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#### ON THE COVER:

Channeling his inner mad scientist for the cover of the 2019-2020 *beijingkids'* School Choice Guide is Harrow Beijing Grade 6 student Zander E. When he's not finding the formula for fun, Zander enjoys a good football match and playing video games with his mates.

Photo by Fang Yifei

## School Socks

Picking a school is like picking out the perfect pair of socks. Actually, I take that back. It's nothing like picking out a pair of socks. You don't need to endure years of financial planning, research, and understanding of what goes into the making of a good pair of socks in order to pull the trigger and make a purchase. At most, you'll need a keen sense of style, and at least just something that covers a majority of the foot. After all, who cares if a couple toes poke out from the bottom?

Schools are also not "one size fits all". Many parents spend a lot of time and money on making sure their child attends an "elite" school, when this might not actually be the best option for the child. So, it's important to know what kind of learner your child is, and which curriculum that will ultimately benefit this type of student. Neglecting these characteristics could be setting your child up for disaster.

With every School Choice Guide that *beijingkids* produces, we hope to bring families closer together through this task of picking the right school. It's not just about the difficult choices that are ahead of you, it's also a chance to get to know your child, and what his or her interests are academically and socially. While superb academics always remain at the forefront of this journey, schools are much more than this, and in many ways can be your child's main window on life and the community at large here in the capital.

In this issue, we've examined a range of topics to help you make a more informed decision, including some straight talk from parents in Beijing's expat community, telling us what they wish they'd known before selecting a school (p10). We've created a primer for those of you who will soon be attending open houses at campuses across Beijing (p102), and talked to some parents who opted out of the school system and instead embarked on their own homeschooling journeys (p20). For this School Choice Guide, we also wanted to go beyond your standard "what parents need to know" article, and find out what your child needs to know. In School Shift (p14), former international school student Lydia Qu interviewed a handful of seasoned international students, to gather some helpful tips on how to adjust to a new environment.

Also, in case you didn't know already, the School Choice Guide is your essential resource for navigating our upcoming Jingkids International School Expo, a must-attend event not only for those of you who are pondering a change in schools, but also for anyone that wishes to stay up-to-date on the future trends of education, and how curricula are being adjusted to help prepare young people for a future filled with uncertainties. Get over to [beijing-kids.com](http://beijing-kids.com) to learn more.

We hope to help make this journey of school choice a little bit less daunting. We know that this issue is limited, in that there is no perfect formula in finding the right school for your child... yet. (We are working on it.) Until that comes along, here is the most comprehensive guide to school choice that Beijing has to offer.



*Kipp Whittaker*

Kipp Whittaker  
Chief Content Manager

# CURRICULUM CHEATSHEET

Beijing's most popular curriculums boiled down to their essence

By Kipp Whittaker

**W**e know that picking a school is tough work. After all, quite possibly the entire future of your young learner is in the balance. With that said, we don't want to overwhelm you any more than you already are. So here's the key points of just about every curriculum you might encounter here in Beijing, boiled down to their essence to help you determine if it will be the right fit for your family. Keep in mind that no one curriculum reigns supreme, and there is plenty of variety within each of the approaches that is listed in this guide. So make sure to keep an open mind, and happy hunting!

## Reggio Emilia

Reggio Emilia is an innovative approach to early years education where children are seen as unique people who embark on a journey into the realms of research and exploration from the moment they are born, in order to find out about themselves, others, and the surrounding world.

- **Acquiring knowledge and skills are considered natural human needs**
- **Students are active designers of their own development**
- **Asking questions is an essential tool for acquiring knowledge**
- **An environment where children are free to educate themselves is essential**

## Multiple Intelligences

First conceived by Dr. Howard Gardner, Multiple Intelligences operates on the principle that that people learn and think differently, and there are numerous ways intelligences can manifest, ranging from linguistic, logical-mathematical, spatial, bodily-kinesthetic, musical, interpersonal, intrapersonal, and naturalist.

- **Customized teaching methods**
- **Use of wide-ranging techniques to reach all students**
- **Children are taught to become self-confident, to get along with others, and to be problem solvers**
- **Mainly found in kindergarten and elementary schools**

## Montessori

Founded by Dr. Maria Montessori (1870-1952), the Montessori 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.

- **Mixed-age classrooms**
- **Prepared physical and spiritual learning environment focused entirely on the child**
- **Making of individualized teaching and development plans**
- **Teachers are directors, supporters, and collaborators**

## English National Curriculum

Launched in 1988 by the British government and used by all schools in England, Wales, Northern Ireland, and by thousands of British Curriculum schools all over the world. Students study the full breadth of subjects that are needed to help them develop into well-rounded citizens of the future.

- **Highly structured and divided into six 'Key Stages'**
- **Ongoing development of the curriculum give the ENC high standing when compared to more linear ways of learning**
- **There are very few major cities where one of the 30,000 schools using the British curriculum model cannot be found.**

## International Baccalaureate

IB World Schools are institutions accredited and authorized to offer either or all of the three programs: 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).

- **Has a 43-year history of high-quality international education**
- **One of the most popular – and natural – choices for expat families**
- **Requires study across a broad range of subjects**
- **IB diploma is accepted by over 2,000 universities in 75 countries**

## Bilingual Approach

"Bilingual" isn't a curriculum in itself, but is an approach used by numerous schools to deliver instruction. Parents should note that for a native pronunciation, learning should ideally take place before age 7. While fluency can be achieved at any age, the feat becomes harder as a child or adult grows older and if motivation wanes at any point.

- **Puts two languages in the part of the brain that considers a language as primary**
- **Uses both languages beyond studying grammar and topical vocabulary**
- **Languages can be split 50:50, 30:70, with co-teachers, split-days, or in rare cases, simultaneous teaching**
- **Top jobs around the world require bilingualism as a minimum requirement**

## HYBRID CURRICULUM

This curriculum can be described as the best of both worlds. It blends the Chinese education system (in the case of China-based schools) with internationally recognized styles such as the International Baccalaureate (IB), the English National Curriculum (ENC), American Common Core Standards, and the International Primary Curriculum (IPC).

- **Ever-evolving and is offered from kindergarten to high school**
- **A curriculum that dives deeper into Chinese language and culture**
- **Graduates possess intellectual, cultural, and ecological fluency**
- **Found all over the world, however, each tailored to the respective local system**

# LEARNING ON THE WAY

A brief history of international education in Beijing

By Kipp Whittaker

Every year since 2011, *beijingkids* has produced the School Choice Guide to provide comprehensive and up-to-date school information to our readers. During this time, there have been significant changes not only the sheer number of schools to choose from but also the climate of the quickly growing international education market in the capital. To present these developments clearly, we've crunched the numbers to share with you some of these developments along with a brief history of some of the most notable advancements throughout the decades.

FCD International School and the International Department of Beijing No. 55 Middle School are established to provide for the educational needs of a few foreign children in Beijing.

1970

The Beijing government allows 75 local public and private schools to teach foreign students. The Beijing Education Commission accredited these schools as such in 2003.

2010

1990

Private bilingual international schools including Beijing Huijia Private School (1993), AIDI School (1999), Beijing Royal School (2003), and Beijing New Talent Academy (2008) begin to spring up and fuse the gap between local and international curricula.

The embassies of the US, UK, Canada, Australia, and other countries establish International School of Beijing (ISB) to accommodate the increasing numbers of expat children in China.

1980

After six years of hosting the Beijing International School Expo (BISE), *beijingkids* and our Chinese sister brand *Jingkids*, go "Beyond School Choice" and hold Jingkids International School Expo (JISE) at Kerry Hotel.

In 2012, we at Trun Run Media brings together our knowledge and insight to create opportunities for schools of all levels to present their curricula and meet local and international parents at the Beijing International School Expo (BISE).

2012

2019

The Ministry of Education of China initiates a new law called "The Administration of International Projects in High Schools," which aims to tighten regulations for setting up international departments in public high schools.

2013

# THE NUMBERS SAY IT ALL

Tallying up our School Choice Guide data so that you don't have to

By Kipp Whittaker

We accumulate ridiculous amounts of data when updating our annual School Choice Guide every year and this process gives us keen insight into current trends going on in Beijing's international schools and also helps us to analyze what's on the horizon. While we don't intend for this to give you the willies when taking into account the current or rising tuition prices, we do hope it gives you some perspective on how you should be planning for the future and what you need to look out for when selecting a school for your child.

## AVERAGE 2019 SCHOOL TUITIONS (PER YEAR)

**KINDERGARTENS**  
RMB 150,737 (USD 22,320)

=

**22**

IPHONE XS



**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**  
RMB 175,114 (USD 25,930)

=

**1**

VOLKSWAGEN JETTAS



**HIGH SCHOOL**  
RMB 126,292 (USD 18,700)

=

**3**

WEEKS TRIP TO HONOLULU WITH FOUR-STAR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR



**K-12 SCHOOLS**  
RMB 190,841 (USD 28,259)

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BAOZI BREAKFAST BASKET FOR 19,041 PEOPLE



According to the International Schools Database, Beijing has the second-highest tuition costs out of a list of 40 international cities, second only to Shanghai. While we genuinely believe that Beijing is host to a number of top-notch schools, keep in mind that you don't always get what you pay for, so it's essential to do your research. Also, alternatively, plenty of schools in the lower price bracket are very good.

