten to Grade 6 Registered with the Ministry of **Education?** Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 10,000 Kindergarten: RMB 80,000 Grades 1-12: RMB 100,000 Lunch fee: RMB 25/day

Transportation fee: RMB 7,000-12,000 Lunch offered: International weekly menu with Chinese, western, vegetarian, and halal options **Scholarships offered:** Case-by-case basis

Age range: 4-18

Number of students: Over 450 Nationality of students: South Korea, Canada, China, US, Singapore, and more Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: Chinese Class size: Maximum 20, minimum 5 Teacher/student ratio: 1:10

School hours: 8.30am-3.10pm or 4.10pm After-school activities: Swimming, violin, dance, chess, yoga, cooking, martial arts, and more

Special needs programs offered: Several teachers have SEN teaching experience, so provisions can be made.

Extra help offered: ESL tutoring

School facilities: Specialist grade teaching classrooms, an ESL classroom, a school library, a science classroom, a music/dance studio, an art classroom, an outdoor jungle gym, and a multi sports soccer field and track with Astroturf.

Total area: 3,650sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes

Word from a Parent:

"Springboard has been a wonderful choice school for our daughter. We have been so happy with the support we have received from the Springboard staff and her teacher, Ms. Sarah. As newcomers to Beijing, we were a little worried about Lily's education while living in China and we were so pleased when we found SIBS. Not only was it affordable, it also offered her an education that was closer to the American curriculum that we were used to. We are also pleased with how well she is picking up Chinese. Overall, the staff has been really supportive of Lily's education and the principals really go out of their way to make us feel that our child is receiving the best care and education China has to offer."

- Laura Lyman (US), mother of Lily (5)

Contact: Gucheng Village, 15 Huosha Lu, Houshayu Town, Shunyi District (8049 0307, office@sibs.com.cn) www.sibs.com.cn 顺义区 后沙峪镇火沙路古城段15 号

(student visa available)

Swedish School Beijing (SSB)

pen to all Scandinavian students in the city, the Swedish School Beijing follows the Swedish curriculum that guides students to work towards "Nationella prov" in Swedish, English and math. The school has small classes that enable each child's progress to be individually monitored, lending extra support as required.

Founding date: 1994

School type: Swedish kindergarten and

primary school

Grades offered: Nursery to Grade 6

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic

vear):

Application fee: RMB 1,500

Preschool: RMB 50,000 (half day, age 2), RMB 80,000 (full day, ages 2-3), RMB 105,000 (age

4), RMB 115,000 (age 5)

Grades 1-4: RMB 110,000

Grades 5-6: RMB 120,000 (hot lunch, fruit and

all material included in the price)

Transportation fee: RMB 7,000 per year (River Garden, Yosemite, Rose and Gingko), RMB 9,800 per year (Riviera), or RMB 12,000 per

year (downtown)

Lunch offered: Chinese and Western food

(price included in tuition)

Age range: 2-12

Number of students: 80

Nationality of students: Sweden, Denmark,

and Norway

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes **Primary teaching language:** Swedish Other languages taught: English and

Teacher/student ratio: 1:8

Class size: 10 (Nursery), 15 (Pre-K and

Kindergarten), 8-20 (Grade 1-6) School hours: 8.30am-3pm

After-school activities: Dance, track and field, homework club, drama, Chinese, and

more

Special needs program offered: Yes School facilities: Preschool and school buildings, classrooms with Smart Board technology, two libraries for children and adults, craft room, PE hall, music room, cafeteria and a spacious outdoor playground with soccer field

Word from a Parent:

"Having our child know Swedish was important to us for when we move back to Sweden. The Swedish School was a safe choice because the children were 2 ½ years old when they started and we were only planning on staying in Beijing for a couple of years. At the school, the children are part of Swedish culture and learn the social codes that they will encounter when we move back. Most of the kids know each other and the older ones like to play with the younger ones. We also appreciate that the children learn Chinese and English from a young age." - Anna and Johan Centerman (Sweden),

parents of Saga and Sigge (Trollen preschool group)

Total area: 6,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? No Contact: Gahood Villa, Xibaixinzhuang, Houshayu, Shunyi District (6456 0826, info@ ssbchina.com) www.ssbchina.se 顺义区后沙 峪镇西白辛庄 嘉浩别墅城101318



Beijing No. 4 High School

北京市第四中学



eijing No. 4 High School is a pilot middle school and high school, a member of UNESCO, and one of the oldest key schools in Beijing. Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the school has taught over 35,000 Chinese and foreign students. The main campus includes an international department established in 2002. The department offers Chinese language courses, diploma courses, and prep courses for higher education to a diverse student body from South Korea, Japan, the US, the UK, Canada, and elsewhere. Foreign students who pass HSK level 6 have the option of integrating into the school's Chinese curriculum. Beijing No. 4 also has a newly-established international campus that accepts both Chinese and international students. There, they follow an American curriculum with small classes and dedicated local teachers from the main campus who work with a team of foreign teachers.

Founding date: 1907

School type: Chinese public high school with a Sino-American cooperative high school program

Grades offered: 7-12 (main campus), 10-12 (new international campus)

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Accreditations: Currently being reviewed for WASC accreditation

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic

Main Campus International Department (local

curriculum): RMB 50,000

Sino-American high school program: RMB 100,000

Accommodations: RMB 320 per semester Lunch fee: RMB 25 per meal

Lunch offered: Mainly Chinese food

Scholarships offered: Only for main campus international department

Age range: 12-18 (main campus), 15-18 (new international campus)

Number of students: 2,700 (main campus),

145 (new international campus)

Nationality of students: 26 nationalities (Sino-American High School Program is 95 percent Chinese students)

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

Primary teaching language: Chinese (main campus), English (new international campus)

Class size: 40-50 (main campus international department), 16-21 (new international

Teacher/student ratio: 1:7 (main campus international department), 1:6 (new international campus)

School hours: 8am-4pm (main campus), 8am-5pm (new international campus)

After-school activities: Main campus has nearly 60 student clubs, including swimming, wushu, dancing, chorus, orchestra, calligraphy, painting, science, technology, Model United Nations, and more. The new international campus has over 20 student clubs, including Psychology Club, Chinese Magazine Club,

Word from a Student:

"During my time at No. 4, I experienced a lot of the same hardships and triumphs as the Chinese students but also received unlimited help and care. I was active in the school choir and participated in various choir competitions over two years. I felt really close to my fellow choir members through our frequent rehearsals and performances."

- Erica Lam (Portugal), class of 2009

TV Club, Photography Club, and a Science Club.

School facilities: Main campus has a 44mlong athletic field, basketball courts, ping pong tables, fitness center, a 1,200-person theater, auditorium, and more. The new international campus has 22 classrooms, five labs/special classrooms (for chemistry, physics, technology, biology, music and art), a library, an auditorium, a multi-function room, athletic and fitness facilities, and a 120-bed student dorm.

Total area: 43,000sqm (main campus), 8,743sqm (new international campus)

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: www.bhsf.cn

 Main campus: A2 Xihuangchenggen Beijie, Xicheng District (6653 9752, 6617 3886, guojb@bhsf.cn) 西城区西皇城根北街甲2号

• New international campus: 2 Zongmaotoutiao, Xitiejianghutong, Xicheng District (6653 9977) 西城区西铁匠胡同宗帽头条2号

Beijing No. 25 Middle School

北京市第二十五中学

riginally named Yu Ying School, Beijing No. 25 Middle School was founded by the American Congregational Church in 1864, making it the first school to both introduce and develop western science and modern education in recent educational history in Beijing. It was named by the Beijing Education Commission as the "Experimental High School for Featured Development." The Canadian-certified high school program was founded in 2005 as one of the earliest establishments approved by the Beijing Municipality. The Canadian curriculum is delivered entirely in English by Canadian-certified teachers. Graduates receive dual diplomas issued by both countries and can choose to enter universities in Canada, the US, or other English-speaking countries. No. 25 also has sister-school relationships with middle schools in Sweden, Korea, Canada, Germany and Japan.

Founding date: 1864. The Sino-Canadian

program was founded in 2005. **School type:** Middle school

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic

year):

Tuition: RMB 50,000/year

Canadian Student Registration Fee: RMB

13,000/year

Lunch fee: About RMB 15/day; Chinese and

Western options

Textbook fee: RMB 5,000/three years Lunch offered: Chinese and Western

Age range: 13-18 (Sino-Canadian program

can only accept high school students)

Number of students: 1,400, 110 in Sino-

Canadian Program

Nationality of students: Mainly Chinese Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching languages: Chinese

and English Class size: 20

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5 School hours: 8.20am-4.35pm

After-school activities: Daily after-school

School facilities: Two outdoor playgrounds, Chinese library, English library, two ICT labs

and five labs.

Word from a Parent:

"My child took part in the winter camp in Canada, lived with a local family for a month, and got excellent marks. My child isn't outstanding in exams, but he is open, optimistic, kind-hearted and has a wide range of interests. I believe that this stems from the school's advanced teaching philosophy, which values the individualized development of students. We thought a long time before making the decision to send our son to the Canadiancertified high school program. Now, my child is happy and growing up in a free environment. We are gratified that he is making progress every day."

- Liu Jie (China), parent of Wang Sida (student from 10A)

Total area: 15,416 sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: 55 Dengshikou Dajie, Dongcheng District (8511 5150, guojibu25zhong@163. com) bj25schooledu.com.cn 东城区灯市口 大街55号



The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China (RDFZ) 人大附中



he High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China (commonly known in China as Renda Fuzhong, abbreviated to RDFZ) has developed relationships and partnerships with 46 schools overseas, including Thomas Jefferson Science High School and Phillips Academy Andover in the US and Eton College in the UK. In addition to its Chinese training courses and standard Chinese curriculum, the school offers British A-Levels, IBDP and American AP courses. The faculty consists of over 60 international teachers and more than 200 international students from over 20 different countries. Each year, over 85 percent of the international graduates are admitted into universities such as Beijing University, Tsinghua University, and Renmin University of China.

Founding date: 1950

School type: Key Public School under the direct leadership of the Ministry of

Education

Grades offered: Grades 7-12

Is the school registered with the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: Approved by Beijing Education Commission and Beijing Foreign Affairs Office of Beijing Municipal Government

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year): Chinese training class: RMB 21,800 per semester

Regular class: RMB 25,000 per semester British A-Level program: RMB 40,000 per semester

American AP program: RMB 45,000 per semester

IBDP: RMB 50,000 per semester

Accommodations: RMB 6,200 per bed per semester (three-person room) or RMB 9,300

per bed per semester (two-person room) School uniforms, books, food, student visa

fee: RMB 400

Insurance for foreign students: RMB 600 After-school activities: Costs vary

Lunch offered: The school canteen provides students and teachers three meals daily with a large variety of food.

Scholarships offered: Yes, scholarships for foreign students include the Scholarship for Excellent Students and Scholarship for Excellent Graduates.

Age range: 12-16 (foreign passport holders only with a legal guardian in Beijing for the duration of their study period at RDFZ)

Number of students: 205

Nationality of students: South Korea, US, Singapore, Canada, Australia, Japan, Kazakhstan, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

Word from a Parent:

"My son was born in the US, where he was accustomed to a more liberal education. We were concerned about his ability to adapt to the Chinese education system when we moved back, but now I feel fortunate to have chosen RDFZ. My son's teacher in particular has created a lot of opportunities for him to participate in different activities where he could use his English. In this way, his self-confidence was built up and his sense of belonging to his class enhanced. The math teacher emphasizes developing students' interests and believes that it is the best way to help students to improve their grades. The teachers from the International Section have used various ways to encourage my son. The students at RDFZ are active and friendly; my son was quickly able to make a lot of friends, which is really important for a boy of his age."

- Hu Xinli (US), mother of Chen Haobo (Grade 9)

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Other languages taught: Spanish, German, Japanese, French, Russian, Korean, and more

Class size: 5-45

Teacher/student ratio: 1:9 School hours: 8am-4.30pm

After-school activities: RDFZ offers a variety of clubs and activities based on students' interests, including sports, film festivals, animation, photography, art, and more.

School facilities: Gymnasium, indoor swimming pool, soccer field with a 400m track around it, basketball and volleyball courts, library with regular and electronic reading spaces both for students and teachers and various science laboratories. There is also a large canteen with first-class facilities and a 30,000sqm student dormitory.

Total area: 100,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, there is an onsite clinic with doctors and

Contact: The International Section of Renda Fuzhong, 37 Zhongguancun Dajie, Haidian District (6251 3962/2094, guojibu3962@ sina.com) www.rdfz.cn 海淀区中关村大街37 号人大附中国际部

Saint Paul American School (SPAS)

北京圣保罗美国学校

aint Paul American School is a private, residential school program dedicated to meeting the educational needs of international students at the middle and high school level. S.P.A.S is guided by the standards, policies, and procedures of the Nacel International School System, which manages international programs all over the world. Located near the Olympic Village Park, and partnered with Number Two High School Attached to Beijing Normal University, S.P.A.S offers both an American curriculum, as well as intensive study in Chinese language and culture. This arrangement provides a unique dual diploma system that is fully accredited by the NCA (North Central Association on Accreditation and School Improvement). Saint Paul American School's intercultural program currently serves students from 20 countries around the world.

Founding date: 2007

School type: International boarding school

Grades offered: Grades 7-12

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes **Accreditations: NCA**

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Application fee: USD 100 (around RMB 609) Enrollment fee: USD 850 (around RMB 5,176) Middle school: USD 16,500 (around RMB 100,485)

High school: USD 17,500 (around RMB

106,575)

Room and board: USD 2,000-3,000 (around

RMB 12,180-18,270)

Lunch offered: Day students are offered a wide variety of Chinese, Korean and Western Cuisine, as well as other international dishes for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Scholarships offered: Merit-based

scholarships available Age range: 13-18

Number of students: 305

Nationality of students: China, South Korea, United States, Russia, Thailand Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: Chinese Class size: Maximum 25, minimum five,

average 15

Teacher/student ratio: 1:10 School hours: 8.35am-5.35pm

After-school activities: Art club, basketball, book club, debate, drama, games, fitness club, jazz band, knitting, ping pong, soccer, study session, student council, student newsletter, volleyball, volunteering, yearbook. Following the regular school day, each student participates in a club or activity of their choosing from 3.10-4pm. Students have the opportunity to choose a different club or activity every nine weeks, or remain with the same one. Along with the daily after school extracurricular program, SPAS also provides a wide range of out-of-school activities for students. These programs include drama, music, volunteering, and sports.

Extra help offered: Pull-out ELL program, Bridging ELL program (co-teaching environment with specialist), Student Help Center (daily tutoring), Nightly study hall 6.30-8.30pm with two instructors as well as peer tutors.