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## PERCENT PRICE HIKE IN TUITION PRICE

We calculated this number from the 46 schools that have appeared in both the 2018 and 2019 School Choice Guides. And yes, we are as speechless as you are! Twelve percent is a significant increase in a single year. From our experience, one of the main expenses of international schools is finding and hiring the right teachers. While it would be interesting to find out how the teachers' salaries correspond to this increase, that figure is unfortunately beyond our reach.

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## STUDENTS PER CLASS...

...and there's one teacher for every six students. This is four students less than the average class size in the US (23 students). Also, the average student to teacher ratio in a US public school is currently at 16:1.

**40**

## PERCENT OF SCHOOLS GIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

And that's a 15 percent drop from the number of schools that offer scholarships and financial assistance based on the 2018 School Choice Guide. With tuition prices on the rise each year, this is definitely an area of concern for many families currently residing or thinking about making the move to Beijing.

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## PERCENT OF LISTED SCHOOLS PROVIDE EXTRA HELP

Check our school profile pages (p29-94) to learn if the schools you are interested in offer extra assistance for students with special needs, and also read our feature Educating for All (p25) for more insight into what's on offer in Beijing's international schools.

# WHAT I WISH I'D KNOWN... BEFORE CHOOSING A SCHOOL

Beijing parents share what they've learned about international education in the capital

By Andrew Killeen

**A**s an old Chinese proverb puts it: "Reading ten thousand books is not as useful as traveling ten thousand miles." There's no teacher like experience, so we asked our friends on social media to tell us what their experience of the city's schools might teach others, when it comes to those all-important decisions about our children's education. This is what we learned.

## Leadership

**"How long has the current administration been in charge?"**

**"The head teacher whom we really liked was replaced with a less experienced head teacher who didn't inspire quite the same confidence."**

**"Is it a profit or non-profit school?"**

A school's leadership sets the tone for the whole institution, as well as deciding on the strategic direction. If you don't vibe with the principal or head teacher, then you may not feel at home in their school. It's worth too checking the school's management and ownership structure. A non-profit organization might have more resources to put back into facilities and staffing, but it's probably most important to reassure yourself the business is on a sound footing, and isn't at risk of closing unexpectedly.

## Parent involvement

**"How does the school communicate with the parents?"**

**"A big deal is made of the parents' network and community support, and I can see why it inspires commitment."**

How much you want to get involved with the life of your child's school depends on your availability and inclination. However you need to know how often you'll receive reports and meet your child's teachers, and who to talk to if there's a problem.

Many schools have active parent-teacher organizations, and these can enhance both the learning and the community spirit of a school, as well as providing purpose and friendship to newly-arrived parents. However, if a small clique dominates, this can become a cause of tension. And parents as fee-paying customers, can sometimes have too much say over educational matters which would be better left to the professionals (see Homework on page 12...)

## Teaching staff

***"How long have teachers been with the school (especially foreign teachers)? How long on average do teachers stay with the school?"***

***"In one year, our child had three different teachers as each new recruit fled in alarm at the Beijing lifestyle they were expected to adopt. One begins to ask: Had they been properly recruited? Had they been properly prepared? Were they being paid enough?"***

***"One thing I found enlightening was to look at [glassdoor.com](http://glassdoor.com) to see how the teachers rate their working environment without the PR filter."***

***"International Schools Review ([international-schoolsreview.com](http://international-schoolsreview.com)) is another good website for what staff think about their school."***

A good teacher can have a positive impact, not just on a child's learning, but on their whole life. And unfortunately, an incompetent teacher can not only waste their students' valuable time, but also demotivate them. Many Beijing schools have extraordinarily impressive facilities, but in the end, it's the quality of the teaching staff which makes the most difference.

International schools will always have a higher staff turnover than local schools. This effect is exacerbated in Beijing, which is an exciting, vibrant city, but can be a challenging, even shocking environment to the unprepared. Stability is important for children, but on the other hand, longevity in staff is not necessarily a sign that they are the best teachers; they may be sticking around because they can't get work elsewhere, and are too well-entrenched to be "managed out".

It's well worth finding out about a school's recruitment and retention policies, but you should also visit the school, look at the work on display, speak to teachers if you can. And ask other parents what their experience has been. WeChat groups are a valuable resource for this.

## Facilities

***"If they have special rooms like a STEAM room\*, can you tour when they are actually having a class? (Some are there for show and kids never get to use them)."***

Many of Beijing's international schools have facilities which would put some universities to shame. Sports stadiums, music studios, maker spaces, theaters, VR suites... the opportunities are extraordinary. But what matters to kids is what they learn from using those facilities. Sometimes schools get locked into an "arms race" where they're competing to build bigger and flashier facilities, and the educational purpose can get lost along the way. While you're being wowed on a school tour, make sure to find out what the students have done. Are the teachers being properly trained to use the spaces? Do the activities there form part of a coherent educational approach, or is it use for use's sake?

\* STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. It's an approach to teaching technical subjects in a creative way, currently hugely popular in global education.

## Location

***"We are living in Shuangjing and she takes the bus all the way to Shunyi... we considered moving, but in the end she likes to play with her friends on the bus."***

Many of Beijing's international schools are located along a corridor leading out to the north-east Shunyi district. The location of Capital Airport, it has long been seen as an "expat-friendly" area, and has the space for schools to grow and sprawl. However if you're living in the central area, or (worse) out to the south or west, then the journey can uncomfortably extend an already long school day.

Some parents make the move to be nearer their child's school, but this can take you away from your own work and support networks. Of course, you may find, like the parent quoted above, that your kids enjoy the journey, or that you prefer life out in the 'burbs, with less traffic and cleaner air. Or you may find a downtown school that suits you. Whatever your situation, Beijing is a big city, and location is a factor you will need to take into consideration.

## Orientation and transition

***"What systems are in place for new students to adapt?"***

***"What flexibility is there in the school's educational approach to support those transitioning into and out of that system?"***

If you're new to Beijing, you're probably struggling with some degree of culture shock. And the change can be much tougher for kids, who may have had little say in the decision to leave family, friends and the familiar behind. A proper program of orientation to help new students settle can be crucial to success at school.

And even if your children are used to moving around, they might be faced with switching between different curricula and approaches. The move from Grade 6 in the US system to Year 7 in the British curriculum may not be a smooth one. The school should have plans in place to help not only students who are arriving but also those who are moving on.

## Language

***"The biggest factor is the approach to language. It is hard to teach, and a lot of work, for kids to really become fluent in both English and Chinese. Some schools try to be truly bilingual (or even trilingual), some focus on one language primarily, with the other either at a good foreign language standard or just assuming home or a tutor will do the rest."***

Find out what languages are used for teaching. What standard is your child's second language? If you're new to Beijing, and they're only beginning in Chinese, you don't want them falling behind in other subjects because they don't understand the lesson. On the other hand, hearing two languages in the classroom can do wonders for their learning. And if they've been studying Chinese for a while, will they be put in a class with beginners?

## Homework

***"What is the school's policy on the amount of time that children spend on homework? Chinese government policy is no homework before Grade 3, so if they do give homework to younger kids ask why."***

A respect for education is deeply embedded in thousands of years of Chinese culture, and this creates an environment where kids can excel academically. However, the flip side can be the belief that the more education you get the better, and this is not necessarily the case. To develop and flourish, children need to be intellectually challenged and stimulated, but they also need time to play, space to create unsupervised, and plenty of fresh air and sunshine.

The Chinese government is currently locked in a battle with this culture over the issue of homework. Academic research suggests there's little value in homework for younger children, and that work should take no longer than ten minutes per grade per night. Despite this, ambitious parents push for more and more homework, and educators give in, ignoring the various edicts issued by Beijing.

Don't get us wrong, appropriate homework can be a great tool to support learning, and independent study is essential for older children working towards exams and to complete coursework. But if younger children are spending a couple of hours a night on their homework, then it's worth asking what the purpose of it is.

## Differentiation

***"Do they accept any student or do they have a proper evaluation process? (If there's no evaluation process the classes can be very unbalanced.)"***

***"Do they stream the language levels and teach appropriately to the level of the student, or is it a 'one size fits all' approach?"***

Different languages, different educational and cultural backgrounds, different expectations... if this is a challenge for the students, it's a nightmare for the teachers. Do they have the structures, skills, and support to make sure every child is learning at an appropriate level? Or do they stubbornly "teach to the middle", so that the more able are bored and the less able left behind?

## Community

***"What is the language of the playground? How easy it is for new kids to break into friendship groups?"***

***"The diversity of our daughter's classmates all but disappeared. She found herself one of only two or three foreign passport holders and native English speakers."***

***"The only foreign students are the teachers' children – and they are on literally all of the marketing materials for the school. It is misleading for sure."***

***"Any school which says it doesn't have a bullying problem, has a bullying problem."***

If you've moved to another country with your family, you probably want your children to learn and study in an international environment, with the opportunity to make friends from different cultures and backgrounds. However, the reality is that there are more schools chasing a smaller pool of international students. Even schools that only accept foreign passport holders have an increasing proportion of students from a Chinese cultural and linguistic background. Some kids will thrive in this environment and learn quickly. Others may feel isolated.