School facilities: Saint Paul American School's college-preparatory campus has one main teaching building, two dormitory buildings, a newly-renovated library, laboratory, computer and technology center, full sized gymnasium, Olympicsized (50 meter) swimming pool, cafeteria, and outdoor multi-purpose court with a running track, basketball courts and a soccer field.

Total area: 33,350sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes. two - one 24hr in-office and one on call for emergencies.

Contact: 18 Guan'ao Yuan, Longgang Lu, Qinghe, Haidian District (Admissions Director David Krieger: 188 1039 2083, david.krieger@

Word from a Parent:

"For my son's 15th birthday, I traveled from Colorado to Beijing and saw firsthand how his life at SPAS was going. I was able to meet some of his teachers, the staff, the principal, his classmates and his roommates. I ate lunch with the students in the cafeteria, hung out in his dorm room, saw where he played sports, and even took the bus with some of the students. Everyone was so friendly and accommodating that I felt like I was part of the SPAS family. Back home in the US, Johnny's family was missing him terribly but he was doing fine – not just fine, but extremely fine. He had good friends, supportive teachers and staff, and good facilities. As parents, we chose to send Johnny to China for high school so that he could learn the Chinese language, appreciate other cultures, and not compromise his academics. While we had concerns about our objectives being met and Johnny's ability to adjust to being away from home, I now know we don't have to worry."

> - Bob Barron (US), father of John (Grade 9)

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Beanstalk International Bilingual School (BIBS)

青苗国际双语学校



ver the past 20 years, BIBS has grown from one campus to seven and from a Kindergarten-only curriculum to a full-fledged K-12 school. BIBS boasts a unique program that combines the best of Eastern and Western educational philosophies and seeks to empower its learners to become bilingual, multi-cultural and globalminded citizens who are equipped with the knowledge and integrity to function successfully, responsibly and effectively in an ever-evolving global environment.

Founding date: 1993 (international kindergarten), 2003 (primary school), 2009 (senior school), 2011 (Wanda Bilingual Kindergarten), 2013 (Changqing Teng Kindergarten), 2014 (Wanghu and Yangshan Kindergartens)

School type: Kindergarten, primary school,

and senior school

Grades offered: Reception to Grade 12 Is the school registered with the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: IB, WASC

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 1,600 (International Kindergarten, Primary and Senior School), RMB 1,200 (Wanda Bilingual Kindergarten) International Kindergarten: RMB 78,000 (half day), RMB 100,000 (full day)

Wanda Bilingual Kindergarten: RMB 55,000

(full day)

Changqing Teng Kindergarten: RMB 20,400 (full day)

Primary and Senior School (Reception to Grade 12): RMB 168,000

Lunch fee: RMB 25/day (optional)

Transportation fee: RMB 10,000/year

Uniform: RMB 2,500/year (Primary and Senior School)

Capital levy fee: RMB 8,000 (International Kindergarten)

Lunch offered: Organic fruit and vegetables, high-quality meat. The nutritionist-approved menu includes vegetarian, Muslim, Chinese and Western options.

Scholarships offered: Yes

Age range: 2-18

Number of students: Over 1,000

Nationality of students: US, China, Canada, South Korea, Japan, Spain, and over 30 other nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: Chinese

Class size: Max 22

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5 (Kindergarten); 1:8 (Primary School); 1:4 (Senior School) School hours: 8.30am-4pm (Kindergarten and Primary); 8.20am-4pm (Senior School). After-school activities: Activities vary depending on campus and students' grades.

Word from a Parent:

"To help familiarize himself with his new environment, Simon's homeroom teacher paired him up with a classmate to explore the campus. From then on, every day he has good news like: 'There are so many books I can borrow from the library!' and 'I made another friend today!' Simon has made vast improvements in English, with lesson plans catered to his level. Not only is he gaining knowledge, he is also building his self-confidence."

> - Ms. Liu (China), mother of Simon Meng (Grade 4)

They include ballet, gymnastics, tennis, basketball, soccer, dance, drama, French, Spanish, music, Model UN and more.

Extra help offered: ESL, CAL School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time qualified nurse on each campus.

Contact:

- Beanstalk International Kindergarten: 1/F, Bldg B, 40 Liangmagiao Lu, Chaoyang District (6466 9255, bikoffice@bibs.com.cn) 朝阳区亮 马桥路40号B座1层青苗国际幼儿园
- Beanstalk Bilingual Kindergarten (Wanda Kindergarten) Bldg 7, Wanda Plaza, 93 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District (5960 3887, bbkoffice@ bibs.com.cn) 朝阳区建国路93号万达广场7号 楼青苗双语幼儿园(万达园)
- Beanstalk Chang Qing Teng Kindergarten: 4 Dongba Nanyijie, Chaoyang District (8537 9659) 朝阳区东坝南一街4号青苗幼儿园常青藤园
- Beanstalk International Bilingual School (Primary School), 6 Dongsihuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5130 7951, office@bibs. com.cn) 朝阳区东四环北路6号阳光上东二区 青苗国际双语学校 (小学部)
- Beanstalk International Bilingual School (Senior High School), 38 Nanshiliju, Chaoyang District (8456 6019, bssoffice@bibs.com.cn) 朝阳区南 十里居38号青苗国际双语学校(初高中部)

Opening Soon:

- Beanstalk Wanghu Kindergarten: 51 Wangjing Beilu (beside Wanghu Park), Chaoyang District (5130 7951, 185 1169 3537) 朝阳区望京北路 51号(望湖公园旁)青苗幼儿园望湖园
- Beanstalk Yangshan Kindergarten: Bldg 7, East Gate A, Yangshan Park, 30 Anli Lu, Chaoyang District (5130 7951, 185 1169 3537) 朝阳区仰山公园东1门安立路30号7号楼青苗幼 儿园 (仰山园)

Beijing BISS International School (BISS)

北京BISS国际学校

ow in its 20th year, Beijing BISS International School is a progressive multi-cultural school offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum to all students in prekindergarten through Grade 12. BISS applies a "21st Century Learning" approach by integrating research-based technology into its curriculum, which includes the Optimal Learning Centre, Mother-Tongue Programme, and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programs. BISS also emphasizes unique and extensive extra-curricular and fieldeducation programs, and a strong record of university admissions for its graduates.

Founding date: September 1994 School type: International school **Grades offered:** Pre-K to Grade 12

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Accreditations: BISS was the first international school to be licensed by the Beijing Education Commission, as well as the first international school in Beijing to be authorized by the International Baccalaureate (IB) as an IB World School offering all three IB programs. BISS is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Council of International Schools (CIS), as well as the National Centre for Curriculum and Text Book (NCCT) in China. It is also a member of the East Asian Regional Council of Overseas Schools (EARCOS), the Association of China and Mongolia International Schools (ACAMIS), and the Council of International Schools (CIS).

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year): Deposit (refundable): RMB 18,000 (elementary), RMB 23,000 (secondary school)

Application fee: RMB 3,800

Pre-K to Grade 12: RMB 104,100-187,000 Lunch offered: Asian and Western food with

vegetarian and healthy options

Age range: 3-18

Number of students: 300

Nationalities of students: South Korea, US,

Japan, India, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? No Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: Chinese,

Japanese, Korean, Spanish

Class size: 20

Teacher/student ratio: 1:7 School hours: 8.15am-3.15pm

After-school activities: Sports, performing arts, languages, robotics, graphic design and more (visit the website for a complete list)

Special needs programs offered? Yes Extra-help offered: In-class or pull-out

ESOL Support

School facilities: Over 30 classrooms; two

Word from a Parent:

"Our daughter has been going to BISS since 2006 and we have seen her develop both academically and personally. It is a school with a human touch where nobody gets lost. BISS has a very high standard of teaching, and emphasizes social skills and responsibility for their students in a warm and caring environment. The staff is very committed and always has an open ear for students and parents alike."

- Suzan Bras-Brabant (Netherlands), mother of Arun (13) and Manu Chandra

libraries; music, drama, and art studios; science labs; design technology lab; multimedia classroom; multi-purpose auditorium; cafeteria; medical clinic; running track; multi-purpose courts; rock-climbing wall; playgrounds; regular access to the Olympic Stadium and Hilton Crowne Plaza swimming pools for sports. Campus-wide Wi-Fi coverage.

Total area: 5,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: Bldg 17, Area 4, Anzhen Xili, Chaoyang District (6443 3151, admissions@ biss.com.cn) www.biss.com.cn 朝阳区安贞 西里4区17楼



Beijing City International School (BCIS)

北京乐成国际学校



ocated in Beijing's Central Business District, Beijing City International School (BCIS) lives by its motto: "Empowering and Inspiring through Challenge and Compassion." This nonprofit, independent co-educational day school offers an international curriculum under the International Baccalaureate (IB) World School system and is authorized to teach all three IB programs (Primary Years, Middle Years, and Diploma Programme). BCIS is planning on a second campus, a state-of-the-art Early Childhood Center (ECC) campus. Located only 1km from the main campus, the ECC is the first pre-school building in Beijing to be LEED-certified to Gold standard. BCIS is one of the few schools in Beijing licensed and accredited to offer a rigorous and well-respected international curriculum to both foreign and Chinese national students.

Founding date: 2005 School type: IB World School Grades offered: Toddler-Grade 12

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? No. However, BCIS can not only offer enrollment to foreign students but also Chinese students as the school is registered with the Education Committee of Chaoyang District.

Accreditations: Council of International Schools (CIS) and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 2,000 New student fee: RMB 5,000 Nursery: RMB 144,500 Pre-K: RMB 155,300 Kindergarten: RMB 165,600 Grades 1-2: RMB 198,800 Grades 3-5: RMB 198,800 Grades 6-8: RMB 213,100

Grades 9-10: RMB 218,000

Grades 11-12: RMB 226,200

Lunch fee: RMB 19/meal (Nursery-Grade 1)

or RMB 26/meal (Grades 1-12) Transportation fee: RMB 10,000 per year **Lunch offered:** International catering company

Aramark offers both Chinese and Western meals in the school cafeterias and snack bar.

Age range: 2-18

Number of students: 767

Nationality of students: Over 50

nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: Chinese, Korean and Spanish, as well as school-supported self-taught language programs that meet the requirements of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Organization

Class size: 14 (Nursery); 16 (Pre-K and

Kindergarten); 22 (Grades 1-12) Teacher/student ratio: 1:6 School hours: 8.15am-3.20pm

After-school activities: Dance, chess,

Word from a Parent:

"BCIS provides a truly rigorous and personalized education. My daughter's teacher has high expectations, and tailors the learning plan to the different talents. needs, and stages of development of individual students. I have seen my daughter make enormous progress and I believe she will achieve to the very best of her ability. I appreciate what her teacher has done and I look forward to her further growth."

- Yijing Lin (China), mother of a Grade

calligraphy, rock climbing, cooking, choir, taekwondo, kung fu, Chinese drumming, and more

School facilities: The BCIS campus has three main buildings with over 50 classrooms equipped with SmartBoard technology, a sports complex, a learning and resource center, a design and technology lab, five science labs, two libraries, computer labs, two cafeterias, a heated six-lane swimming pool, a soccer field, and more.

Total area: 51,000sgm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes,

there are two nurses on duty.

Contact: 77 Baiziwan Nan Er Lu, Chaoyang District (8771 7171, admissions@bcis.cn) www.bcis.cn 朝阳区百子湾南二路77号

Beijing Collegiate Academy (BCA)

常春藤国际学校

eijing Collegiate Academy aims to educate future global leaders and build China's leading international bilingual school by combining the strengths of the Canadian and Chinese curricula. With licensed Canadian and Chinese teachers, students have the opportunity to become fluent in both Chinese and English, allowing them to build a unique perspective and foundation to their university and professional careers. Located on the east side of Chaoyang Park, BCA features purpose-built classrooms and sports facilities, as well as world-class teachers.

Founding date: 2012

Type of school: Bilingual K-12 school with a

Canadian/Chinese curriculum

Grades offered: Kindergarten-Grade 12 (currently accepting K-4 for 2014-2015)

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? In the process

Accreditations: BCA will be accredited with the BC Ministry of Education once the Chinese registration is complete.

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Application Fee: RMB 2,000 New student fee: RMB 5,000 Kindergarten: RMB 142,000

Grades 1-2: RMB 173,200 Grades 3-4: RMB 175,300

Uniform fee: RMB 1,830 (includes winter,

summer, and PE kits) Lunch: RMB 5,000/year

Bus (optional): RMB 8,500-11,500 depending

on the distance

Lunch offered: Blend of Chinese and Western cuisine (compulsory for full-time students)

Age range: 5-18

Number of students: Max capacity of about 1,000 (K-12), five classes currently open.

Nationality of students: Currently includes US, China, and South Korea. BCA aims to maintain a student population of 50 percent foreigners and 50 percent Chinese.

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching language: English (70 percent of day)

Other languages taught: Chinese (30

percent of day)

Class size: Maximum 25 Teacher/student ratio: 1:5

School hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am-4.50 pm

(3.50-4.50pm when there are ASAs)

After-school activities: Drama, taekwondo, soccer, music, dance, art, calligraphy, Chinese painting, and more

Extra help offered: English as an Additional Language (EAL), Chinese as an Additional

Language (CAL)

School facilities: SmartBoard technology

Word from a Parent:

"I chose BCA precisely because it is a new school. From the buildings to the principal and the teachers, everyone is working hard to create the best school they can. The teachers are kind and take their work seriously. The foreign teachers are committed, not just working in order to leave and travel later. BCA is concerned with the holistic development of their students and are truly trying to develop 'citizens of the world.' I was confident in my decision after meeting my son's teacher, Rob. A good teacher is the most important factor for a school!"

> - Mrs. Wang (China), mother of Eric (Grade 3)

in all classrooms, a library, a cafeteria, three soccer fields, ICT rooms, four music rooms, and a primary school playground. A swimming pool, black box theater, gymnasium and auditorium are scheduled to open in summer 2014.

Total area: 400,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes. BCA has a full-time doctor on campus.

Contact: 10 Upper East Side, Dongfeng Nanlu, Chaoyang District (5681 2555) www. ccaschools.cn 朝阳区东风南路阳光上东10号



Beijing Concord College of Sino-Canada (BCCSC)

北京中加学校



ith the approval of Beijing Municipal Education Commission (BMEC), Beijing Concord College of Sino-Canada (BCCSC) was established on March 26, 1997. As the first high school collaboration between Chinese and Canadian education groups, BCCSC now counts 36 classes with over 1,100 students, By integrating the educational culture of both countries, the school has formed a unique curriculum system with Canadian courses added to a Chinese high school curriculum. The students receive double high school diplomas for both China and Canada upon graduation. BCCSC was authorized by Beijing Municipal Education Commission to develop its independent curriculum, and to organize its own state examinations for graduation courses. In 2009, BCCSC became the first high school to introduce the AP program and was accredited by the College Board of the United States to administer the AP program and examinations. Now the school offers over 10 AP courses.

Founding date: 1997 School type: Boarding school Grades offered: Grades 1-12

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Accreditations: College Board of the United

States

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic

year):

Application fee: RMB 200 Primary school: RMB 64,000

Middle school: RMB 70,000 for middle

school

High school: RMB 76,000 for high school

Textbooks: RMB 5,000

Lunch offered: Organic produce, vegetarian options, Chinese, western, nutritionist-

consulted and halal meals

Number of students: 1,100

Nationality of students: China, Canada,

South Korea, and Ireland

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching languages: Chinese

and English

Other languages taught: Korean

Class size: 20-30

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5 School hours: 8am-9pm

After-school activities: Elective extracurricular activities held by student clubs Extra help offered: Language booster

classes

School facilities: A library, a football field, two tennis courses, IT labs, science labs, an auditorium, and Smart Boards in all classrooms

Word from a Parent:

"My daughter graduated from BCCSC in August 2004, and entered Sprott College at Carleton University majoring in accounting. In 2009, she was granted a Bachelor's degree and now is doing an MBA at Carleton. Last year, despite the world economy being in crisis, she passed very strict examinations and was employed by KPMG in Shanghai, a famous accounting agency. She owes her achievements to her own efforts as well as BCCSC's education. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks. I hope that BCCSC continues with its international education model and produces more qualified graduates, making even greater contributions to the development and prosperity of our nation."

> - Zhang Haier (China), mother of He Aijia (2004 graduate)

Total area of campus: 65,000sgm School nurse or doctor available? Yes, the school has a clinic with two doctors on staff. Contact: Conglin Zhuangyuan, Tongzhou District (8959 8882, admissions@beijingccsc. com) www.ccsc.com.cn 通州区丛林庄园

Age range: 6-15

Beijing Huijia Private School

北京市私立汇佳学校

stablished in 1993, Beijing Huijia Private School provides continuous education to students aged 3-18 and integrates kindergarten, primary school, junior high school and senior high school into a single institution. It provides both day and boarding school where Chinese and foreign students study together, and the school was the first member of the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) in China to admit Chinese students. Now, the school has students from more than 15 countries and over 500 Chinese and foreign staff, making it the largest private school in Beijing. Over the last 20 years, the school has sought to adhere to the values of bilingualism and biculturalism combined with an international educational philosophy and modern teaching methods infused with traditional Chinese culture. Knowledge, art, and sports are the three pillars of Huijia's basic curriculum.

Founding date: 1993

School type: Day and boarding private

school

Grades offered: Kindergarten to Grade 12

Is the school registered with the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: IB

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 1000

Grade 1: RMB 90,000/year (additional RMB 5,000 each year for every subsequent grade)

Uniform fee: RMB 1,769-1,945

Lunch fee: RMB 12,000/year (primary), RMB 14,000/year (middle school), optional for

high school

Lunch offered: Organic produce from Huijia

Scholarships offered: Available for high

school students only

Age range: 5-18

Number of students: 2,400

Nationality of students: 10 percent foreign Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching languages: English and

Chinese

Class size: 20-30

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5

School hours: 8am - 5pm for boarding

school; 8.40am-4pm for day school

After-school activities: Piano, computer, swimming, dance, painting, pottery, calligraphy, paper art, seal cutting, fashion

design and more

Extra help offered: Yes

School facilities: A health center, dental clinic, science and computer laboratories, 100 piano rooms, an outdoor playground, two

Word from a Parent:

"[Moving to Beijing] has been a challenging transition for our family, especially our daughters. Thankfully, their teachers paid special attention to their individual needs. My younger daughter had difficulties in swim class, so her homeroom teacher personally accompanied her every week, helped her put on her swimwear, and interpreted the coach's instructions. This way, she helped build her confidence. After just [a short time], my daughters communicate effectively in Chinese and have made new friends in their new home."

- Zhou Yuan (US), mother of Evangeline (7) and Charity (5)

inflatable basketball courts, golf practicing court, horsemanship practicing court, two electric drum rooms, three libraries, swimming pool inside and outside, gym, technology square, and agricultural experimental base

Total area: 133,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: 157, Changhui Lu, Changping District (400 889 1993, admissions@huijiaedu.org) www.huijiaedu.org 昌平区昌怀路157号



Beijing International Bilingual Academy (BIBA)

海嘉国际双语学校



eijing International Bilingual Academy combines a US standards-based curriculum with strong Chinese elements (language and mathematics), taught within a vibrant and creative international environment. The school's modern Shunyi campus continues to expand in response to strong demand for its unique curriculum. In addition to academics, BIBA emphasizes development of the whole student via an array of sports, music, performing arts, and other programs.

Founding date: 2006

School type: International bilingual school with US National and Chinese curricula Grades offered: K-10 (eventually K-12) Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Accreditations: Candidacy status for IB Diploma Programme and WASC

Tuition fees* (2013-14 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 1,600

Pre-K (ages 2-4): RMB 80,000 plus RMB

10,000 capital levy fee Reception (age 5): RMB 100,000 plus RMB

10,000 capital levy fee Elementary School (Grades 1-5): RMB 120,000

plus RMB 20,000 capital levy fee Middle School (Grades 6-8): RMB 130,000 plus

RMB 20,000 capital levy fee

High School (Grades 9-12): RMB 140,000 plus RMB 20,000 capital levy fee

Uniform fee: RMB 1,500 Lunch fee: RMB 24-27/day

Transportation fee: RMB 7,000-10,000/year

*A sibling discount of 20 percent applies for second and subsequent siblings.

Age range: 2.5-15 Number of students: 800

Nationality of students: Over 20

nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Class size: 15-20

Teacher/student ratio: Average 1:6 **School hours:** Mon-Fri 8.05 am-3.40pm,

8.05 am-4.40pm (ASA days)

After-school activities: Tennis, football, choir, band, karate, basketball, and more (offered four days a week). BIBA is also the Shunyi host school for the International Piano Academy of China (IPAC).

Special needs programs offered: Full-time

resources and counseling staff

Extra help offered: ESL and CSL classes, and additional tutoring support available

Word from a Parent:

"We wanted a real bilingual and bicultural experience while ensuring a high-quality, transferrable education. Not only has BIBA given my children a great foundation in English and Chinese, they have also been exposed to a global perspective. Teachers at BIBA are nurturing and creative, and work with a diverse student body to bring out the best in each child. My children have tapped into their academic aptitudes, and discovered artistic and athletic talents. They have been in kindergarten, primary and middle school; we now look forward to them [attending the new] high school."

- Nicolle LaFleur (US), mom of Téa (13) and Chanté (5)

School facilities: Cafeterias, a gymnasium, soccer pitches, basketball and volleyball courts, libraries, science labs, dance studios, art, calligraphy, drama, and music rooms.

Total area: 40,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, BIBA has three full-time qualified nurses on staff. Contact: Monet Garden, 5 Yumin Lu, Houshayu, Shunyi District (80410390, info@bibachina.org) www.bibachina.org 顺义区后沙峪裕民大街5号

Beijing No. 55 High School International Students Section

北京市第五十五中学国际学生部

eijing No.55 High School is a city-level key school. Authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) in 1994, the school is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. Over the past 40 years, more than 4,000 foreign students from over 100 countries have studied at No. 55. The teachers have developed a unique education system based on Chinese language education. The school has set up various courses suitable for the psychological and physiological development of students according to age, gender, individual capabilities, and language ability. Once a semester, the students take part in the Culture Review – a trip to a culturally-significant location aimed at developing students' participation and self-discipline.

Founding date: 1975

School type: Local public school **Grades offered:** Grades 3-12

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes Accreditations: IB

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 1,500

Foundation program for middle school (Grade

3-5): RMB 41,600 /year

Junior Middle School, Chinese Class (Grade

7-9): RMB 31,600 / year

Junior Middle School, English MYP class (Grade

7-9): RMB 41,600 /year

High School, Chinese (Grade 10-12): RMB

36,000 /year

DP foundation program and class (Grade 10-

12): RMB 48,600 /year

Transportation fee: RMB 5,000-6000/year

Lunch fee: RMB 20/day **Lunch offered:** Chinese food

Scholarships offered: The Outstanding

Graduate Scholarship **Age range:** 9-17

Number of students: 700

Nationality of students: US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Korea and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Not to

the international students section

Primary teaching languages: English and

Chinese

Class size: 10-22

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6 **School hours:** 8.30am-3.20pm

After-school activities: Soccer, basketball, taekwondo, Beijing Opera, diabolo, street dance, music, robot building, band, painting,

Word from a Parent:

"Our son Chen Chen has been at Bella Growth for a year. As time goes by, he likes the school more and more. We are very happy to see how fast he is growing, not only physically but also mentally. It's all because of the teacher's care, love, attention, and sense of responsibility."

- Shaoyu Wang (China), father of Dichen (3)

comic club, print, Chinese calligraphy, traditional Chinese painting, Tai Chi with fans, chess, oil painting, computers, design, crafts and French **School facilities:** Playground, library, basketball gymnasium, soccer field, badminton gymnasium, taekwondo gymnasium, theater, lecture hall, science laboratories (physics, biology and chemistry), art and music rooms **Total area:** Currently 20,000sqm (will be increased to 33,000sqm after this year's renovations)

School nurse or doctor available? Yes **Contact:** 12 Xinzhonjie, Dongzhimenwai, Dongcheng District (6416 9531, admin@bj55.cn) www.bj55.cn 东城区东直门外新中街12号



Beijing Royal School (BRS)

北京王府学校



eijing Royal School was approved by the Beijing Municipal Commission of Education in 2003 as the first Chinese-foreign cooperatively-run school in Beijing. The school introduced the Advanced Level (A-Level) curriculum in 2003 and the Advanced Placement (AP) curriculum in 2006. BRS educators teach an international curriculum and international examination pre-courses, and strive to support students in their preparation for higher education. The school's mission is to deliver high-quality education that fosters students with integrated knowledge, international vision, and global capabilities. Ninety-seven percent of BRS graduates are admitted to the top 100 universities in the world and 30 percent receive scholarships.

Founding date: 2003

School type: International middle and

school

Grades offered: Grades 1-12

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Accreditations: China Social Organization

Evaluation Grade 5A, A-Level, AP

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Grades 7-9: RMB 70,000/year Grades 10-12: RMB 99,800/year

Deposit: RMB 16,800 for Grades 7-9, RMB

24,000 for Grades 10-12

Lunch offered: Organic Chinese food, Western food, and vegetarian options

Scholarships offered: Scholarships available for high-achieving freshmen and graduates

Age range: 6-18

Number of students: 2,000

Nationality of students: US, South Korea,

Singapore, Japan, Canada

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: Chinese, Spanish,

French, German, and Japanese Class size: Approximately 20 Teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8-11.40am, 1.30-5.05pm (Mon-Thu), 8-11.40am, 12.30-3.30pm (Fri) **After-school activities:** Various student's clubs and individual activities. For latest options, please see website.

Special needs program: Yes

School facilities: Modern teaching buildings with multimedia classrooms and satellite classrooms, laboratories, a library, TOEFL iBT center, multifunctional auditorium, a

Word from a Parent:

"The reason we chose BRS is because our child can not only develop but also strengthen her ability to live independently. Upon entered Grade 10, the school opened a college counseling file for every student and tracked their studies. With so many foreigner teachers mixing Chinese and western cultures, my child's [development] has been [well]-managed. Her self-discipline and independence have improved. At the end of her studies, she got an offer from Emory University."

- Zhao Jinlan (China), mother of Han Yuchen (19)

world-class running track, soccer field, NBA standard basketball courts, tennis courts, indoor gymnasium, taekwondo studio, piano practice rooms, an indoor swimming pool, dining halls, and more

Total area: 100,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: 11 Wangfu jie, Beiqijia Town, Changping District (8178 5511/3785 admission@brs.edu.cn) www.bjroyalschool. com 昌平区北七家镇王府街11号

Beijing Shuren Ribet Private School (BSRPS)

北京市私立树人・瑞贝学校

eijing Shuren Ribet Private School offers an alternative education solution to those who value an American education as well as Chinese language and culture in a community that nurtures academic, social, physical, and emotional growth. Shuren Ribet provides an international education based on an American curriculum and traditional Chinese values. The lower end of BSRPS teaches a primarily Chinese program, with an increase in the number of courses in English as students move up grades. Students in the American High School receive an American overseas education as they embrace the essence of Chinese culture and literature.

Founding date: 1993

School type: Kindergarten-Grade 9 (bilingual program); Grades 9-12 (American High

School)

Grades offered: Kindergarten to Grade 12 **Is the school registered with the Ministry**

of Education? Yes
Accreditations: WASC candidate for

accreditation

Tuition fees* (2014-2015 academic year):

Kindergarten: RMB 15,500/semester Grades 1-6: RMB 35,000/semester Grades 7-9: RMB 36,000/semester Grades 10-12: RMB 112,420/semester *Includes room and board, registration, textbooks, materials, and meals

Lunch offered: The school provides three meals and three snacks per day consisting of a balanced and nutritious Chinese diet with two to three weekly Western options.

Age range: 3-18

Number of students: Over 400

Nationality of students: 13 different

nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching language: Chinese (Kindergarten-Grade 9); English (Grade 9-12) Class size: 10 (High School); maximum of

25 across all grades

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6 **School hours:** 8-11.45am, 1-5.30pm

After-school activities: Learning support, Roots & Shoots, school publications and yearbook, yoga, theater, art, calligraphy, student government, dance, piano, swimming, taekwondo, choir, ping pong, cooking club, movie club, writing club and more

Extra help offered: Available upon

request

School facilities: Over 50 classrooms, two

Word from a Parent:

"At Shuren Ribet, you can tell the teachers are very knowledgeable and care about our son's needs; the staff members make us feel like my child is the only student there. We are very happy with the mix of English and Chinese classes; Jack can already speak better English than us. We love the campus, with its spacious areas for my child to play in with his friends. All in all, we feel relaxed knowing that Jack is being taken care of."

- Tengxiang Xu and Yufen Wang (China), parents of Jack (10)

libraries, three science labs, computer labs, a language lab, a dance studio, two art studios, six piano rooms, three cafeterias, a soccer field, a running track, a gymnasium, a theater, a greenhouse, laundry facilities, student/faculty/staff housing and more

Total area: Over 16,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: 1A Xiaopu Nan, Songzhuang Town, Tongzhou District (CH or EN: 8085 6318, CH: 8085 6787, inquiry@shurenribet.org) www.shurenribet.org (EN), www.shuren.org (CH) 通州区宋庄镇小堡南甲1号



Beijing SMIC School (SMIC)

北京市中芯学校



ocated in Yizhuang, Beijing SMIC School was founded in 2005 to serve families employed by Semiconductor Manufacturing International Company (SMIC). Over the years, the school's reputation grew along with enrollment demand as it expanded to include ■students from outside the company's community. The school has a teaching staff of over 200 (of which nearly one quarter are foreigners) that serve over 1,300 students from Pre-K to Grade 9 in both English and Chinese. The SMIC English Track is an international-style division in a Chinese private school. The program offers an American-style curriculum taught in English based on US standards, a diverse after-school program, and a Chinese language program. The school aims to encourage excellence, a sense of honor, community, and joy in its students.