Many schools have no effective bullying policy because they don't like to admit to prospective parents that such a thing might even take place. However, bullying is endemic in all large institutions, among adults as well as children, and pretending it can't happen in your school is tantamount to endorsing it. Find out what will happen if your child has a problem – and bear in mind, unpleasant as it may be, that your child may be among the bullies rather than the bullied.

## Fees

***"The one problem is the fees. Affording it is one thing; justifying it is another."***

***"Is my kid really worth USD 1-2 million in tuition over the next 12 years?"***

The second parent quoted above was joking, obviously. Investing in our children's future is the most important financial investment we make. But all those top-class teachers and wonderful facilities don't come cheap. Beijing has the second highest school fees in the world, and if you're not lucky enough to work for a company which covers them, then what you can afford is likely to be a determining factor in which school you choose.

Many schools offer scholarships, or discounted rates for parents on lower incomes. It's always worth asking, and negotiating. But in a country where people often invest in their children instead of a pension fund, when they assess your spare income they're likely to ask you to dig deeper than you might find comfortable.

## Gut feeling

***"What school is good for you is so dependent on your circumstances."***

***"Research the facts, visit the school fairs, visit the school, then take your chances."***

All kids are different. And all schools are different. The problem with academic league tables is that average grades conceal the students who excelled, and the students who struggled. In researching this article we talked to parents who had problems leading to them moving their child out of one school, while other parents praised that same school to the skies.

In the end, there is no "best school in Beijing". There's just the best school for your child, for you as a family. And the way to find it is probably to whittle your choices down to a shortlist, then visit those schools. If you like a place at an open house, see if you can visit on an ordinary day, to get past the marketing gloss to the real spirit of the place. Trust your instincts. Nobody knows your child like you do... and nobody else can tell you what's best for them.



# SCHOOLSHIFT

Finding your stride at Beijing's international schools

By Lydia Qu

Fitting in at a new school is always difficult. When you're also coming to terms with a new language and culture, it's an even bigger challenge. But those who are currently making that journey, from first stepping into the labyrinth of Beijing's streets and meeting new classmates on the first day of international school, to eventually laughing with friends after calculus, should remember that they are not alone.

There have been countless students who have undergone this same process, and have tips to make everything a little bit easier. We talked to a handful of seasoned veterans who were eager to tell their story of adjusting to a new environment, in hopes that it would help other newcomers find the right footing when settling into their new life in Beijing's international schools.



## Maisy Chiu

A Year 13 student, Maisy is originally from Hong Kong, and moved to Beijing in 2000. She loves video games, reading, and her cat, Bira. She also plays sports including football, basketball, and volleyball. Her life goal is to pet every single dog in the entire world.



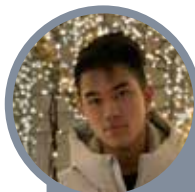
## Deborah Qu

A Year 13 student, Deborah moved to Beijing in 2014. She is an avid reader, enthusiastic writer, and successful kombucha-maker. She spends her free time trying out random and useless hobbies, including anagram solving, plant growing, and enneagram typing.



## Chloe Sandifer-Stech

A Year 13 student from South Carolina, Chloe moved to Beijing in 2015. In her spare time, she plays classical music on her cello, and enjoys sports including basketball and soccer. She loves to bike and hike with her family, and her life goal is to make a difference in the world.



## Liyong Wong

A university freshman now studying in New York, Liyong came to Beijing from Malaysia in 2008. The High School Musical cast and the Backstreet Boys, his role models, are always on his playlist. He studies graphic design and is also an aspiring meme-maker, so keep an eye out for his work.



## Kaneda Iles

A Year 13 student, Kaneda first came to Beijing in August 2018. He enjoys playing basketball and art. He speaks Japanese and English, and is in the process of learning Chinese. New to the city, Kaneda is optimistic and excited as he continues to learn more about Chinese culture and make this country his new home.

PHOTOS: LYDIA QU

## Initial Impressions

- 1. Adjusting to city life can be hard!**
- 2. Beijing can be overwhelming, so can the start of the semester at international school.**
- 3. Expect a bit of a language barrier between some students at the school for whom English is a second language.**
- 4. Adjusting to school life can be difficult for introverts.**

### Deborah:

I found getting accustomed to the rhythm of Beijing challenging. I came from a relatively small town and being dropped into a busy city with crazy traffic during rush hours and just the large amount of people was a very new experience.

### Chloe:

The language barrier was difficult for me. I came to Beijing after attending a public middle school in North Carolina. I was almost resistant to making friends and adjusting because I felt like I couldn't understand anything. I couldn't understand my classmates and I couldn't read the street signs or speak to the waiter at restaurants. I was frustrated. So, I sat in the cafeteria and read a book for the first two weeks, refusing to speak to anyone.

### Liyong:

Adjusting to city life was hard. The streets were crowded, there was an unexpectedly high amount of traffic, and the pollution was horrible. In school, I also had some difficulties. I was not fluent in English, so communication with classmates was a huge challenge for me. It was difficult to participate in class and make friends.

### Maisy:

Beijing is pretty overwhelming. I am an introvert and don't go out a lot, and I found it difficult to get somewhere I'm unfamiliar with and figure out transportation.

### Kaneda:

All of my classmates in my international school speak Chinese or other languages when they aren't in class, because that's what's comfortable for them. I couldn't understand them and felt like I couldn't reach them. I was left out in a way I couldn't change. I've moved on a lot, but there is a difference between being an outsider in a way you can overcome with time, and one that just feels like a door that is triple padlocked.

## Tips you have for young people first moving to Beijing

- 1. Keep a positive attitude and start letting go of assumptions.**
- 2. Join clubs and other activities.**
- 3. Learning, or at least trying to learn Chinese is very important!**
- 4. Download WeChat immediately!**

### Liyong:

I learned to embrace the change in lifestyle from my previous home. Instead of focusing on the negatives, I realized the benefits of living in the city: cheap and fast transportation, restaurants being within walking distance, and having a lot of things to do with my friends.

### Kaneda:

Get rid of all stereotypes and conclusions you came to beforehand. I had nightmares and irrational ideas of a hyper-competitive school environment because of horror stories about the Chinese learning environment. I later found out I was completely wrong. It was unnecessary stress. Just don't carry those thoughts with you coming in. Keep an open mind!

## Maisy:

WeChat makes Beijing so efficient. You can use it to pay, buy plane tickets, call a taxi, and even get a masseuse to come to your house. It is crazy versatile.

## Deborah:

Sports made me feel at home. I remember during a soccer game, at the last kick, I was crying and laughing and hugging teammates that had become so close to me so naturally, even though they were not people I would not have thought I would be close to. Team sports create this environment where we work towards a common goal, which builds strong friendships.

## Chloe:

I joined stuff within school without prior experience, like the musical. I had a 'why not try something new?' attitude and ended up having so many amazing experiences. On opening night, I felt like the entire cast was coming together to produce something we were proud of, and the community was coming together to enjoy it. I felt like I was a part of something.

## Maisy:

Learning Chinese is so important. When I couldn't read the street signs or do everyday things like ordering at a restaurant, I felt like I couldn't relate to Beijingers or feel like one of them. Once you do, you feel much more at home.

## What are some advantages of being an international student?

- 1. You realize that people are fundamentally the same but superficially different.***
- 2. You become more open-minded and accepting of different ideas.***
- 3. Learning a new language in an environment where that is the only language used.***
- 4. It helps in adapting to college life because of the experiences gained by going somewhere new and getting used to it.***

## Deborah:

Because you are exposed to people of all backgrounds, you realize that people are fundamentally the same but superficially different. At first you think you guys can't connect because of cultural and language differences, but at the end of the day, you still find the same things funny and can laugh together. The stereotypes and misconceptions you had about people are completely broken, and I think that's so great.

## Chloe:

You learn to be more open-minded and accepting of different ideas. You get to see the perspectives of people from everywhere, and that makes you learn to stop and listen to others.

## Maisy:

My older brother goes to college now and has met people who have only lived in one town their whole lives, and because of that are narrow-minded in some ways. Here, your view on the world is already much broader. Academically speaking, you learn a new language in an environment where that is the only language used. This is so much better than learning a language in a classroom, because the only way to really know a language is if you use it.

## Liyong:

I found that my international school background actually helped me a lot in college. I adapted to college much faster because I had experience of going somewhere new and getting used to it. I also got used to talking to new groups of people because people leave and come to international schools so often; I was always joined by new students every year. So, establishing new friendships has gotten easier. Being bilingual also lets you connect with a crazy amount of people much easier. I have friends that are all over the world and that's just crazy. You get a better idea of globalization and realize how small and connected the world can be.