Founding date: 2005

Type of school: Local private school with an American-style English language division

Grades offered: Kindergarten to Grade 8 (English); Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 9 (Chinese); will eventually include high school

Is the school registered with the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: Preparing for WASC

accreditation

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 300

Chinese Kindergarten: RMB 36,310

Chinese Grades 1-6: RMB 26,100 Chinese Grades 6-9: RMB 28,920 English Kindergarten: RMB 54,210 English Grades 1-5: RMB 69,100 English Grades 6-8: RMB 75,600

Uniform fee: RMB 555

Bus fee: RMB 3,600 (within BDA), RMB 8,640

(to Wangjing)

Daily snacks: RMB 600

Lunch offered: Choice of Chinese or

Western

Age range: 3-14

Number of students: Over 1,300

Word from a Parent:

"My two kids are in the English Track at SMIC. They both love the school, their teachers, and their friends. I have been part of the PTA for several years and have made great friends among the parents. The teachers are dedicated, intelligent and gracious. Despite the friendly atmosphere, the curriculum is rigorous, especially with math and science. Graduates are reported to have been outstanding in other schools. The school principals and directors are willing to listen to parents' needs and concerns. They have just equipped each of their classrooms with air purifiers based on parental suggestion. All in all, we are very satisfied with the school and hope they will open their high school soon."

- Yin'er Ya (China), mother of Jack (9) and Yaoyao (5)

Nationality of students: China, US, South Korea, Canada, and Japan (international department)

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes Primary teaching languages: Chinese in Chinese Track and English in English Track Other languages taught: French and

Class size: Average 18 Teacher/student ratio: 1:8 **School hours:** 7.50am-3pm

Japanese

After-school activities: 14 academic electives (French, Japanese, Literature, Science and IT), ten instrumental and choral music electives, eight fine arts electives, and 38 sports electives (including interschool competitions in soccer, basketball, volleyball, badminton, and track and field)

Extra help offered: ESL, CSL, tutoring School facilities: Solar-powered electronics lab, library, auditorium, lit track and field

arena, gym and swimming pool Total area: 29,000sgm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, two doctors and two nurses on staff

Contact: 9 Liangshuihe Erjie, Beijing Economic Technological Development Area (BDA) (5802-6784, info@bjsmicschool.com) www.bjsmicschool.com 亦庄北京经济技术开

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Beijing World Youth Academy (BWYA)

北京世青国际学校

ocally-grounded and globally aware, Beijing World Youth Academy is an IB World School offering high-quality programs for local and overseas students. BWYA values holistic education and inquiry-based learning, and offers students the opportunity to develop as internationally-minded critical thinkers. The faculty hails from over 15 countries and emphasizes creativity and teamwork using a curriculum that incorporates standards from North America, Europe, and Asia. BWYA has established a strong reputation for its IB Middle Years and Diploma Programmes and will offer a Primary School program from Grade 1 starting in 2014. The school has a strong track record of preparing students for top universities, including Harvard, Princeton, McGill, UC Berkeley and Stanford, as well as top specialty universities such as RISD, Central St. Martin's and Berklee School of Music.

Founding date: 2001

School type: Independent international

school

Grades offered: Grades 1-12

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Accreditations: IB, Chaoyang District

"Window School"

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 1,800 Grades 1-5: RMB 120,000 Grades 6-9: RMB 140,000 Grades 10-12: RMB 160,000 Capital levy fee: RMB 30,000

New student fee (includes uniform and school

supplies): RMB 2,500

Textbook deposit: RMB 1,000-3,500

Transportation fee (optional): RMB 3,000-

6,000/semester

Lunch fee (optional): RMB 15-30/day

Lunch offered: A selection of international cuisines catered by local restaurants (including Indian, Italian, Japanese, Chinese and

Korean)

Scholarships offered: Academic scholarships, merit scholarships, financial aid

for qualified enrolled students

Age range: 6-18

Number of students: 500

Nationality of students: 45 percent Chinese (including Hong Kong and Taiwan), 25 percent Korean, 10 percent American, 20 percent from

over 20 nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: French, Spanish,

Japanese, Korean Class size: Max 25

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6 **School hours:** 8.20am-3.50pm

After-school activities: Nearly 30 ASAs including Model UN, BWYAtv, Speech and Debate, LEGO Robotics, Chinese calligraphy,

and Wolves Athletics sports teams participating in BASSA and ISAC competitions

Extra help offered: Drop-in study clubs staffed by faculty and intensive ESL support in the Primary School

School facilities: SmartBoards and air purifiers in every classroom, Apple computer labs, library, full science labs, art rooms, design and technology workspaces, auditorium, and athletic facilities

Total area: 18,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes,

at all times.

Contact: 18 Huajiadi Beili, Chaoyang District

Word from a parent:

"BWYA's rigorous IB curriculum has a proven advantage for the personal, social and academic development of students. We are more than happy to have made the decision to enroll our children this year. We are not only pleased with the academics and extracurricular activities, but also with the attention given to individual students by professionallytrained teachers. Both our boys have gained confidence, enabling them to excel in academics and after-school clubs. The well-managed parent-teacher-student communication platform, ManageBac, is a convenient and efficient way to monitor what the kids are learning and to follow their progress in each subject."

- Sonia Nair (India), mother of Yash (9) and Sparsh (12)

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British School of Beijing (BSB)

北京英国学校



he British School of Beijing offers two schools and is the oldest British-style school in Beijing, with campuses in Sanlitun (Early Years and Primary School) and in Shunyi (Primary, German Primary and Secondary). BSB offers an international education for students aged 1 to 18, following the English National Curriculum, IGCSEs, A-Levels and, from August 2014, the IB Diploma. The German primary program in Shunyi uses the German national curriculum to teach core subjects in German to primary school students in years 1 to 4. "High Performance Learning," its unique educational approach, inspires academic success and develops socially and intellectually confident children with a global outlook.

Founding date: 2003-2004 School type: International school Grades offered: Pre-Nursery to Year 13 Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes Accreditations: ISI

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year):

Application Fee: RMB 1,600

Security deposit (payable upon acceptance):

RMB 16,000

Pre-Nursery: RMB 107,286 (mornings), RMB

160,944 (full day)

Nursery: RMB 107,286 (mornings), RMB

160,944 (full day) Reception: RMB 173,600 Year 1 and 2: RMB 193,217 Year 3: RMB 206,273

Year 4, 5 and 6: RMB 209,339 Year 7, 8, and 9: RMB 227,796 Year 10 and 11: RMB 234,734 Year 12 and 13: RMB 246,057

Lunch fee: RMB 30/day (compulsory for all

full-time students)

Lunch offered: A range of Asian and Western options, sandwich station, and salad fruit bar.

Age range: 1-18

Number of students: 1,500

Nationality of students: More than 55 nationalities represented across both

schools

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? No Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: German, Chinese, French, and Spanish

Class size: Maximum class size is 22 (16 in Nursery)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:3 (pre-nursery) and 1:11 (Year 6) in Sanlitun, 1:4 to 1:10 in Shunyi

School hours: 8.30am-3.30pm

Word from a Parent:

"We were warmly welcomed at BSB Sanlitun from the start. The teachers have made learning a pleasure; our child comes home enthusiastic, engaged and eager to return the next day. Our child has benefitted from the value of teamwork, individual success, and helping others."

- Mira Merme (Switzerland), mother of Solongo (Year 4, Sanlitun)

"BSB makes us feel that we are part of a family. Our children have blossomed in the BSB environment. We have also grown as parents in friendships, confidence, and pride in our children. BSB was the best choice for us."

- Dan Minsker (US), father of Dylan and Jacob (Shunyi Primary)

After-school activities: Drama, golf, comic creation, creative writing, singing, swimming, languages, and more (primary school). MUN, Roots and Shoots, STEM Club, cooking, drama, and more (secondary school)

Extra help offered: EAL

School facilities: Classrooms with SmartBoards, ICT suites, libraries, dedicated music rooms, art rooms, outdoor play areas, and indoor gyms. Sports facilities include astroturf football pitch, an indoor urban sports center featuring a climbing wall, and a ball pool in Sanlitun. The Shunyi campus has an outdoor sports field, running track, basketball courts, indoor swimming pool, and a cardio and weights rooms. The Shunyi Secondary School also has design and technology labs, science labs, art and drama studios, a dark room, and a 230-seat theater.

Total area: Shunyi Campus 21,600sqm; Sanlitun Primary School 4,288sqm; Sanlitun

Early Years Campus: 1,534sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Two full-time nurses in Sanlitun and three in Shunyi **Contact:**

- Sanlitun School Primary Campus: 5 Xiliujie, Sanlitun Road, Chaoyang District (8532 3088 sltadmissions@britishschool.org.cn) 朝阳区三 里屯路西六街5号
- Shunyi Campus: South Side, 9 Anhua Jie, Shunyi District, (8047 3588 admissions@britishschool.org.cn) 顺义区天竺开发区安华街9号南院

Dulwich College Beijing (DCB)

北京德威英国国际学校

n August 2005, Dulwich College first opened its doors to students in Beijing. Since then the College has grown and now has three campuses with approximately 1,450 students on roll ranging in age from 12 months to 18 years. The school has outstanding ICT facilities with an extremely modern approach. They have a one-to-one laptop policy for students in Years 8 and higher and utilize a Virtual Learning Environment for the entire student faculty. Dulwich College Beijing is accredited by the Council of International Schools and Western Association of School and Colleges, and was named British International School of the Year 2011. The school is grounded in the 400 years of educational excellence and innovation of our founding and partner school, Dulwich College London and part of the Dulwich network of schools in Shanghai, Suzhou, Seoul and Singapore (2014).

Founding Date: 2005

School type: International school based on the English National Curriculum and IB DP program

Grades offered: Early Years to Year 13 **Is the school registered with the Ministry of Education?** Yes

Accreditations: Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, Council of International Schools, National Center for School Curriculum and Textbook Development, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, The International Baccalaureate, Cambridge International Examinations, International Awards, London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art, Edxecel

Tuition fees (2012-2013 academic year): Early Years: 69,400- 176,000 RMB; Grades 1-12: 176,000- 229,650 RMB (*Prices quoted at the time of publication).

Lunch fee: Approx. RMB 6,600/year; smartcard (junior and senior school).

Lunch offered: Catered by Culinary Capers with vegetarian, Western, and Chinese options.

Age range: 1-18

Number of students: 1,450

Nationality of students: Over 45

nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? No Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: Chinese, French, Spanish and German

Class size: 16-21

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4 (early years);

1:21 (high school)

School hours: 8.30am-3.30pm (Early Years); 8.15am-3.40pm (Junior and Senior School)

After-school activities: Robotics, student press, Model United Nations, movie making, School of Rock, jive dancing, orienteering, cooking, creative writing, numerous sports teams and more

Special needs support: Learning Support, EAL and Gifted and Talented. The English Bridge Programme (The Bridge) is for full-time students who need intensive support to develop their English Language capacity in

Word from a Parent:

"As a parent who likes to be involved, I enjoy the community feel at Dulwich and volunteering at the parent-run Coffee and Books cafe. It's all great fun for a worthy cause."

- Ms. Lambrecht (Germany), mother of Rebecca (16) and Hanna (13)

order to qualify for admission. This program is available to limited number of students aged 9-14 (Years 5-9 or Grades 4-8).

School facilities: Sports facilities include a sports dome, a multi-purpose sports hall, six tennis courts, football pitch, rugby pitch and cricket pitch. The school building houses the 300-seat Edward Alleyn Theatre, Black Box theatre, spacious music rooms, two ICT suites including one dedicated only to music, and light, airy art rooms. two new libraries, and a state of the art theatre that seats 602.

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, onsite qualified nurses from International SOS Clinic.

Contact: www.dulwich-beijing.cn

- Legend Garden Campus, 89 Capital Airport Road, Shunyi District (6454 9000, info@dulwich-beijing.cn) 顺义区首都机场路89号丽京花园7区
- Riviera Main Campus, 1 Xiangjiang Beilu, Jingshun Lu, Chaoyang District (8450 7676) 朝阳区京顺路香江北路1号香江花



Canadian International School of Beijing (CISB)

北京加拿大国际学校



ocated on Liangmagiao Road, the Canadian International School of Beijing (CISB) offers classes ranging from Montessori Nursery to Grade 12. CISB is a three-program IB World School: Primary Years Program, Middle Years Program and Diploma Program. Graduates obtain a Canadian (New Brunswick) High School Diploma and the opportunity to complete the full IB Diploma. The student body currently represents over 60 nationalities.

Founding date: 2006

School type: International day school

Grades offered: Montessori Nursery and Pre-K; Canadian-based curriculum in Grades K-12; IB's PYP, MYP and Diploma

Programs

Is the school registered with the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: ACAMIS, UNESCO, IB World School

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 1,800

Montessori Nursery: Half Day (4.5 Hrs): RMB 85,000; Full Day (7 hrs): RMB 116,600 Pre-K3, Pre-K4 & Kindergarten (7 hrs): RMB

133,900

Elementary Grades 1-5: RMB 175,000

Grades 6-8: RMB 178,000 Grades 9-12: RMB 198,000 Lunch fee: RMB 27/day

Transportation fee: RMB 9,200-11,300

(roundtrip depending on distance)

Lunch offered: Asian and Western set

Age range: 18 months-18 years **Number of students:** 1,100

Nationality of students: Over 60

nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes **Local Chinese students accepted?** No Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: Chinese, French

and Korean Class size: Max 25

Teacher/student ratio: Average 1:20

School hours: 8.20am-3.35pm

After-school activities: Athletic, music, drama, community service, and other activities, plus an extensive after-school paid activity program.

Extra help offered: In-school English as Additional Language Program (EAL), Afterschool tutoring program available.

School facilities: 90 classrooms (Smartboard technology), one-to-one laptop program

Word from a Parent:

"CISB's school community is multicultural, warm and welcoming. Teachers to get to know students' individual needs and teach to their different learning styles. This school offers a strong Montessori nursery program and has the IB program from pre-K to 12. The school has excellent facilities and is a wonderful community where students can develop well-rounded skills."

- Grace Esty (Canada), mother of Lila

(middle/high), computer labs, two libraries, 3 science laboratories, fine arts and music laboratories, 350 seat lecture theatre, 500-seat auditorium, 3 gymnasiums, 25m swimming pool and a wading pool, athletic field, dance studio, full-service cafeteria, supervised outdoor playground, medical and dental clinic.

Total area: 38,000sgm

School nurse or doctor available? Fulltime nurse and health clinic onsite.

Contact: 38 Liangma Qiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6465 7788, admissions@cis-beijing. com) www.cisb.com.cn 朝阳区亮马桥路38号



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The French International School of Beijing (LFIP)

北京法国国际学校



he French International School of Beijing (also known as Le Lycée Français International de Pékin) is part of a network of 480 French schools located in 130 countries. Administered according to official guidelines established by the French Ministry of Education, LFIP remains open to Chinese language and culture and promotes the use of English in an international context. The school offers instruction in French, English, and Chinese from kindergarten through high school. Non-native French speakers will have their language abilities assessed, and are given special support according to their results. Located in Sanlitun, LFIP welcomes just over 1,000 students from 50 different nationalities. A new campus will open in 2015 in Shunyi with a capacity of 1,500 students and an area of 40,000sqm with new facilities like a gymnasium, an auditorium, specialized classrooms, and more.

Founding date: 1965

School type: International school with

French curriculum Grades offered: K-12

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Accreditations: French Ministry of

Education

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year):

Application fee: EUR 850 (approximately

RMB 7,000)

Kindergarten and elementary school: EUR 7,020-8,770 (approximately RMB 57,900-72,300)

Middle school: EUR 8,100-9,290 (approximately

RMB 66,800-76,600)

High school: EUR 12,590-14,440 (approximately

RMB 103,800-118,700)

Bus: EUR 632-1,374 per year (approximately

RMB 5,200-11,300)

Lunch: EUR 890 per year (approximately

RMB 7,350)

Lunch offered: Seasonal and nutritionally-

balanced Western meals

Scholarships offered: Scholarships for French students provided by the French

government Age range: 3-18

Number of students: 1,005

Nationality of students: 50 nationalities (72 percent French, 4 percent Canadian, 3 percent

Belgian, 2 percent Swiss, etc.) Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No Primary teaching language: French

Other languages taught: English and Chinese for all grades; Spanish, German, and

Word from a Parent:

"Our children have lived in Asia since they were little, so we wanted them to have access to French education and culture in order to learn values that are important to us, and to be able to re-enter the French education system if needed. We have always been satisfied with the quality of the education, the availability of teachers, and with the development of our kids in a multilingual environment. The icing on the cake? School fees are reasonable!"

- Franck Desevedavy and Alina Quach (France), parents of Eve (4), Nina (11), and Lucas (16)

Latin in middle school and high school

Class size: Average 23 Teacher/student ratio: 1:10

School hours: 8.30am-3.30pm (kindergarten and elementary school), 8am-6pm (middle

and high school)

After-school activities: Dance, basketball, soccer, badminton, ice skating, judo, table tennis, circus arts, calligraphy, scrapbooking, music, choir, drama, and art

Special needs program: Personalized support available for students in need

Extra help offered: French language support for non-native French speakers

School facilities: Four libraries, a gymnasium, a multi-purpose room, and Smart Boards for the majority of classrooms in elementary school and ICT labs in middle and high school

Total area:

Kindergarten: 3,000sqm

Elementary and middle school: 4,500sqm

High school: 1,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, there are two nurses on staff.

Contact: www.lfip.net.cn

• Kindergarten: 4 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6532 7881, secretariatc@lfip.net.cn)

朝阳区三里屯路4号

- Elementary school and middle school: 13 Sanlitun Dongsijie, Chaoyang District (6532 3498, secretariata@lfip.net.cn) 朝阳区三里 屯东四街13号
- High school: Chaoyang Community College, 17 Beisanhuan Donglu, Chaoyang District (6444 1136, secretariatc@lfip.net.cn) 朝阳区 北三环东路17号朝阳社区学院额

Harrow International School Beijing

北京哈罗英国学校

arrow International School Beijing prides itself on high academic standards that are maintained within a close-knit school community, rich extra-curricular activity programs and high quality pastoral care. All students are assigned a personal tutor who looks after their overall welfare and serves as a liaison between the school and home. High academic standards and leadership skills are promoted school-wide with a range of enrichment activities to help students develop teamwork and creative thinking skills, as well as independence and responsibility. Students graduating from Harrow Beijing have won places at a range of universities across the world including Princeton, Yale, Oxford and Cambridge.

Founding date: 2005

School type: Co-educational day school Grades offered: Pre-nursery to Sixth Form Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Accreditations: All British Examinations Boards including Edexcel, CIE, AQA and OCR. Also a member of FOBISIA, ACAMIS and ISAC. Fully accredited by the Council of International Schools and NEASC.

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 3,500 Pre-School (half day) RMB 75,100 Pre-School (full day) RMB 125,200 Nursery RMB 125,200 Reception RMB 156,000

Year 1-2 RMB 185,700 Years 3-6 RMB 197,600

Years 7-9 RMB 216,900 Years 10-11 RMB 227,400 Years 12 -13 RMB 242,100

Lunch offered: There is a fair choice of

Western, Asian and vegetarian options together with fruit, soup, salads and a range of desserts.

Age range: 2-18

Number of students: 800

Nationality of students: 39 nationalities

represented

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? No Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: Mandarin, French, Spanish, German and Japanese

Class size: Up to 16 in Pre School to Year 6; up to 22 in Years 7 to 13.

Teacher/student ratio: 1:8

School hours: 8am-3pm (after-school

activities 3-4pm)

After-school activities: Additional modern foreign language classes, sporting activities, various academic and art groups, performing arts and music, sports clubs, cookery club, chess, scrabble, and more.

"I chose Harrow because of its reputation for having the best teachers in Beijing. My three children are very happy there."

Word from a Parent:

- Annabelle Cleeve (UK), mother of Alice (Year 11), Edward (Year 5), and William (Year 9)

Extra help offered: Harrow Saturday School offers a range of Cambridge ESOL examination courses

School facilities: The School has a new campus at Hegezhuang with state-of-the-art facilities including geothermal heating and cooling across the campus, three sports fields, a multi-function sports hall, fitness gyms, two swimming pools, a multi-function theater space, two black box theater studios, 13 fully-equipped science laboratories, six large music rooms with many smaller practice rooms and a 20,000-volume library.

Total area: 66,600sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Two clinics staffed with fully-qualified nurses

Contact: 287 Hegezhuang, Cuigezhuang County, Chaoyang District (6444 8900, enquiries@harrowbeijing.cn) www.harrowbeijing.cn 朝阳区崔各庄乡何各庄村 287号



International School of Beijing (ISB)

北京顺义国际学校



nternational School of Beijing is an independent, coeducational day school offering an international curriculum for the children of expatriate families. Established in 1980, ISB was the first international school in the city and continues to embrace the challenges and rewards of the future of education. The school maintains its reputation for academic excellence as it explores new models of teaching and learning. Through a tailored, connected, real-world curriculum known as Learning21@ISB, experienced and passionate teachers provide students with exceptional opportunities to grow as individuals, as scholars, and as contributing members of the community. ISB strives to nurture confidence and intellectual curiosity of its students through experiential learning and innovative applications of knowledge and skills.

Founding date: January 1980 School type: International school Grades offered: Pre-K to Grade 12

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Accreditations: Council of International Schools (CIS), New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC), and National Center for School Curriculum and Textbook Development (NCCT), IB World School. Member of East Asia Regional Council of Schools (EARCOS), Association of China and Mongolia International Schools (ACAMIS).

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year): Pre-K3 (half day): RMB 73,650; RMB 11,660 (capital levy fee)

Pre-K4 (full day): RMB 134,670; RMB 11,660

(capital levy fee) Kindergarten: RMB 157,830; RMB 14,070

(capital levy fee) Grades 1-5: RMB 157,830; RMB 33,710

(capital levy fee) Grades 6-8: RMB 169,350; RMB 33,710

(capital levy fee)

Grades 9-12: RMB 186250; RMB 33,710

(capital levy fee)

Lunch fee: RMB 17-25/day, features range of Western, Chinese and vegetarian meals Transportation fee: RMB 8,710-14,120

(depending on distance) Age range: 3-18

Number of students: Approximately 1,900 Nationality of students: US, South Korea, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, and more Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? No Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: English (ESOL),

Chinese, French and Spanish Class size: 12-22

Teacher/student ratio: 1:9 School hours: 8.15am-3.25pm

After-school activities: Athletics, choir, orchestra, film, photography, theater, debate club, Model United Nations, service clubs, Wushu, arts and crafts, and more.

School facilities: Two purpose-built sports domes, four gymnasiums (one with a climbing

Word from a Parent:

"ISB's Experiential Learning program is a strong curriculum with opportunities for students to build and apply skills in new settings. The ISB community is rich in opportunities to get involved. A wide variety of after-school enrichments and sports keep our children busy. We wanted to ensure they would experience the richness of China's traditions; we have been delighted with the integration of Chinese culture into the curriculum."

- Katie Quillin (US), mother of three ISB students (ages 10, 12 and 15)

wall), baseball and softball diamonds, two turf soccer fields, an aquatics center with a 25m pool, 12 science labs in Elementary, Middle and High School, a dedicated visual arts wing in Middle School and High School, art studios in Elementary School, a Performing Arts wing with a 600-seat theater, black box theater, a rehearsal space and studio stage, two library-media centers, a one-to-one MacBook laptop program for each Grade 2-12 student, and pharmaceutical-grade air filtration throughout the campus.

Total area: 133,500sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, in each school division.

Contact: 10 Anhua Jie, Shunyi District (8149 234 ext 1047, admission@isb.bj.edu.cn) www.isb.bj.edu.cn 顺义区安华街10号

Keystone Academy

北京鼎石国际学校

eystone Academy, which will enroll its inaugural class in Fall 2014, blends distinctive traditions in eastern, western, and international education, creating an academically-outstanding "new world school." It promises to be a unique and exciting option for families in China. Its three educational keystones are bilingual immersion in Chinese and English, building character and community in a residential setting, and promoting Chinese culture and identity in a world context. Keystone is a day school through Grade 6 with optional boarding in Grades 7 and 8 and required boarding in Grades 9 through 12.

Founding date: 2014

School type: International day and boarding

school

Grades offered: Foundation to Grade 12 **Is the school registered with the Ministry**

of Education? Yes

Accreditations: CIS and WASC candidate

status

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

Application fee: None for 2014 Primary School: RMB 220,000 Middle School: RMB 250,000

Lunch offered: Nutritious Chinese, Western

and vegetarian options

Scholarships offered: Merit-based

Age range: 5-19

Number of students: Initial enrollment of

280; 1,800 when fully enrolled

Nationality of students: Three-to-one ratio for Chinese to foreign students

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching language: English or

Chinese depending on the grade

Class size: 18 for primary, 14 for middle

school

Teacher/student ratio: 1:7 **School hours:** 8am-3.30pm

After-school activities: Sports, music, visual arts, drama, and activities related to

Chinese traditional culture **Extra help offered:** ESL

School facilities: Three libraries, a performing arts center designed by a Harvard professor of architecture, science and technology labs, art spaces, an athletic field for soccer, three indoor

Word from a parent:

"My children are Chinese-American, bilingual, and bicultural. My husband and I have researched over 30 elementary schools in Beijing and to be honest, we are having trouble finding a school that is academically rigorous, emphasizes both Chinese and English, and uses a teaching methodology that develops the whole child. I was very excited to read about Keystone Academy and the educational diversity it will bring to China, especially Beijing."

- Willa AuYeung (US)

gymnasiums, a 25m swimming pool, squash and tennis courts, a fitness center, indoor and outdoor running tracks, outdoor play spaces for primary school, and two residence halls

Total area: 90,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: Houshayu, Shunyi District (5825 6008, admission@keystoneacademy.cn) www. keystoneacademy.cn 顺义区后沙峪



National Institute of Technology (NIT)

北京爱迪国际学校



he National Institute of Technology is composed of four schools: NIT (Grades 10-12), the Australian International School of Beijing (Grades 1-6), Beijing International School (Grades 1-9), and Beijing International Kindergarten (ages 3-6). As a joint project of the Chinese and Australian governments, NIT is the largest international school in China and the first and only school to offer courses provided by the current Australian Educational Curriculum Council. The school now has over 2,600 students, including more than 150 foreigners. NIT and BIS accept both local and foreign students, while AISB accepts expats only.

Founding date: 1997

School type: International K-12 school

spread over four institutions **Grades offered:** K-12

Is the school registered with the Ministry of Education? Yes

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year):

Kindergarten: RMB 170,000 Grades 1-6: RMB 120,000 Grades 7-9: RMB 130,000

Grades 7-9: RMB 130,000 Grades 10-12: RMB 159,500

Accommodations: RMB 16,000/year (primary and middle school students); RMB 20,000/

year (high school students)

English training (high school): RMB 55,000/

semester (14 weeks) Piano class: RMB 12,800/year

Health check and insurance: RMB 300 for kindergarten students. For other grades, the health check fee is included in the tuition and

students must buy their own insurance.

Lunch fee: RMB 20,000/year (for boarding students, including three meals and three snacks); RMB 10,000/year (non-boarding students, including lunch and two snacks)
Transportation fee: RMB 5,000 (weekly return); RMB 10,000 (daily return)

Lunch offered: Chinese and Western options made with organic produce from NIT's farm

Age range: 3-18

Number of students: 2,600

Nationality of students: Canada, US, UK,

Singapore, Russia, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted?

Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Class size: 10-25

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4 School hours: 8.40am-4.20pm

Word from a Parent:

"My son once used to attend a private kindergarten when he was 2. At the time, he was very sullen and got sick often. After he started at NIT, he became outgoing and enjoyed playing with his friends and doing a variety of interesting extracurricular activities. He hasn't gotten sick in a year and a half. We think staying happy and healthy is most important for kids in kindergarten."

- Parent of Austin (6)

After-school activities: Singing, dance, art, English corner, model aircrafts, instruments, summer and winter camps, school exchanges, hip-hop, photography, literature, charity work, cooking and tutoring

School facilities: A 400m track, basketball courts, tennis courts, cricket grounds, a swimming pool, a fencing hall, a taekwondo hall, ping pong and badminton halls, computer rooms, a piano room, and five canteens

School nurse or doctor available? Yes **Contact:** 7 Louzizhuang, Chaoyang District (8439 0808, jinyumei@nitbj.com)

www.bischool.com.cn 朝阳区楼梓庄路7号

Pakistani Embassy College Beijing (PECB)

北京巴基斯坦大使馆学院

akistan Embassy College Beijing (PECB) is a full-time, co-educational, English school offering internationally-recognized CIE University of Cambridge, IGCSE/GCE O Level and International AS and A Level programs. For Pakistani students, the College offers Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE) approved syllabi for Secondary School Certificate and Higher Secondary School Certificate. The College caters to children of expatriate Pakistanis as well as diplomatic staff posted in Beijing and the international community. In 2012, the College had students representing 58 nationalities. The faculty consists of qualified staff employed from Pakistan and locally. All senior staff members hold at least a Master's degree in their respective discipline and teaching qualifications. All staff are experienced in delivering Pakistani and international education and are selected from Pakistan's top institutions. The Ambassador of Pakistan to China is the Ex- Officio Chairman of the Board of Governors of the College.