# REVOLUTIONIZING SCHOOL FOOD

Food health and safety in schools

*By Nicole Bonnah*

**T**errible school lunches have always been a source of jokes for kids. But for parents who are increasingly concerned about food hygiene and the impact of nutrition on learning and intelligence, what the cafeteria serves up is no longer a laughing matter. Along with questions about curriculum and facilities, parents are asking schools about the meals they provide: what ingredients are being used, how those ingredients are sourced, and what variety is on offer. And of course, about the biggest concern of all: food safety and hygiene.

Nutrition and learning go hand in hand, and this should shape the way in which school dinners are designed. A growing body of research evidences not only how timing of meals and sleep influences learning but also how what our kids eat can either negatively or positively impact their cognitive development and abilities when in the classroom. Chef Ann Cooper, Director of Nutrition Services for the Berkeley Unified School District in the United States, has spoken about revolutionizing the way kids eat at school. Local, sustainable, seasonal, and even educational food, she believes, is the way ahead for school dinners and better learning, "Each of us sends our kids or grandchildren, nieces or nephews to school and tells them to learn," she said in a 2007 TED talk. "And when you feed kids bad food, that's really what they're learning."

In a recent study published in the open-access journal PLoS Biology, Rudolph Nager, Pat Monaghan, and Michael Fisher investigated the connection between poor nutrition in early life, compensatory growth, and learning ability in adulthood, and found that inadequate nutrition for young children can impair their neural development, leading to lower IQ.

To find out more about what can be achieved in transforming school meals, *beijingkids* spoke to Richard Craggs, entrepreneur and CEO of Nom Nom, about how he has helped to revolutionize school dinners in Shenzhen, and what questions parents should be keen to ask schools about food quality, nutrition, and hygiene in their canteens.

Craggs moved to China 12 years ago, and spent his life savings on building a socially responsible business that would help improve the quality of canteen food in factories and schools. Starting off with two small loss-making restaurants, Craggs now owns the leading service provider of design-led and innovative cafeterias for international schools in the South of China. His philosophy is driven, not only by the voices of schools but by the parents and students themselves. "Listening and blending this into our expertise has helped design our recipe-managed menus that are constantly evolving," he said.

The school menu design process for Craggs and his team always starts with the customers

first: the parents and the kids. Parents are an important aspect of how they go about achieving eclectic and ever-evolving menus for their clients. Some parents have even been invited to share their home recipes with professional chefs in order to create meals that are already much loved and familiar with students. "Some of the best meals come from homes," Craggs explained. "We always welcome new ideas. Our menus constantly rotate to prevent menu fatigue and evolve."

Nom Nom's menu design is also heavily reliant on an extended collaborative effort; one that includes customer feedback, nutritionists, and dieticians to formulate monthly meal plans. "It's important to ensure ongoing recipe management to offer consistent new menu items, as well as our chef sharing ideas between all our kitchens," Craggs said. This "boutique" approach is truly a bespoke way of approaching school dinners, and even among the biggest players such as Compass, Spexo, and Aramark, Nom Nom has created their own practices that differ from any other.

"We listen to the customer, be it the school, the parents, or the children, and customize a tailored solution... We never send out generic tenders or presentations, each one is meticulously detailed," Craggs said.

Parents wanting to know more about how

caterers operate within schools may wish to ask if their choice of school for their kids has followed the same stringent procurement processes as the ones on Craggs's clientele list. Schools that are looking into catering options should be asking for proposals that cover areas such as food safety, hygiene, menus, and supply chains, among others. Is your child's school conducting onsite visits with their chosen caterers? Are they sampling the food that ends up on your kids' dinner plate? Are they ensuring that references are obtained to acquire a full and impartial opinion about the abilities, and standards of their prospective or existing school caterers?

With a number of food scandals having taken place in China in recent years, Craggs's philosophy on school catering, and more, is an inspiration and requires that we as parents deeply reflect on how food can and should be more than just sustenance, but a way to "upgrade the lives of people." Craggs believes wholeheartedly in what he does and sets exceptionally high standards. "I would say it's all of our responsibility as caterers to work tirelessly to raise the current standards," he said. "Food safety is paramount within our philosophy, in addition to hygiene, taste, fresh scratch-made meals, excitement, innovation, safe ingredient sourcing, and more.



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Food safety should be standard and without compromise."

Cragg detailed the rigorous process he employs, concerning how ingredients are sourced. "We have a stringent supplier approval process and as CEO, I personally meet with every supplier and travel back up their supply chain to the farms to inspect the land, the government-approved licenses, testing certificates, and ingredients, with the support of our supply chain and quality teams. It's this level of detail that consumers deserve."

Nom Nom currently only operates in the south of China, but Craggs hopes to bring their services to Beijing schools soon.

"We have been fortunate to have been approached by international schools, parents, offices, and factories in Beijing," he said. "However we have a holistic catering approach that involves cooking onsite, central kitchens, and food tech, as all three pieces combined justifies the investment and supports the cost structure of our other secret sauce departments. We will migrate once our model is complete in the South during the course of 2019."

Craggs has been inspired by Britain's celebrity chef turned school dinners activist Jamie Oliver, and continues to be a huge fan. Oliver's Feed Me Better campaign in 2005 garnered much praise and a mass following for his call to revamp and improve school dinners throughout the UK. He even managed to convince the British government to create the Children's Food Trust. "I'm a huge fan of Jamie Oliver, his books, his shows, his war on

sugar (even though I'm now paying more for a Kit Kat!)" Craggs said. "And of course his food revolution within UK schools. This in part, inspired me to work to upgrade food services within schools in China."

Craggs has now himself become a source of inspiration, and "disrupting" an industry, he says, should be the goal for all modern-day entrepreneurs. "One piece of advice I would give to any aspiring entrepreneur is to be brave and fearless, as sometimes the world needs a determined and fresh set of eyes," he told us.

So how can school caterers do better?

"Training and retraining with regards to food safety and hygiene, as well as regular random inspections from management, are key for success," said Craggs. "China has experienced a number of food safety scandals, and most are greed driven, so we wish to support the Chinese government's food safety policies, and together drive a change for good."

Remember: if you don't ask, you don't get! Parents should be encouraged to understand the details of the catering process at their child's school, from the supply chain to food safety, and to give their feedback.

As parents, we can very much be a part of the food revolution taking place in schools in China, just by asking the right questions. Get involved, and see if you can petition your kids' school to involve you and your children in some of the decision making concerning their school dinners. Ask about their catering process, supply, hygiene, and nutrition. Be proactive in ensuring that nothing but the

very best is being served in your kids' school canteens. Craggs reminded us that we are lucky to be in China, where the diet is healthier than the one we might be used to in the West. "However, we do secretly blend vegetables into some of our sauces," he said. "Just don't tell the kids!"

## How Should Parents Approach Schools?

- Suggest school dinner taster sessions during open days
- Ask for details about which external companies are being used to supply your kids' school dinners
- Offer up ideas to improve student health and education, such as student-led and cultivated vegetable gardens on school premises, (or initiate your own)
- Find out what regional/local ingredients are being used in your kids' school meals, or ask what regional items can be added
- Offer healthy family favorite recipes to your kids' school kitchen, and ask to speak to the school's head chef about the nutritional value of their meals
- Ask to see a school's kitchen and cooking facilities

# DOING IT DIFFERENTLY

## Homeschooling in Beijing

By Pamela Djima



**M**ost people regard their child's education as a major priority. Parents often make huge sacrifices and willingly expend time, effort, and finances to ensure that their children receive the best possible education. And not without good reason, as generally speaking, the type of education one receives often determines how well they do in life. But what exactly constitutes a good education? Is homeschooling a viable option for expat parents in Beijing? Can this mode of education effectively prepare children to succeed in today's society?

We asked three expats with homeschooling experience to help shed light on these fundamental questions.



### THERESE BARON

Therese and her husband have lived in China since 2006. The couple have four children aged 6, 7, 9, and 11, all of whom were born in Beijing. Therese is currently in her fifth year of homeschooling.

#### What do you like about homeschooling?

I like being able to work with my kids all day long. Each child learns at a different pace. They can be really fast in one subject and really slow in another. I can allow them to do that because we make our own schedule and it's tailored to each child.

#### What's challenging about homeschooling?

The higher the grade, the more I have to figure out how to make sure they are getting everything. With higher level math, if you can't do it you have to find someone who can teach them or an online program.

#### Are there any challenges with homeschooling that are unique to living in Beijing?

The lack of libraries and all the activities that are usually connected to a library is a challenge here. We overcome this challenge by downloading books for the kids to read on their Kindle. We also make use of reading app subscriptions, and the kids love to listen to audiobooks.

#### How do you develop your children's social skills?

We want people to enjoy being around our children. So we are always encouraging them to think about how they can be friendly: things like, if they see a kid being left out of something, try to include them. We have four children so they have plenty of practice with each other. If I was parenting an only child, I would have to do more to help that along.

#### What advice would you give to someone who's thinking about homeschooling?

It has to be understood that homeschooling is a commitment. It's true that it is flexible. I like that we can do double school one day, and take a family day the next. But if you're too flexible and you can't stay on a schedule, it's easy to derail your child's education. Also, it's really helpful to have a friend who's homeschooling as well: someone who can encourage you on the days you feel like giving up, somebody you can bounce ideas off. It doesn't always have to be someone here, but it is good to have someone to talk to.