Founding date: 1969

School type: International school

Grades offered: Kindergarten to HSSC (for Pakistani students only); Kindergarten to CIE AS/A Level (for Pakistani and non-Pakistani students)

Is the school registered with the Ministry of Education? Accorded special permission

to establish the College

Accreditations: Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE) Islamabad

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 500

Admission fee (one time): RMB 3,040 (LKG to Class I), RMB 3,540 (Class II to V), RMB 3,840 (Class VI to VIII), RMB 5,240 (O Levels), or

RMB 6,240 (A Levels)

LKG to Class I: RMB 36,480 Class II-V: RMB 42,480 Class VI-VIII: RMB 46,080 O Levels: RMB 62,880 A Levels: RMB 74,880

Security deposit (refundable): RMB 1,500

Transportation fee: RMB 700 Examination fee (annual): RMB 200

Age range: 4-19

Number of students: 400

Nationality of students: About 58

nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? Yes Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: Urdu and

Chinese

Class size: Max 25, min 5 Teacher/student ratio: 1: 8

Word from a Parent:

"PECB offers a loving, caring environment and a host of co-curricular activities. The school has a well-established cultural exchange and guest speaker program. If you are looking for a small but well-organized international school that offers instruction at a very affordable cost, PECB should be your first choice."

- Gloria Pritchett (Greece), mother of Oliver (16) and Samantha (11)

School hours: 8am-1.40pm (Grade LKG to Grade III), 8am-2.50pm (Grade IV to HSSC/O/AS/A Levels)

After-school activities: Martial arts, Arabic,

Chinese

Extra help offered: Summer classes (on a

need basis)

School facilities: Dedicated play areas for different age groups, laboratories, library, and

athletic facilities **Total area:** 2,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: Embassy of Pakistan Compound, 1 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Sanlitun, Chaoyang District (6532 1905/6660 ext 2115), pecb20112011@hotmail.com) www.pecbj.com 朝阳区东直门外大街1号巴基斯坦大使馆内



Western Academy of Beijing (WAB)

北京京西学校



he Western Academy of Beijing (WAB) is a leading international IB World school. Founded in 1994, WAB prides itself on its world-class facilities, highly qualified teachers, global curriculum, warm and supportive environment, and service-oriented culture. WAB provides a learner-centered atmosphere that nurtures a strong sense of community among its 1,500 students with the mission to "Connect, Inspire, Challenge: Make a Difference." WAB students are encouraged to take their place as responsible citizens of the world who can influence their surroundings through careful reflection and positive action.

Founding date: 1994

School type: International school **Grades offered:** Nursery-Grade 12

Is the school registered with the Ministry $\,$

of Education? Yes

Accreditations: NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges), CIS (Council of International Schools), IBO (International Baccalaureate Organization), and NCCT (National Center for School Curriculum and Textbook Development)

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 2,000 Nursery: RMB 94,000

Pre-Kindergarten: RMB 159,000 Grades K-5: RMB 203,000 Grades 6-8: RMB 216,000 Grades 9-10: RMB 236,000 Grades 11-12: RMB 243,000

Transportation fee: Included in tuition fees. Lunch fee: Students purchase snacks and

meals with a prepaid SmartCard.

Lunch offered: Range of Western, Chinese and vegetarian options catered by Aramark. **Scholarships offered:** Financial assistance available.

Age range: 3-18

Number of students: 1,500

Nationality of students: US, South Korea, Canada, The Netherlands, Australia, and more, with no one nationality higher than 20 percent of the total.

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? No Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: Chinese, French and Spanish and Dutch in the Elementary School. Mother-tongue language support available.

Class size: 14 (early childhood); 22 (Elementary through High School)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:8 School hours: 8:30am-3:30pm

After-school activities: Extensive sports and activities groups including volleyball, soccer, badminton, choir, band, Chinese culture and literature clubs, art, photography, speech and debate clubs, global citizenship project groups and more.om a parent:

School facilities: Six buildings, four of which provide a self-contained environment for each of the school sections – Early Childhood Center, Elementary School, Middle School

Word from a Parent:

"The most wonderful thing about WAB is its sense of community. The curriculum is challenging but the teachers are extremely supportive. Our girls feel like they can achieve anything.WAB students are independent learners; they're taught how to learn, not just what to learn. Our girls get amazing travel opportunities, from China Studies trips to APAC and High Level History trips. They have benefitted from an early age from WAB's strong commitment to China engagement. We feel fortunate that our girls had the opportunity to grow up with WAB; our China experience has definitely been enriched by their experiences at the school."

- Ellen Zimmerman (US), mother of Jocelyn (19, Class of 2012), Michaela (16) and Elise (15)

and High School – with the HUB Sports, Arts and Technology Center serving as a shared resource for Middle and High School students. Llibraries in each school section, a rock climbing wall, an air-supported dome, indoor pool and theaters.

Total area: 110,000sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, expat nurse in each school section.

Contact: 10 Laiguangying Donglu, Chaoyang District (5986 5588, wabinfo@wab.edu) www. wab.edu 朝阳区来广营东路10号



What would it be like to send your child to a school where the growth of the whole child is paramount, and their educational, physical, social and emotional needs are all looked after? What would it be like to join a community where parents and students are all encouraged to take an active role? Just such a community exists at the Western Academy of Beijing.

Located in Beijing, capital city of one of the world's oldest civilizations, WAB is a creative and innovative IB World School built upon solid core values and a mission to Connect, Inspire, Challenge: Make a Difference. Its students exemplify these values through awareness of the world around them, service to others, can-do spirit and commitment to excellence. This one-of-a-kind school draws upon its Chinese host culture to enrich its programs, while affording limitless possibilities for learning, both in language classes and through academic and experiential learning opportunities to its students. The many cultures and nationalities that combine to form the WAB Community broaden student appreciation of the world. WAB students represent over 50 different countries and its faculty is made up of experienced and committed international educators who inspire students to the highest expectations. Working together as a community, WAB provides a rich and innovative learning environment in which to prepare students to be positive, active global citizens.

international school for foreign children in Beijing, guided by a parent board - a school that embraced Chinese language and culture, had a truly international curriculum, and most critically, accomplished all of that within a child-centered and inquiry-based learning environment. Sabina Brady, one of WAB's Founders explains that the WAB dream "was of a school that celebrated the joy of learning - a place where all could realize their own personal levels of excellence and light candles instead of merely complaining of the darkness; a place where all would be equipped to go out into the world confident of themselves and of their power and responsibility to light candles for others. This was, and continues to be, WAB's vision."

Today, the dream of just such a school is playing out as expected. Stepping on to the WAB campus, one finds impressively beautiful grounds and facilities, all designed to reflect 'jing shen' – a spirit of being welcoming, friendly, vibrant and creative. WAB's Early Childhood Center, Elementary School, Middle School and High School provide self-contained environments for the different age groups, with the HUB Sports, Arts and Technology Center providing a shared resource for Middle and High School students.

The recent addition of the Tiger L'Air, an air supported structure featuring five tennis courts and fully filtered air, simply adds to an already impressive list of facilities.

A top-tier international school well known in Asia and around the world, with international educators, staff and students eager to join its phenomenal learning community, WAB is an a unique position to enrich the lives of its students in extraordinary ways each and every day. Just as in the beginning, both on and off campus, WAB offers a challenging and caring, community-based educational environment in which students, staff and parents cooperate in the educational process.

As WAB proudly approaches its eighth graduating class, with three students scoring perfect IB exam scores in the past two years alone, and many of its students having been admitted to top universities and colleges, WAB confidently stands as a world-class school that is proud of its accomplishments and sure of its future.

Parents are encouraged to find out more about WAB by visiting www.wab.edu, or by calling +86 10 5986 5588.

Tsinghua International School (THIS)

清华大学附属中学国际部



division of the local high school attached to Tsinghua University, Tsinghua International School (THIS) integrates progressive American educational philosophies with Chinese educational perspectives. The primary school curriculum follows the Bank Street Model of education, in which "lively intellectual curiosities turn the world into an exciting laboratory and keep one ever a learner." The secondary school encourages students to explore a wide variety of interests, develop exceptional academic skills and become motivated self-directed learners. The curriculum prepares students for universities in the US, Canada, and other Western countries.

Founding date: 2008

School type: International day and boarding

school

Grades offered: Grades 1-12

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Accreditations: Candidate school for

WASC

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic

Application fee: RMB 1,000 in cash (non-

refundable)

Secondary school: RMB 99,000 per year Primary School: RMB 89,000 per year

Lunch fee: RMB 10-20 per meal

Transportation fee: Varies according to route Dormitory (boarding students only): RMB 18,000 per year with RMB 1,000 security deposit

Lunch offered: Chinese, Western and vegetarian options

Age range: 6-18

Number of students: 360

Nationalities of students: US, Canada,

South Korea, Japan, Hong Kong

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? No Primary teaching language: English Other languages taught: Chinese and Spanish

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Class size: Max 20 (primary); Max 25

(secondary)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5 **School hours:** 8am-3.20pm

Extra help offered: ESL supports classes

for Grades 1-10

After-school activities: Sports, Model UN, Newspaper Club, World Scholars' Cup, Debate Club, and more

School facilities: Library, outdoor playground, Apple Multimedia Lab, PC Lab, iPads in the Primary school, high school

science Labs, shared full-size stadium, dining hall, multiple auditoriums, all classrooms are

Word from a Parent:

"The kids could not wait to start school during their first week. It was good to meet the head teachers; it was obvious that they enjoyed working with kids. We had the opportunity to talk to the Primary Director and to learn more about the teaching philosophy of the school. This allowed me to have a full picture before making a final decision. I appreciate THIS' open communication and willingness to accommodate my kids' need for challenge. The field trip was an awesome way to start school. The teaching assistants took good care of my kids and let me know when they weren't eating well, which allowed us to plan packed lunches for them."

- Value Quraishi (US), mother of Faisal (9) and Yasmeen (7)

equipped with SmartBoards.

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, shared with Tsinghua High School.

Contact: Inside Tsinghua High School campus, Zhongguancun Beilu (northwest of Tsinghua University), Haidian District (6279 7000, 6277 1477, this@mail.tsinghua.edu.cn) www.this.edu.cn 海淀区中关村北大街清华大学西北侧清华附中校园内

Yew Chung International School of Beijing (YCIS Beijing)

北京耀中国际学校

ew Chung International School of Beijing (YCIS Beijing) is an international school with a variety of curricula drawn from the best elements of both Eastern and Western education. Its Early Childhood Education (Kindergarten) and Primary sections follow the National Curriculum for England (NCE) alongside a researched-based Chinese Language and Culture Program. Kindergarten and Primary classrooms incorporate a co-teaching model with one Western and one Chinese Teacher to create a fully immersed bilingual environment; and Secondary School students follow Key Stage 3 of the UK National Curriculum, the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB). YCIS Beijing is currently accredited by five accreditation authorities and all YCIS Schools became the first and only schools in China to be awarded the 'Cambridge Award for Excellence in Education' in 2012 by Cambridge International Examinations to honor their consistent years of academic achievement.

Founding date: August 1995 **School type:** International school

Grades offered: Kindergarten 2 (2 years old)

to Year 13 (18 years old)

Is the school registered with the Ministry

of Education? Yes

Accreditations: Council of International Schools (CIS), National Centre for Curriculum & Textbook Development (NCCT), New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC). YCIS Beijing is also an International Baccalaureate School (IB) and a Cambridge International Examinations Centre (CIE).

Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year):

Application fee: RMB 2,000

Kindergarten 2 (Half Day): RMB 70,350 Kindergarten 2 (Full Day): RMB 115,500

Kindergarten 3: RMB 154,350 Kindergarten 4: RMB 161,700 Primary Year 1-3: RMB 197,950 Primary Year 4-6: RMB 203,300 Secondary Year 7-9: RMB 221,490 Secondary Year 10-11: RMB 236,470 Secondary Year 12-13: RMB 242,890

Transportation fee: RMB 9,300 (under 10km), RMB 10,960 (10-20km), RMB 12,700 (2030km)

Lunch fee: RMB 24 per day (ECE-Y3), RMB 25 per day (Y4-6), RMB 27 per day (Y7-13) Uniforms are included in the school fee.

Lunch offered: Cafeteria with four sections (World Kitchen, Salad and Sandwich Bar, Italian Food, and Daily Specials). The Student Cafe offers breakfast, healthy snacks and fruit juices. Vegetarian and vegan options available. Catering by Aramark.

Scholarships offered: Overall Scholarship, Merit Scholarship and Music Scholarships

Age range: 2-18

Number of students: 800

Nationality of students: US, UK, Australia, Canada, Italy, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Japan, Hong Kong, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes Local Chinese students accepted? No Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Other languages taught: Italian, French and Chinese offered as after-school activities Class size: 16-24 (depends on year level) Teacher/student ratio: 1:8 in Kindergarten,

1:12 in Primary, 1:24 in Secondary

Word from a Parent:

"We chose YCIS Beijing because of its bilingual education with an international curriculum. We love everything about the school, especially the friendly family environment. This is a school for parents who want their children to get the most out of their time in Beijing whilst meeting the criteria of an international curriculum with strong values and a character-based school community."

- Sharon and Bryan Carr (Australia), parents of Matthew (6) and Amelie (7)

School hours: 8am-3pm

After-school activities: 40 ASAs in Secondary and 55 ASAs in Primary, including art, drama, music, sports, Model UN, orchestra, interschool sports competitions, and more **Special needs program:** Yes, on a case-

Special needs program: Yes, on a case by-case basis.

Extra help offered: English as an Additional Language (EAL)

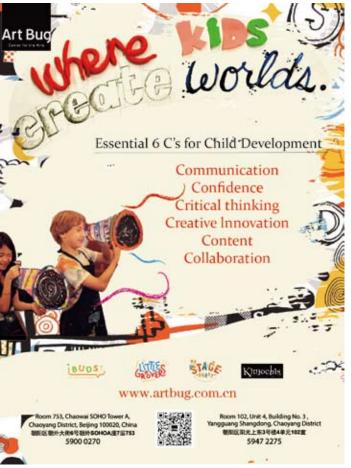
School facilities: Primary and Secondary libraries, auditorium, access to Honglinjin Park for football and athletics, computer labs, music room, Student Cafe, cafeteria, rooftop golf course, indoor and outdoor playgrounds, gymnasium, parent room, art rooms, dance studio, IQ Air filters for all classroms, and more

Total area: 15,850sqm

School nurse or doctor available? Yes Contact: East gate of Honglingjin Park, 5 Houbalizhuang, Chaoyang District (8583 3731, enquiry@bj.ycef.com) www.ycis-bj.com 朝阳区后八里庄5号红领巾公园东门







Additional Schools

Asia-Pacific Experimental School of Beijing Normal University Asia-Pacific Experimental School of Beijing Normal University is located on the south bank of the Wenyu River on Litang Lu, to the north of the Olympic Village. It has both primary and middle schools and provides for both day school students and boarders. The campus covers 80,000 square meters and includes middle and primary school classroom buildings, laboratory building, science and technology building, library, gym, student residence halls, various types of special classrooms, counseling room, and electronic reading room. There are 51 classes, 1,600 students, more than 200 teaching staff. The school's administration is managed by Beijing Normal University and the teaching staff by Beijing Xicheng District Educational Committee. Age range: 6-15 years. Tuition fees (2010-2011 academic year): Chinese nationals: Primary school boarder RMB 24,000/year, day student RMB 20,000/year; Middle school boarder RMB 33,000/year, day student RMB 27,000/year;Foreign nationals pay the same as Chinese nationals, plus RMB 6,000/year for management fees Dong San Qi, Changping District. (5109 4888, 6975 9602) http://www.yataischool.net/ 🚆 平区地铁5号线天通苑北站,换乘643或537路 到北京太阳城站,路口向东直走,穿过北京服

Beijing 21st Century International School Established in 1993, Beijing 21st Century International School aims to cultivate world citizens while maintaining deep roots in Chinese culture. The school's education system integrates the Primary EP (Elementary Placement) Curriculum, Junior IP (Intermediate Placement) Curriculum, Senior AP (Advanced Placement) Curriculum. It also offers HSK testing preparation for foreign students. Age range: 6-18. Please call school for exact tuition fees. 46 Enjizhuang, Haidian District. (8811 5515/2970/2082, 8813 6671) www.21cis.com.cn 北京市二十 校,海淀区恩济庄46号

Beijing Gahood DIC International Kindergarten Beijing Gahood DIC International Kindergarten is a kindergarten set up by Beijing Huicong Jiedu Educational Consulting Co., Ltd. The school follows an international teaching philosophy, a DIC international curriculum, individualized education fostering every child's potential, and a modern teaching method. With internationally qualified Chinese and foreign teachers, the school has facilities to support learning such as a workshop for pottery crafts and arts, a piano and dance room in a family-like environment

Beijing New Talent Academy (BJNTA) Beijing New Talent Academy is a K-12 co-educational boarding institute for boys and girls with an international-style curriculum, which includes a bilingual kindergarten, primary school, junior high school, high school, Cambridge International Centre, foreign university matriculation, and a Chinese Center. The school has invested RMB 500 million, covering an area of 180 acres, with the construction area of 100,000sqm. Age range: 2-18.Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year): RMB 800 (application fee); RMB 60,000 (kindergarten); RMB 70,000 (elementary school); RMB 76,000 (secondary school); RMB 63,200 (International Kindergarten) 9 Anhua Jie, Tianzhu Development Zone, Shunyi District. (8041 3036 (English), 8041 3001 or 8046 7117 (Chinese), xyr@ bjnewtalent.com) www.bjnewtalent.com 北京 市新英才学校 顺义区天竺开发区安华街9号

Beijing No. 1 Kindergarten Experimental Sister School This bilingual public kindergarten attached to Beijing No. 1 Kindergarten follows a modified form of the Chinese national curriculum. Class size ranges from about 25 to 35 students per class. About half of the students board at the school. Ages: 3 to 6. Price range: RMB 3,500-4,000/month.

Bldg 117, Xiaohuangzhuang Xiaogu, Oingniangou Lu, Dongcheng District. (8428 8913, 8427 5713) 北京第一幼儿园附属实验园, 东城 区青年沟路小黄庄小区117号楼

Beijing No. 80 High School 1) High School: 16A Wangjing Beilu, Chaoyang District. (5804 7048, guojibu@bj80.com); 2) Junior High: 2 Baijiazhuang Xili, Chaoyang District. (5903 9059, guojibu@bj80.com) www.bj80.com 北京市第八十中学, 1) 朝阳区 望京北路申16号; 2) 朝阳区白家庄西里2号

Beijing Royal Foreign Language School (BRFLS) 11 Wangfu Jie, Beiqijia Town, Changping District. (8178 3411, office@bjroyalkids.cn) www.bjroyalkids.cn $\sharp t$ 京王府外国语学校 昌平区北七家镇王府街11号

Beijing Sunny High-Scope Founded in August 2011, Beijing Sunny High-Scope is the flagshipschool of the Chaoyang District Family Planning Commission. Its campus in Wangjing includes a music classroom, library, sand play area, sports room, gym room, art room, science room, cooking class room, drama and music room, and an outdoor play area. The school aims to create a safe and nurturing environment that promotes "independence, curiosity, decision-making, cooperation, creativity, and problem-solving skills."Age range: 1.5-6. Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year): RMB 300 (one-time application fee); RMB 51,600/year (students under age 3); RMB 45,600/year (ages 3-6); RMB 800 (onetime uniform fee) Bldg 302, Nanhu Xiyuan, Wangjing, Chaoyang District. (8476 5558, 130 5135 5188, info@sunnyhs.com) www.sunnyhs.com 高詹

国际幼儿园 朝阳区望京香颂南湖西园302本 Beijing Sweet Angel Kindergarten Beijing Sweet Angel Kindergarten provides equal access to early childhood education for kids with and without special needs. Since its founding in 2001, Sweet Angel has accepted children with a range of special needs, including cerebral palsy, albinism, and autism. The school selects teachers with a background

in specialized child care and educational methods for children with special needs, so that they may participate in educational activities with non-special needs children. Special class arrangements, one-on-one education and rehabilitation training is available.Age range: 2-6. Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year): RMB 38,400/year; RMB 600 (uniform fee) Bldg 29, Xingfu Ercun, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6415 0507/4181, v_v86118@163.com)

www.sweetangel.com.cn 北京幸福天使幼儿 朝阳区工体北路幸福二村29号

Beijing Telford Bilingual and International Pre-school Part of the Telford Education Institute of Hong Kong. Classes are fully bilingual with one Western and four Chinese teachers in every classroom. All subjects are taught 50% in English and 50% in Chinese. Facilities include a multipurpose auditorium and performing arts center, two piano rooms, two sports fields and a big garden. Ages: 6 months-6years old. RMB 32,000-35,040 (plus RMB 400-500 per month meal fee), 2 Daluvuan, Dongsanhuan Nanlu (inside R&F City), Chaoyang District, Chaoyang District. (5876 6221/7811, beijingtelford@gmail.com) www.telfordeducation.com 北京德福双语国际 幼儿园, 朝阳区东三环南路大路园2号(富力城 内)国贸往南第一个路口

Beijing Xiyi Elementary School One of the first local elementary schools to admit international students, Xiyi continues to enroll non-Chinese. The school's language of instruction is Chinese. In addition to its core curriculum, Xivi offers computer, art, physical education and Beijing opera classes. A new school building is under construction. Ages: 6-12. Price range: RMB 3000/semester. 49 Beisanhuan Xilu, Haidian District. (8263 2789) www.hdxyxx.bjedu.cn 北京西颐小学,海淀区

Chicago Dan's English Daycare Daycare canter is staffed by three American teachers, a professional Chinese English teacher, and a professional daycare instructor. The teacherstudent-ratio is 1 to 4 and English spoken in the classroom. The English-language curriculum includes special interest courses such as swimming, baseball, Tae Kwon Do and ballet. Each course is taught by a native English speaker. Students also attend regular field trips and activities. Tuition fees are below the standard rates charged by international daycare centers, and the special interest courses are included in the fee. RMB5,500-6,000/month.For children ages 2.5 to 5 years. 8am-5.30pm. Suit 1102 Building B, Riyue Tiandi, Xi Zuoanmen Qiao, Chongwen District. (5807 5067, dpinkowski@gmail.com) 芝加哥 丹全英文幼儿园

Ganeinu International School Follows a Montessori curriculum and aims to "provide a warm, secure, Jewish environment where children can feel comfortable exploring and learning." Coursework consists of math, sensorial, language, art and music, geography, Jewish studies and special events. Nursery, kindergarten and elementary classes available. Tuitton ranges from RMB 66,000-130,000 a year. Bus and lunch service available. 18 Xiaoyun Lu, Chaoyang District. (8470 8238) http://www.ganeinubeijing.com 朝阳区朝阳区葡田区

German Embassy School (Deutsche Botschaftsschule Peking) The German Embassy School offers instruction in German and uses a curriculum and textbooks that adhere to standards set by the German Board of Education. Approximately 150 students are enrolled in the kindergarten classes, and 560 in the elementary and upper school. Grades: Kindergarten to grade 12. Price range: EUR 7,300-10,100 (plus a EUR 2,600 admission fee, EUR 1000 bus fee). 7.55 am-5.15 pm. 49A Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6532 2535, info.dsp@dspeking.net.cn) www.dspeking.net.cn 北京德国使馆学校、朝阳区亮乌桥路甲49号

Happy Baby Kindergarten At two separate campuses, Happy Baby offers a Montessoristyle curriculum delivered predominantly in Chinese. English classes are provided several times a week. Facilities include playgrounds, a library, and piano, reading, birthday and computer rooms. Currently, around half the students are international students. Special classes for children under 2 accompanied by a parent are offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Note: Enrollment is full for 2009-10 academic year. Ages: 2.5 to 5. Price range: RMB 36,000 (RMB 450 transportation fee). 1) 23 Yiyuan Anhuibeili, Yayuncun, Chaoyang District. (6498 1518); 2) 22 Zhongli Xibahe, Chaoyang District. (6462 0449 ext 806) 至尊宝宝幼儿园,1) 朝阳区亚运村安慧北里逸园23号楼,2) 朝阳区西坝河

Harvard Star International School

Harvard Star International School is a Kindergarten to Grade 6 school that offers a mix of Montessori-based English education and international curriculum. Learning focuses on the overall development of the child by establishing good habits through a program called "Excellence in Education." The school searches for quality books and materials for all subjects, providing students with the materials and worksheets for each topic taken in class. Teaching aids are used to make learning more interesting and projects reinforce what students have learned in class. Assessments are done regularly and weekly assignments are given. Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year): RMB 50,000 (no capital levy fee). Sanshanxin Xinjiayuan, Houshayu, Shunyi District. (8042 4781) 哈佛之星国际学 校, 顺义区后沙峪三山新新家园

Highscope International Kindergarten

Located on the grounds of the Potter's Wheel Tennis Academy, this school has five clean classrooms with modern facilities, an art room and a dance studio as well as lush green grass and gardens. Their main curriculum is mostly based on the American

High Scope program. Games are also used to provide an environment in which the children can develop at their own pace and according to their interests. Each class has a bilingual head teacher, at least one native English speaking teacher and other local teachers. Options include half day or whole day, meals, and a bus service. Daily 7.30 am - 5.30 pm. 1 Langxinzhuang Lu, Chaoyang District. (8538 2775, josh.highscope@gmail.com) 朝阳区郎 莘庄路1号

Honey Republic An early educational center specializing in "Mommy and Me," language, and art classes. Each class has a maximum of six students. Memberships include private party hosting, kids' photography and weekend activities. For kids ages 6 months to 6 years. oldClasses start from RMB 158. Daily, 9am-7.30pm. Upper East Side (to the back of Paris Baguette), Lido, Chaoyang District, Beijing (behind Paris Baguette), Lido, Chaoyang District, Chaoyang District. (5130 3145) 朝阳区朝阳区东四环青云桥东南阳光上东东环广场底南B—03(华润万家超市旁)

International Montessori Teaching Institute (IMTI) The International Montessori Teaching Institute (IMTI) provides training for new and experienced teachers. The Early Childhood Montessori Teacher training course is designed for teaching 2 and a half to 6 year olds and is affiliated with the American Montessori Society (AMS) with accreditation by MACTE, therefore it is an internationally recognized qualification. We offer a flexible year-round training schedule designed with Adult learners in mind. It is delivered with Chinese/ English bilingual synchronous translations and includes English or Chinese manuals. Our training facilities are well equipped with Montessori materials to ensure 'hands on' experience is delivered. IMTI offers a suite of Professional Development workshops to increase the knowledge and skills of teachers and parents. They include Art, Music and Movement , Infant and Toddlers, Preparing for Chinese New Year and Designing Class room materials just to new a few. 688 Glory Palace, No.2 Shunfu Road, Renhe Town, Shunvi District, (8949 6877 ext 288, snowzhang@imti-china.com) www.imti-china.com 蒙台梭利教学法国际交流 中心,顺义区仁和镇顺福路2号御墅688号

Ivy MI Kindergarten Ivy MI Kindergarten offers a quality Chinese-focused program designed to meet the needs of children who will attend Chinese elementary schools. It is designed for Chinese families who would like their children to experience a curriculum inspired by the Harvard-based Multiple Intelligences theory. This program offers a top-notch education for children with an international bent. RMB 33,600 per year (Lijing Campus), RMB 36,998 per year (Tianshi Campus) 1) Tianshi Campus, 52 Beiyuan Lu, Tongzhou District. (8159 6406/7, Info-LJ@ivyschools.com, Info-TS@ivyschools.com); 2) Lijing Campus, 28 Shilipu Beilu, Chaoyang District. (8446 4189, Info-LJ@ivyschools.com, Info-TS@ivyschools.com, Info-TS@ivyschools.com, Info-TS@ivyschools.com, Info-TS@ivyschools.com, Info-TS@ivyschools.com)

http://www.ivyschools.com 艾毅多元智能幼儿园,1)通州区北苑路52号;2)朝阳区十里 保北路28号

K12 International Academy Asia Targeted at home schoolers, this company offers online home schooling materials and a "professional team" of teachers, counselors and advisers to work with your child on an individualized learning plan. http://www.k12.com/int/asia/

KEer Apple International Kindergarten (Pingod) Monthly tuition starts at RMB 3,500, with a RMB 5,000 deposit and initial payment of RMB 10,000. Offers some English instruction and limited Montessori curriculum in the afternoons (with an "international" section) and open year round. Baiziwan Nan Er Lu (next to BCIS), Chaoyang District. (5876 9605, keerapple@yahoo.cn) http://www.keereducation.com/fen12/Default.asp 並果幼儿园



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La Petite Crèche de Beijing Billing itself as a "jazzy preschool for gifted children," La Petite Crèche de Beijing provides a one teacher, one language approach to help children naturally develop English, French, or Chinese as a mother tongue. Students are allowed to learn at their own pace, gradually developing independence and self-esteem through meaningful play. The school maintains strict control over food quality and safety by preparing meals in its own kitchen. Age range: 1-3 (must be able to walk) Mon-Fri 8am-6pm (opening hours), Mon-Fri 6-8pm (late care). Gloria Garden (Jinxiu Yuan), Xinfu Zhonglu (across from April Gourmet), Chaoyang District. (6417 3931, 130 3119 9923, jazzy@jazzypreschool.com) www.jazzypreschool.com 中美法小小托儿所 朝阳区锦绣园幸福中路 (绿叶子超市对面)