## ANDREA VIERA

Andrea and her family moved to Beijing in 2013. Andrea has four children aged 6, 17, 19, and 21. Her two oldest children are currently in college in the US. Andrea began homeschooling in America, and her homeschooling experience spans 17 years.

### What do you like about homeschooling?

In the early years, homeschooling really suited our lifestyle. We were a military family and so we moved every three or four years. Homeschooling was the thing that made our life predictable. No matter what was going on, we just did homeschool. It was something that pulled our life together.

### What aspects of homeschooling do you find challenging?

When I started homeschooling, many of the resources that are available now were just developing. So there was often that question of, "Am I doing the right thing?" Most people who send their kids to school don't really think about this. They just send their kids to school because that's what people do. They don't overanalyze everything.

### What advice would you give to someone who is thinking about homeschooling?

I think it's important for people intending to homeschool to develop some sort of philosophy and revisit it every few years. Ideally, this exercise will provide an answer to two questions: "Why are we doing this? and "What is the goal?"

### What is the goal of homeschooling for your family?

In the US and here, there is a huge focus on college. That was never our main intention. We always expected our children to go to college and talked to them about college so that it seemed normal, but my goal was so much bigger. I wanted each of my children to develop into a whole person who succeeds in life, not just gets into college. I want to see who my children become after college. For me, going to college is just one part of life, not all of life.

It was also really important to us that we taught our children how to learn independently so they didn't always have to be taught things. In traditional forms of education, you are taught things by a teacher, you memorize those things and then you take a test. Well, you should be learning your entire life. After college there isn't a test on everything you learn. We wanted to foster a lifelong desire to continue learning.

### What curriculum do you use and how did you choose it?

We started off with a curriculum called Sonlight because it came all together and ready to go. As the years passed our curriculum became an amalgamation of pieces from several different curriculums. We also used online classes and online community college. In terms of choosing a homeschool curriculum, I would really recommend just picking something and starting. After a year of doing it, it will be easy to see what you love and what is the thing that everyone hates everyday. Then you can go and talk to friends and ask, "What do you use for this?" It's helpful to talk to different people about the way they homeschool because there are so many ways to do it.

### How do you ensure your children receive adequate socialization?

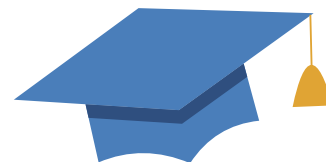
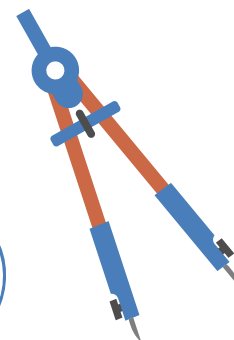
It depends on your definition of socialization. This whole concept of socialization often refers to interacting with people who were born the same year as you. My children can interact with people of other ages easily and they've always been like that. I don't think we did anything magical; we just exposed them to a whole range of other people. In life you have to interact with people who are all different ages. My kids were always doing music and sport. They kind of had both worlds. If you just stay home all day, every day, then your child is going to be that stereotypical socially awkward kid, but it's not because they were homeschooled; it's because they weren't socialized properly.

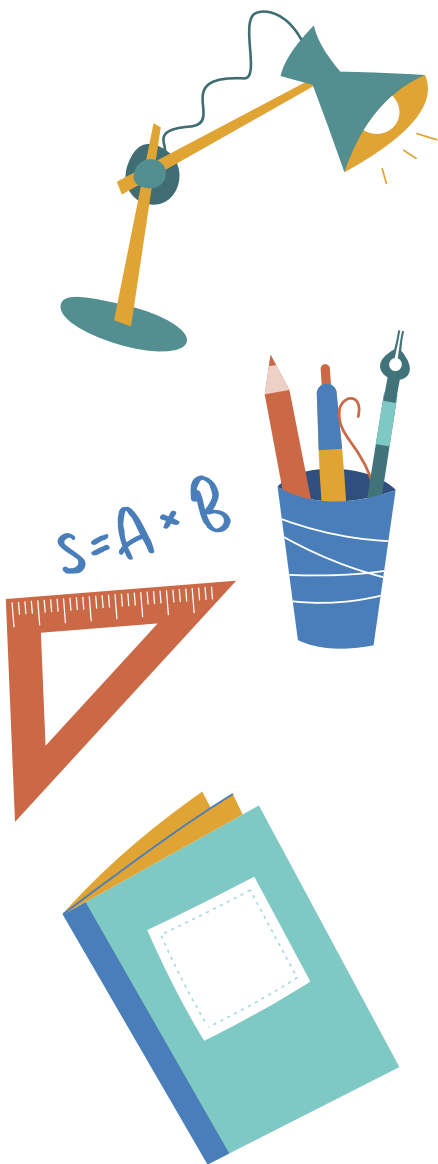
### Does a person need teaching experience in order to homeschool well?

In reality, you are your child's first teacher. You taught your child to walk and to talk. If you can read, you can teach your child to do it. You grow with them and your teaching style develops with them. Teaching your child at home is very different from standing at the front of a classroom having to deal with classroom management. When I started homeschooling, I had to change the images that I had of "school" and develop new ones.

Andrea is happy to answer questions about homeschooling. Email her at [beijinghomeschool@outlook.com](mailto:beijinghomeschool@outlook.com)

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## LISA WALTZ

Lisa and her family took up residence in China way back in 1988. Lisa has been homeschooling in Beijing for 22 years. She has three adult children and is currently homeschooling her last child, a 17-year-old high schooler.

### When the time came to apply for college and then actually go to college, were your children at a disadvantage due to having been homeschooled?

For the colleges we applied for, it wasn't at all a problem that they had been homeschooled. Once they got to college, academically they were fine. In some cases, they were actually at an advantage. They struggled in other areas, such as being tied to somebody else's timetable, but academics weren't a problem.

I would say that parents need to help their kids figure out what they want early on. If they want to go to Harvard or Yale they need to be thinking about that as early as Grade 9, so that they can design their homeschool program accordingly.

### How do you ensure your children receive adequate socialization?

My children didn't lack in this area! They had too much socialization. They went to a homeschool co-op, they attended youth groups, and they played community soccer. They also had a lot of friends in our apartment complex. This city has a good transport system so it is easy for youngsters to get around by themselves.

### What is a homeschool co-op?

Co-ops provide children with an opportu-

nity to participate in activities such as music groups, science experiments, and art workshops. Some of them also organize an annual graduation ceremony.

### What tips do you have on choosing a homeschool curriculum?

I would recommend starting with something that is all there in one package. Begin to understand how your child learns and then you can slowly veer away from the package if you need to. Over time you'll get comfortable with branching out. And remember, it's not really about stuffing them full of information. We are trying to give our children the tools that they need for learning because today's information will be outdated tomorrow.

### What advice would you give to parents thinking about homeschooling?

It's important to be connected with other people who are doing the same thing as you.

### And how does one go about getting connected with these people?

You could try posting on internet chat groups, or any one of the many family-orientated WeChat groups. You could also try approaching the international schools that homeschooling families might be connected to, such as the schools that homeschooled students might go to take their SATs.

Homeschooling families can be found across the city, with children ranging from preschool to high school age. For the parent wishing to embark upon the adventure of homeschooling, or for the seasoned homeschooler wishing to build up a network of Beijing-based comrades, it is well worth taking the time to track down these homeschooling parents. You can do this by asking around — both in person and online via the plethora of social network platforms that we have at our disposal. You'll find that homeschooling parents are often extremely generous with their time and very willing to share their expertise with those just starting out.

## RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

### Books

*The Three R's* by Ruth Beechick

*The Core Knowledge* series by E.D. Hirsch Jr.

*Senior High: A Home Designed Form+U+La* by Barbara Edtl Shelton

### Websites

[www.readaloudrevival.com](http://www.readaloudrevival.com)

[www.theoldschoolhouse.com](http://www.theoldschoolhouse.com)

# SCHOLARSHIPS ON OFFER

by Huang Chenkuang



Scholarships, offered at several Beijing international schools, are one way to ease the pain of school fees. However, for the students lucky enough to win them, they can also provide motivation to keep learning and improving.

The most valuable is a full scholarship usually awarded by the school's admissions team. We spoke to two students who were successful in applying for full scholarships: Year 10 student Vladimir Dementyev and Year 9 student Francesco Babs, both studying at Yew Chung International School of Beijing (YCIS Beijing).



## VLADIMIR DEMENTYEV

**"The school not only considers marks, but more your personal efforts for improvement."**

Dementyev was born and grew up in Beijing, and joined YCIS Beijing two years ago on a full scholarship. Introducing himself as someone very into mathematics, Dementyev later surprised us with his skill at dancing. He has taken part in many competitions in and out of China, and has won over 50 awards.

Dementyev told us why he and his parents agreed on YCIS Beijing in the first place.

"When I visited YCIS at one of their open house days, I felt very at home here—welcoming environment and friendly staff. And what I really like about YCIS is the diversified courses I can choose from."

Having been informed about the scholarship program, Dementyev's mom emailed the school admission office for more details. The school replied with the application form, which, Dementyev told us, is nine pages long.

"I was travelling in Yunnan with my friends, and the schedule was tight: one week. So I set that as my priority and imposed myself to

finish the application during the night when everyone else was hanging out. And I was away from my parents, so there was not really any extra help at hand."

"The questions are not about general knowledge, but about your life; for example, 'Who is the person that has had the most influence on your life?' I find questions like this quite difficult to deal with. The very first thing to pop up in my mind was my grandfather, and I probably could have written an essay of over 10,000 words, but the application form only allows space for around 200 words. Stuff like this poses unique challenges to me. Fortunately, I succeeded getting into the second round interview."

"The interview was online since I was out of Beijing, and was with department heads and a group of teachers. It went pretty smoothly. They asked me questions like why I chose YCIS, and my hobbies, stuff like that."

"I had a final face-to-face interview with

the principal, which took about 40 minutes, and also I was asked to take an English test."

Dementyev was offered a full scholarship, but that's not the end of the story. The scholarship lasts for one year, after which the school admission team reviews the recipient's achievements and performance at the beginning of the new school year, to decide whether to renew it or not. This acts as a stimulus to Dementyev to keep improving.

Asked to give suggestions for potential YCIS Beijing scholarship applicants, Dementyev says: "The school not only considers marks, but more your personal efforts for improvement. My English level was quite laid back which has me worried. But my teachers really helped with that. Also, show the school the advantages you have compared to other candidates. If you have a special talent, let them know, because that definitely acts as the icing on the cake."



## Francesco Babs “Be confident, and keep improving”

Babs is from a third culture family—his mom is Italian and dad Nigerian. He moved to Beijing with his family ten years ago and joined YCIS Beijing last year, also on a full scholarship.

When talking about his experience, Babs is frank about the advantage that his third-culture family background gave him.

“I decided to give it a shot when I learned about YCIS’s scholarship offering, but I wasn’t very optimistic about it to be honest, because I was worried that my academic record wouldn’t stand out.”

“Yet to my surprise, the application weighs quite a lot on more personal stuff like my background growing up, my hobbies, and so on. This was good because it made me realize how much positive influence I’ve received from my parents. The way my parents exerted themselves to get where they are today, and their support and encouragement to me to freely develop my personal interests like soccer and chess, are what affects me most.”

The application form is only the first step on the long road to the scholarship. The subsequent interviews with the principals and administrators were more challenging to Babs.

“All the interview questions were very open and required real thought. I paused several times trying to figure out how to adequately express myself. I think the interview really helped me in some ways, to be prepared for other interviews in the future.”

Babs sees being on a full scholarship as a double-edged sword. From his personal perspective, YCIS Beijing has a quite different system from his former school. “It encourages us to build critical thinking and self-regulation, and they appreciate a global perspective.”

“The scholarship is certainly encouraging, yet adds extra pressure at the same time. It reminds you all the time that you need to work harder than your counterparts to feel deserving of it, and to guarantee yourself having it the following school year. It’s a lot of pressure, but affected my learning in a very positive way. I think this is probably also one of the main reasons why our school provides scholarships—to encourage students to keep motivated and improving.”

As for advice to applicants, Babs says the main thing is to be yourself.

“Be confident, don’t be too modest, don’t be shy and say all the things that you do. Also, be honest. Because they’re going to check and ask you in the next round. The most important part they care about is our growth, what the teacher thinks you’re going to do in the future.”

## SCHOOLS THAT OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS

### Beijing City International School (BCIS)

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### Beijing World Youth Academy (BWYA)

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Contact [info@ibwya.net](mailto:info@ibwya.net) for enquiries.

### Canadian International School of Beijing (CISB)

- Grades 6-12

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Visit [www.cisbeijing.com](http://www.cisbeijing.com) for more details.

### Daystar Academy

Daystar provides scholarships for new students from bilingual family backgrounds (with English as one of their mother tongues). Successful applicants will get a 20 to 100 percent discount on tuition fees. Family income certificate, application form and other materials needed.

Contact Daystar on [admissions-ds@daystarchina.cn](mailto:admissions-ds@daystarchina.cn) (Beigao Campus) and [admissions-dt@daystarchina.cn](mailto:admissions-dt@daystarchina.cn) (Sanlitun Campus) for more information and application forms.

### Harrow Beijing

- Joseph Banks Scholarship

The scholarship is open to external candidates and will be awarded on merit following a scholarship test and interview.

Contact the admissions team at [admissions@harrowbeijing.cn](mailto:admissions@harrowbeijing.cn) for more information or to apply.

### Yew Chung International School of Beijing (YCIS Beijing)

- Overall Achievement Scholarships; Music Scholarships; Merit Scholarships

Contact YCIS Beijing at [enquiry@bj.ycef.com](mailto:enquiry@bj.ycef.com) to request scholarship application forms, or call 8585 1836 for more information.

\*Note: For more schools that offer scholarships, please check the school profiles pages.



# EDUCATION FOR ALL

We talk to special education professionals in Beijing, to find out more about learning support networks and China's attitudes to disability and inclusion

By Andy Penafuerte III

**T**he discussion about disabilities and special needs in China has come a long way in recent years, despite the reticence brought about by traditional attitudes on both the familial and the societal level. In a move which could be seen as a step forward for people with disabilities (PWDs), the State Council of China designated August 25 as "Disability Awareness and Prevention Day," in response to a request from the China Disabled Persons Foundation (CDPF).

As many as 85 million Chinese people live with some form of disability, at least according to a national census carried out in 2010. The same data revealed that almost half of Chinese PWDs (46 percent) at that time were illiterate due to poverty, social discrimination, or the lack of barrier-free facilities and teaching staff prepared for students with special needs.

The government's National Action Plan on Disability Prevention (2016-2020) mentions prevention and control of disability in two different contexts: the first, and perhaps the polarizing one, focuses on birth defects, as about 900,000 babies are born with congenital disorders every year. The other focus is the improvement of environments to prevent or reduce the risk of injuries or diseases (infectious, endemic, chronic, and mental) which may cause temporary or permanent debilitation.

On the sidelines of that national plan came China's move to revise the regulations on the education of PWDs, which promotes integrated education and opens up mainstream schools to students with special needs, as well as mandating local governments to allocate funding and resources for the education of PWDs.

The New York-based non-government group Human Rights Watch, however, says that while those new regulations have been influenced by international standards, they still fall short in critical areas as "China still imposes discriminatory obstacles for children with disabilities to be placed in mainstream schools."

Grace Zhang, the managing editor of our sister brand *Jingkids*, experienced that in 2015 when her then three-and-a-half-year-old son was "misdiagnosed" as having Asperger syndrome.

"My son dropped out of kindergarten because of violence. The principal suggested that we visit a doctor to see if my child is autistic. Later, a specialist did not diagnose autism but said my son had behavioral problems, so he referred us to an institution for behavioral training. He made some progress after a year of training so we decided to let him return to an integrated school environment," she told us.

For Zhang, finding a suitable school proves to be an obstacle for many Chinese families with children with special needs because "if you tell the admissions people directly that the child has a problem, chances are that they will not accept the child for various reasons." She, however, managed to enroll him into a kindergarten with fewer than ten students. But for elementary school, she says it's another "obstacle."

"Although the national policy stipulates that schools cannot refuse to enroll their children, the problem is that there are a large number of public primary schools in the country and enforcing the policy is just difficult. Teachers will also hate such children with behavioral problems, and there are too few special education facilities available."

In the context of international education in Beijing, many institutions offer learning support services and at the same time, there's an active community of special educational needs (SEN) educators and professionals in the city. Such a group is the Special Education Network in Beijing (SENIB) founded in 2009. We caught up with one of SENIB founders, Dr. Reed Rhodes, who is also an Early Childhood Center Student Support Teacher at Beijing City International School (BCIS).

## What can you tell about progress in the discussion about special needs/education in Beijing?

**Dr. Rhodes:** The size of SEN programs within schools has grown and there has been a gradual merging of learning support (LS) and English language learning. Tanya Farrol and I founded SENIB in 2009 for SEN professionals to share resources and support each other within the context of Beijing. The current SENIB membership is currently over 200 professionals and people from the community, and has almost doubled in the past five years. SENIB is the first local chapter of Special Education Network in Asia (SENIA), an association of educators, professionals, and parents whose mission is to advocate for and provide resources/supports for differently abled individuals.

Here are some of the trends that we have seen in Beijing since the establishment of SENIB:

- There's an increase in the number of external expertise providers and there has been a move to offer a variety of services at multidisciplinary centers specifically catering to SEN needs.
- The number of shadow teachers in schools has also increased.
- There's an improvement in the provision of professional development about SEN provided by international schools and delivered to local Chinese schools.

## What should parents whose children may have special needs or been diagnosed with a learning disability expect in terms of special education in Beijing?