Little Village Montessori School of Beijing (LVMS) Little Village Montessori School of Beijing (LVMS) is a Montessori-based kindergarten with over 1,000sqm of space. LVMS' team strives to create a community experience with parents and other family members. Age range: 18 months-6 years. Tuition fees (2011-2012 academic year): 3-6 years Full Day: RMB 6,800; 18-months-3 years Half Day: RMB 5,200; Monthly meal plan: RMB 500. Rm 2310, Jingyun Shentong Building, 5 Huilin Lu, Fulicheng, Shuangjing, Chaoyang District. (5876 6610, angel@lvms.cn) www. lvms.cn 北京蒙特梭利小镇幼儿园、朝阳区双井 富力城西惠林路5号京运盛通大厦2310室

MIA Early Childhood Education 16 Tonghui Lu, Haidian District. (5872 0909) www. mapleacademy.com.cn 枫叶国际早期教育学 校 海淀区诵汇路16号

MYChineseStudy MYChineseStudy is a language class and study tour provider. The language center is located at Sanlitun, Beiiing, where is famous by its international urban atmosphere and bar street. Experienced teachers can help student make improvement in Chinese. Mon - Fri 8.30am - 9pm. Rm 901, Block B, Sanlitun Soho, Chaoyang District. (8590 0698/ 8590 0898, info@mychinesestudy.com) www.mychinesestudy.com 麦芽汉 朝阳区三里屯soho B座901

New Concept Mon-Fri 9am-6pm. B 1903 Ocean Express, 66 Xiaguang Li, Sanyuan Dong Bridge, Chaoyang District. (8446 6455, beijing@newconceptMandarin.com) www. newconceptMandarin.com 新概念普通话,朝 阳区三元东桥霞光里66号院远洋新干线B座1903 室(佳程广场后面)

Oxford Baby Bilingual Kindergarten This long-standing Chinese kindergarten offers a Chinese-style bilingual curriculum at four separate locations. Much of the instruction is in Chinese, with native-English teaching staff responsible for English instruction. A significant number of children board at the school. Age range: 1.5 to 6. Price range: RMB 31,600-41,600. 1) 88 Jianguo Lu, Soho New Town, Chaoyang District. (8589 7363); 2) 308 Huizhongli, Yayuncun, Chaoyang District. (6493 6636); 3) 10 Anhuili, Section 4, Yayuncun, Chaoyang District. (6489 5533); 4) 6 Nanxinyuan, Chaoyang District. (8731 1098) www.oxfordbaby.org.cn 北京小牛津双语幼儿 园, 1) 朝阳区建国路88号Soho现代城, 2) 朝阳 区亚运村慧忠里308号楼: 3) 朝阳区亚运村安慧 里4区10号; 4) 朝阳区南新园6号楼

Ritan School This public school has four separate divisions open to international students: an elementary school, two middle schools and a high school. A bilingual program is offered at the elementary school, but the middle and high school divisions follow the Chinese national curriculum and instruction is in Chinese only. In addition to academics, students participate in a range of electives and extracurricular activities, including the celebrated school band. Grades: 1 to 12. Price range: RMB 17,000-36,800. 1) High School: 4 Guanghua Xili, Chaoyang District. (6503 1815); 2) Middle School: Inside Beijing No. 80 Middle School, 2 Baijiazhuang Xili, Chaoyang District. (6500 4609); 3) High

School (senior year only): 36 Dongsanhuan Beilu (south of Tsinghua University's Central Academy of Fine Arts), Chaoyang District. (6581 4083); 4) Elementary and Middle School: 38 Nanshiliju (south of Jiuxian Qiao), Chaoyang District. (6438 2945) http://rtzx. bjchyedu.cn 北京日坛中学, 1) 朝阳区光华西里4号; 2) 朝阳区白家庄西里2号白家庄中学里 面; 3) 朝阳区东三环北路36号清华大学美术学 院南; 4) 朝阳区南十里居38号(酒仙桥南)

Sanlitun Kindergarten This local kindergarten enrolls international students. Instruction is in Chinese and the school places a strong focus on physical exercise. Special classes for children ages 2.5 and accompanied by a parent are offered every week; the standard kindergarten program runs daily. Ages: 2 to 6. Price Range: RMB 500-1000/month (children under 3), RMB 5000-10,000 (plus RMB 450/month childcare fee) (children ages 3-6). 3 Jiqingli, Chaoyangmenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6551 0877) 三里屯幼儿园, 朝阳区朝 阳门外大街吉庆里3号

Sino Bright School SBS offers an accredited diploma curriculum from British Columbia, Canada taught by B.C.-certified teachers, with the aim of preparing students for higher education in Canada or other Western countries. Founded in 1999, the school previously focused on Chinese students but is now enrolling international students. The school's language of instruction is English, but Chinese language classes are offered. 1) Yihai Huayuan, 129 Nansihuan Xilu, Fengtai District. (6553 7171); 2) Cambridge Middle School, Taihu, Tongzhou District. (6553 7171) www.schoolbj.com 中加高中学校, 1) 丰台区 南四环西路129号怡海花园; 2) 通州区台湖北 京剑桥中学

Sino Bright School Head Office Unit 1803, 18/F, Sino Bright School, 5 Jianguomenbei Lu, Dongcheng District. (6553 7171, 6553 8727 (fax)) www.schoolbj.com 中加高中学校, 东城 区建国门北路5号中加高中学校18层1803

Smile International Kindergarten (Smile IK) This international, multilingual kindergarten features a three-year program designed to foster students' social, intellectual, emotional, and physical development. The curriculum focuses on practical life skills, sensorial development, and basic knowledge of math, geography, science, art, and music. Foreign languages (English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Italian) are taught by qualified native speakers, and the recentlyrenovated facilities include two teaching buildings and an outdoor playground. Additional features include extended day care, after school activities, and regular field trips. The kindergarten also hosts birthday parties, seasonal celebrations, and an English summer camp that runs from June to August. Each week of the summer camp explores a different topic and is open to both expats and locals. The school welcomes new students at any point during the year; families can register during the week at Smile IK's main office. Age range: 3-6 years old. Unit 29-30, King's Garden Villa, 18 Xiaoyun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6468 1227/1012, 182 0122 3702, smilekg@sina.cn) http://blog. sina.com.cn/u/2695180955 朝阳区霄云路18号 京润水上花园别墅29-30号

St. Cyril & Methodius (Bulgarian School of Beijing) Established in 2003, this school is a great place for Bulgarian kids of all ages and backgrounds to get together and learn more about Bulgaria. Lessons are offered in Bulgarian language, history, customs & crafts. Classes are held every Monday and Tuesday from 4.30-6pm. For more information contact Mira Yanishevskaya (139 1059 4131, mira_yanis@yahoo.it) or Teodora Lazarova (150 6623 5580). Bulgarian Embassy Library, 4 Xiushui Beijie, Chaoyang District. (mira_yanis@yahoo.it) 朝阳区秀水北街4号匈 牙利大使馆

Sunny Kids Garden International Kindergarten (SKG) SKG offers bilingual nursery, kindergarten and pre-school classes based on the internationally recognized HighScope teaching approach. Professionally trained, highly experienced and dedicated foreign and Chinese teachers all have over five years international teaching experience. Warm, nurturing and creative environment in which children can experience a range of different activities including art, science, music, drama, dancing, cooking, physical education and much more. Modern, state-of-the-art facilities and toys, spacious classrooms spread over 3 levels and large garden/playground area. Nursery classes for children aged 19 months to 3 years, kindergarten classes for children 3-5 years of age and pre-school classes for children 5-6 years of age. SKG also offers facilities for children events, including birthday parties. 103, Bldg 302, Xiangsong Nanhu Xiyuan, Nanhuqu Xilu, Wangjing, Chaoyang District. (8476 5353 or 138 1070 7354, info@sunnykidsgarden.com) www.skgedu.com 北京阳光童馨国 际幼儿园,朝阳区望京南湖渠西路香颂南湖西

Sunshine Bilingual Children's Learn-

ing Centre This bilingual children's center features both English foreign teachers and Chinese local teachers. Opening on September 3, 2012, the school caters to ages 2-6. School hours are from 8am to 4pm. Tuition fees (2012-2013 academic year): RMB 2,500/ month, RMB 500/month for bus fees. Mon-Fri 8am-4pm. Unit D2-101, Kangying Jiayuan (close to Grand Hills), Jingmi Lu, Shunyi District. (150 1139 2107 Rommel, 130 3112 5087 Sampa, nakafusha@hotmail.com, penuu@yahoo.com) 顺义区顺义区京密路康营

Teremok Russian Kindergarten Beijing's first Russian kindergarten offers a trilingual curriculum - in Russian, English and Chinese - that conforms to the best practices of the Russian education system. Taught in a secure and caring environment, the balanced curriculum includes arts and crafts, math. singing and dancing, drama and science activities. Ages: 2-7. Price range: RMB 2,000 per month and up, plus RMB 2500 application fee. Building 29, Xingfu'ercun, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District. (8406 2479, 138 1113 6196) 朝阳区朝阳区工体北路幸福二村29号楼

The Little Seeds Montessori School The Little Seeds Montessori School is a small, community-based and bilingual nursery/ kindergarten for children aged 18 months to 6 years. Providing individualized support and teaching in both English and Chinese, the team is composed of an internationallycertified Montessori teacher, a native English teacher, a Chinese teacher, and a daycare teacher. The school applies a self-directed program that aims to foster a child's intellectual, practical, sensorial, and social development through the use of Montessori English and mathematics materials. Mon-Fri 8am-4.30pm. Lake Charm, 28 Panjiayuan Nanli, Chaoyang District. (131 4118 8648, 6120 9888 ext 8300 (Teacher An), little. seeds.montessori@gmail.com) 快乐成长蒙台 梭利儿童之家,朝阳区潘家园南里28号伊东漪 龙台国际公寓

Educational Services

Atelier Created by two French artists, Atelier is a school dedicated to the study of the visual, literary and performing arts. Located in the heart of Sanlitun, Atelier is a space designed for creativity. The center offers high-quality courses led by professionals in their field for children, adolescents, and adults, Current courses include drawing, painting, sculpture, sewing, as well as courses in writing and theater. Atelier also offers courses specifically designed to help students who are preparing a Bachelor of Arts and/or admission to an art school. Atelier courses are taught in French and English; courses taught in Chinese will

be offered in the near future. Atelier courses run throughout the year. Rm 202, Building C, Jinxiu Yuan, Xingfucun Zhonglu, Chaoyang District (6416 1614, 132 4018 4982, atelier@ atelier.cn.com) www.atelier.cn.com 朝阳区朝 阳区幸福村中路锦绣园C楼202室

Dragon Show Dragon ShowFounded in 2004, Beijing Dragon Show Culture and Arts Exchange Co. Ltd. designs culture-related school assembly programs, educational trips, and extracurricular activities for international schools. E-805/806 Shang8 Culture Zone, Gaobeidian, Chaoyang District. (65447057/58, info@dragonshow.com) www. dragonshow.com 朝阳区高碑店陈家林甲2号尚

Eliott's Corner A therapy center, offering speechtherapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy for children from 0-12 years of age. Experienced therapists work with children, helping a wide range of issues - from communication and articulation to handwriting to balance and coordination. Eliott's Corner is a division of Olivia's Place, Shanghai's premier pediatric therapy clinic. Mon-Fri 9am-6pm. Rm 19-05, Block 2, Condo 360, 10 Dongsihuan Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6461 6283, jac@oliviasplace.org) www.oliviasplace.org 胡宝小屋,朝阳区东四环北路10号 職都国际2号楼19-05室(东风北桥东北角)

The Learning Center (TLC) The Learning Center opened in 2004 to meet the specific educational needs of local and expatriate students in Beijing. It aims to address the individual challenges of each student by offering a nurturing environment with small classes or 1:1 tutoring, and experienced, specialized teachers who design tailor-made programs. By helping them realize their academic potential, The Learning Center cultivates not only students' skills but also their confidence and self-esteem. So far, TLC has worked with over 2,000 students in Beijing.

As the only professional tutoring service in Beijing, TLC prides itself on helping students of all ages and levels find the support they need in the subjects they need. Services are targeted to ages 5 to 18. Parenting programs are also available, including adult education and child development workshops. TLC tutors are native English-speaking professional educators with an understanding of international school curricula across Beijing. Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat-Sun 9.30am-4.30pm. Gahood Villa 2108 (next to Yosemite and Capital Paradise), Houshayu, Shunyi District (8046 3886/7085, registration@hyde-education.com) www. thelearningcenter.cn 顺义区后沙峪嘉浩别墅 2108(新国展与ISB之间)

Side by Side Side by Side provides support for individuals with special needs and learning difficulties through music therapy, learning support, and a daytime special education program. Side by Side's team members are fully qualified and experienced professionals who conduct services in English. Music therapy is also available in German. We also offer community support such as workshops for schools, community groups, parents and other members of the community, arranging vocational training within the community, support with life skills such as basic finances, shopping, cooking, personal hygiene or social skills, support with parenting skills, advocacy, family and school support with transition and/ or behaviour issues, support for those dealing with a new diagnosis and work experience for high school students or new graduates. We also provide support with finding organizations and professionals to assist in the development, diagnosis and assessment of children with special needs, or suspected special needs. Mon-Fri 8am-6pm (after hours by appointment). Capital Paradise 3336, Shunyi Distrcict, Shunyi District. (8046 3858, info@sidebysidebeijing.com) www.sidebysidebeijing.com 顺义区后沙浴名都园3336号



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THE LAST WORD



Rohan Kanti, 12,
International School of Beijing
"I like our school's enrichment classes

the most. You get the chance to try something new or do what you're really interested in. Among my favorite enrichments are tennis, graphic novel creation and dodgeball." Laura Fueller, 5, Eduwings
Kindergarten (Shunyi Campus)
"I like my kindergarten because we
learn to write so much."



Sebastian Filla-Duan, 6, International Montessori School of Beijing

"I love science class!"

"what do you like the most about your school?"



Ainara Gallardo, 6, Beijing
International Bilingual Academy

"I like my Chinese and English classes, and playing in the nice school campus."



"I like my friends, most of the teachers, the new theater, the ice rink, the library and the after-school activities. My school is awesome!"





Jac-Jac So, 8,
Western Academy of Beijing

"I like PE and the playground because they're fun, math because my teacher gives me challenging problems to solve, and computer class."



"I like doing drama with Miss

Thomason."