**Dr. Rhodes:** Although there is currently a dearth of educational placements for children with severe SEN (there is only one classroom for these children in Beijing), we at SENIB see a trend that most schools now employ LS teachers and counselors while a few have specialists like speech and language therapists and psychologists. Parents can contact schools directly to see what programs are offered.

## Special needs is still a tricky topic, especially at the family level. What advice can you give to parents/families that feel burdened or rejected because of a special needs member?

**Dr. Rhodes:** At the very minimum, families can access help from an external expertise provider, especially at multidisciplinary centers that offer an array of specialists. But if they are at a loss, we have our WeChat and Facebook groups where families can meet like-minded people and specialists who can provide support. We also invite parents to our seasonal activities like a Resource Fair and general meetings of special needs educators held at different international schools in the city.



Tanya Farrol (second from left) and Reed Rhodes (third from left) founded SENIB in 2009 for SENIB professionals in Beijing.

## How do special needs educators in Beijing integrate 21st Century education into their SN programs?

**Dr. Rhodes:** The use of social media connects SEN providers who share information and resources and actually, many SENIB members in Beijing work at schools who are members of Next Frontier Inclusion (NFI), an organization that represents cutting-edge information for international educators in the field of SEN. NFI promotes and protects the interests of children who learn in different ways or at different rates by supporting schools in all aspects of their journey towards inclusion. During the school year, professionals from NFI regularly present workshops all over the world, including the yearly SENIA (Special Education Network in Asia) conference, as well as conducting special programs during the summer.



SENIB conducts regular gatherings of special education professionals and interested parents, where they discuss topics including co-teaching, strength-based learning, and play therapy.

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## Agencies, Educational Institutions, and Groups Related to Special Education

**China Disabled Persons' Federation (CDPF)** is a national umbrella organization for persons with diverse disabilities. The CDPF is assisting related departments to formulate and implement education and job training plans for disabled people, including research and promotion of the Braille alphabet and sign language. No. 186 Xizhimen South St., Xicheng District. (6658 0228)

**The Special Education Network in Beijing (SENIB)** is the first established local chapter of SENIA (Special Education Network in Asia), founded by Dr. Reed Rhodes and Tanya Farrol in 2009 for SEN professionals to share resources and support each other within the context of Beijing. SENIB currently has over 200 members representing 24 international schools, external expertise providers, interested parents, and other people from the international community. (reed.rhodes@bcis.cn)

**The Learning Frontier** provides support to enhance children's development in the areas of speech, language and communication, motor, learning, behaviors, and mental health. Their multidisciplinary team of internationally trained specialists is dedicated to ensuring your child's success in school and community. 4th Floor, No.11 Dongbai Street, Chaoyang District. 北京市朝阳区东柏街11号四层 (6775 3268, 6775 3273, info@learningfrontier.cn)

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**Beijing Stars and Rain Education Institute for Autism** aims to help organizations face the challenges of economic pressure (conflicts between charging standards and costing) and technical pressure (how to provide quality services based on professional technology; how to train teachers; how to gain parental trust), and promote the development of the autism services industry. Beijing Xingxingyu Education Research Institute. 4172 Shuangqiao Donglu, Chaoyang District. 北京市朝阳区双桥东路18号院4172号 (8537 3485, xxy@autismchina.org)



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# AnRic Little Montessori Room

## 安杨蒙特梭利小屋

**A**nRic Little Montessori Room (AnRic LMR) is a full member of the American Montessori Society (AMS), which caters to local and foreign children from the ages of 15 months to 6 years in three multicultural classrooms. The foundation of AnRic LMR was built on the Montessori method, but other educational philosophies such as Reggio Emilia are also incorporated. The school mission is to help children develop into self-directed learners, critical thinkers, creative problem solvers, empathetic citizens, and resilient individuals. AnRic LMR offers a fully bilingual curriculum and an environment where English and Chinese are consistently used all day. Children learn in an environment with a sense of community, with special attention paid to common issues such as separation anxiety.

**Founding date:** April 2012

**School type:** International school

**School hours:** Early Childhood (EC) full day: 8.30am-3.30pm; EC half-day: 8.30am-12.30pm; Toddler Class (TC) full day: 8.30am-3.15pm; TC half-day: 8.30am-noon

**Ministry of Education accredited?** In process

**Curriculum description:** Montessori

**Age range:** 4 months-6 years

**Grades offered:** Parents Lab (4-17m, once per week); Toddler Class (15m-2y 5m); Early Childhood Class (2y 6m-6)

**Number of students:** 70

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** China, US, UK, Japan, Australia, Hong Kong, Germany

**Average class size:** 10-12 (TC), 20-22 (EC)

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:3 (TC), 1:7 (EC)

**Total area (in sqm):** 600

**Tuition and other fees (2019-2020):**

- Early Childhood Class: RMB 18,800 per month (full-day); RMB 16,800 per month (half-day)

- Toddler Class: RMB 18,800 per month (5 full days); RMB 16,800 per month (5 half-days)

- Application fee: RMB 2,200

- Refundable deposit: RMB 5,000 (returned when child leaves school)

- Insurance fee: RMB 398 per year (0-5 years); RMB 198 per year (over 5)

- Lunch fee : Chinese and Western food, RMB 900 per month

**Primary teaching language(s):** English and Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** N/A

**After-school activities:** Ballet, yoga, karate, art, Spanish

**Scholarships offered?** Yes

**Facilities:** Indoor gym, children's kitchen, library

**Lunch:** Chinese and Western food.

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** No

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**Founding date:** October 2018

**School type:** International bilingual preschool

**School hours:** 8.30am-4.30pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Combining the essence of both domestic and foreign education theories and philosophies.

**Age range:** 2-6

**Grades offered:** Toddler, nursery, pre-k, kindergarten

**Number of students:** 180-200

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** International and Chinese

**Class size (average):** 15

**Teacher-student ratio:** 4:15

**Tuition and other fees (2019-2020)**

**academic year(s):**

- Toddler: RMB 215,600
- Nursery: RMB 217,800
- Pre-K: RMB 219,800
- Kindergarten: RMB 229,800

**Primary teaching language(s):** English, Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** No

**After-school activities:** There is a wide range of activities available including piano, violin, calligraphy, English, and PE.

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered?** No

**Total area (in sqm):** 3,000

**Facilities:** Fresh air system, floor heating system, US-imported ash-wood children's furniture, Tiger Turf 3D artificial grass, kid-friendly interior paint, world leading children's

play facilities, high quality and multi-functional educational resources

**Lunch:** All lunches are completely organic

**Lunch fee:** RMB 1,500 per month

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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## Beijing Brilliant International School

### 北京禾光幼儿园

**B**eijing Brilliant International School (BIS) adheres to the educational philosophy of "Rooted in China, Connecting to the World". They focus on combining the international curriculum based on the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IB PYP) framework, Science, Technology, English, Arts, and Math (STEAM), and academic English training, with a Chinese culture curriculum, to help their kids develop an international view required to be competitive in the future. Also, as an international school group, their Chinese and foreign teachers are trained to provide students with high-quality art and fitness lessons in well-designed facilities and open, colorful classrooms.

**Founding date:** September 1, 2014

**School type:** Private international school

**School hours:** 8am-4.30pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** IB PYP, STEAM, ESL English Language Teaching, Chinese Culture Curriculum

**Age range:** 0-5

**Grades offered:** Kindergarten (K1-K4)

**Number of students:** 200

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** China, UK, US, France, Canada, Germany, Korea, Australia

**Class size (average):** 20

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:5

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019)**

**academic year:**

- Tuition: RMB 145,000-175,000 per year

- Bedding: RMB 4,000

**Primary teaching language(s):** English

**Other elective language(s):** Chinese

**After-school activities:** Golf, arts, dance, piano, swimming

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered?** No

**Total area (in sqm):** 5,800



**Facilities:** Library, Makerspace, multi-purpose room, indoor and outdoor playground, swimming pool

**Lunch:** Yes


**Lunch fee:** RMB 800-1,000 per month

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Full-time

 BIS\_Preschool  
 [bispreschool.com/](http://bispreschool.com/)



 **Shunyi:** Building 2, No. 8 An Fu Street, Houshayu Town, Shunyi District.

**Chaoyang:** Second Floor, Building 4, No. 6 Chaoyang Park South Road, Chaoyang District.

 **Shunyi:** 8048 2150

**Chaoyang:** 6530 9369  
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# The Children's House International Montessori Kindergarten

## 北京巧智博仁国际幼儿园

**A**s one of the first Montessori schools to have been established in Beijing, The Children's House International Montessori Kindergarten has a deep understanding and experience of how to bring a first-class Montessori education to parents across all areas of the city. Since opening their doors 26 years ago, they have strived to provide children with the education, freedom, and guidance they need to establish strong academic foundations for successful learning, and to equip students with qualities that will help them grow into joyful, righteous, civil, knowledgeable, and caring citizens of the world.

**Founding date:** 1992

**School type:** International and bilingual kindergarten

**School hours:** 8.30am-3.20pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Montessori, bilingual

**Age range:** 18 months-6 years

**Grades offered:** Kindergarten

**Number of students:** 450

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?**

Varies by location

**Nationality of students:** US, UK, Japan, France, Saudi Arabia

**Class size (average):** 20

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:5

**Tuition and other fees:**

- Pre-primary (18 months-3 years): RMB 93,000-144,000

- Primary (3-6 years): RMB 126,000-156,000

- Application fee: RMB 2,500

**Primary teaching language(s):** English

**Other elective language(s):** English, Chinese

**After-school activities:** Chinese characters, crafts, storybook circle, ballet, science lab, creative arts (4-6 years), Spanish, cooking, hip hop, kung fu, speech and drama, global music, Lego club, and more

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered?** N/A

**Total area (in sqm):** Varies by location


**Facilities:** Indoor and outdoor playgrounds, mini golf course, swimming pool, ballet room, piano room, and library

**Lunch:** High-quality meat, poultry, or fish, fruit, vegetables, rice, pasta, other cereals and carbohydrates. No more than two portions of deep-fried, battered, or breaded food a week

**Lunch fee:** RMB 6,000-8,000 per semester

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Varies by location

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[www.montessoribeijing.com](http://www.montessoribeijing.com)

 • **Central Park International Campus** 国贸园区: 103, Tower 8, Central Park, No. 6 Chaoyangmenwai Avenue, Chaoyang District. 朝阳区朝阳门外大街6号院8号楼首层底商 103 (6505 6147, 6505 4576, info@montessoribeijing.com)

• **Beijing Lufthansa Center Campus** 燕莎中心国际园: Unit S114, Kempinski office, 50 Liangmaqiao Road, Chaoyang District. 朝阳区亮马桥路50号凯宾斯基写字楼S114室. (6465 1305, 6410 4482, info@montessoribeijing.com)

• **Yayunxinxin Campus** 亚运新新双

语园: East gate of Yayunxinxin Jiayuan Community, 1 Xindian Road, Chaoyang District. 朝阳区辛店路一号亚运新新家园东门北侧 (顾家庄桥南, 北湖渠路西). (South of Gujiashuang Bridge, West of Beihu Qulu) (5202 0293, 5202 0193, qiaozhiboren@126.com)

• **Upper East Side Campus** 阳光上东儿童家: 118 Andersen Garden, Upper East Side, Chaoyang District. 朝阳区东四环北路6号阳光上东安徒生花园118号 (010 5098 4323, info-lido@montessoribeijing.com)

• **Oceanwide International Campus** 泛海国际园: 1 Nanshiliju Road, Dongfeng Xiang, Chaoyang District (in Haofeng Sports Park). 朝阳区姚家园北路豪丰体育公园内. (8556 4611, 8556 4122, info-oceanwide@montessoribeijing.com)

• **Easy Home Lize Bilingual Campus** 居然丽泽双语园: 27 West Third Ring Road, Fengtai District. 西三环南路甲27号. (6370 8166, info-juran@montessoribeijing.com)

• **Sun Palace International Campus** 太阳公元儿童之家: No. 202, Level 2, Building 10, Taiyanggong First Street, Chaoyang District. 北京市朝阳区太阳宫一街1号院10号楼底商2层202室. (8488 8840, 8488 8850, info-sunpalace@montessoribeijing.com)





## Children's House of Virtues International Bilingual Kindergarten 馨德家国际双语幼儿园

**C**hildren's House of Virtues International Bilingual Kindergarten offers early childhood international education for children aged 1-6 years. They provide children with safe care as they develop their potential and talents to meet their future needs through a comprehensive education system.

**Founding date:** 2010

**School type:** International bilingual kindergarten

**School hours:** 8am – 4.30 pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** CHV offers three core courses: IB, English and virtues with exploration and learning, to realize aesthetic education, accomplishment education, living ability, and promotion competitiveness.

**Age range:** 1-6 years old

**Grades offered:** Daycare, Senior Group, Middle Group, Junior Group

**Number of students:** 160

**Foreign passport holders accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** Open to all nationalities

**Average class size:** 20

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:5

**Tuition fees (2018-2019 Academic Year):**

- International class RMB 168,000 per year

- Bilingual class RMB 138,000 per year

**Primary teaching language:** English

**Other languages taught as electives:** Chinese

**After-school activities:** Art, dance, physical fitness, technology

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered?** Social practice project

**Total area (in sqm):** 2,000

**School facilities:** The kindergarten is equipped with wind turbine, which monitors the air quality and oxygen content of the kindergarten 24-hours a day. They create a spacious, safe, and artistic learning environment for children. Here, each environment is designed and arranged so that children can fully explore and learn independently.

**Lunch fee:** RMB 750-1,200 per month

**Boarding Program:** No

**School nurse or doctor available?**

Kindergarten is equipped with certified medical professionals.

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www.chvchina.com



**Guanhu Campus:**

Floor1, #A6, no. 88,  
Dongsihuanbei Road,  
Chaoyang District, Beijing (near to  
Yaojiayuan Road) 北京朝阳区东四环北路88号院甲6号楼二层 (近观湖国际居住区东门)

**Chaoyang Park Campus:** South gate of Chaoyang Park, 北京市朝阳区朝阳公园南路1号朝阳公园内馨德家国际托幼中心 (从公园南门进入后沿湖边直行即到)

8557 5687, 186 1842 8050 (Guanhu Campus), 6582 0351, 136 8309 7302 (Chaoyang Park Campus),  
chv\_kids@163.com

# Eduwings Kindergarten

## 金翼德懿双语幼儿园

**E**duwings Kindergarten is a trilingual international kindergarten for German-speaking, English-speaking, and Chinese-speaking kids aged 2-6. Following a German-style kindergarten curriculum, students are put in small groups with native speaking teachers. Alumni have gone on to attend various international schools such as the German Embassy School; the British School of Beijing, Shunyi; the International School of Beijing; as well as Chinese primary schools. Eduwings Kindergarten has two campuses: one in Shunyi and one in Haidian District. The Shunyi campus has a German department, which focuses on German, English, and Chinese languages and an English department, which focuses on teaching English and Chinese languages. In the Haidian campus, teaching languages are English and Chinese; German is offered as a third language.

**Founding date:** 2010

**School type:** International school with German-style curriculum

**School hours:** 8am-4.30pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Curriculum designed by Eduwings, based on the Berlin Education Plan and customized to the needs of multi-cultural students

**Age range:** 2-6

**Grades offered:** Toddlers, pre-K, kindergarten/preschool

**Number of students:** 120 (Shunyi campus), 45 (Haidian campus)

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** China, US, Germany, South Korea, and UK

**Class size (average):** 15-20

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:3-1:4 (below 2.5 years old); 1:5 (2.5-3.5 year old groups); 1:6 (3.5-6 years old)

**Tuition and other fees:**

- RMB 125,000 (full day), RMB 90,000 (half day)

- Bus fee: RMB 8,000-10,000

**Primary teaching language(s):** German, English, Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** N/A

**After-school activities:** Art, physical education, rollerblading, kung fu, cooking, Library Time, swimming (in summer season), music. Special in Haidian campus: German (as a third language)

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered? ESL (Haidian Campus):** English reading program

**Total area (in sqm):** 4,000 (Shunyi); 909 (Haidian)

**Facilities:** Climbing room, art and science room, library, P.E. room, music and dance room, sleeping room, outside playgrounds with monkey bars, swings and sandbox, school garden, big grassland playground (Haidian)

**Lunch:** Daily freshly cooked Chinese and

western food homemade by our chef; we use vegetables and fruit from a certified organic farm

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

金翼德懿幼儿园

www.eduwingskids.com



**Shunyi campus:**

Bldg. 52 Merlin

Champagne Town, Liyuan Street,

Tianzhu, Shunyi District. 顺义区天竺镇丽苑街6号美林香槟小镇会所

**Haidian campus:** Tianyi Pavilion, 886 Sijiqing

Dongran Village, Haidian District. 海淀区四季青东冉村 886号天一书苑内

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## Etonkids International Kindergartens

### 北京伊顿国际幼儿园

**A**s part of Etonkids Educational Group, Etonkids International Kindergartens are committed to cultivating students into independent, self-motivated, and creative learners. All Etonkids International Bilingual campuses have Nursery classes (18 months-3 years; mixed-age) and Casa classes (3-6 years; mixed-age) that provide language, mathematics, practical life, sensorial, and cultural learning experiences.

**Founding date:** 2003

**School type:** International kindergarten

**School hours:** 8.30am-4.30pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Montessori

**Age range:** 18 months-6 years

**Grades offered:** Kindergarten

**Number of students (per campus):** 180

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** China, US, Australia, Canada, Germany

**Class size (average):** 20-25

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:5

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- Bilingual class: RMB 128,304-130,152 per school year

- International class: RMB 158,800-168,000 per school year

**Primary teaching language(s):** English and Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** N/A

**After-school activities:** Science lab, logic thinking, Elitekids English, Professional art and dance, drama class, Mega Blocks

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered?** No

**Total area (in sqm):** 1,000


**Facilities:** Playground, ballet room, multi-media classroom, library

**Lunch fee:** RMB 624-1,080 per month (price may vary among campuses. Please call campus for details)

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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 www.etonkids.com

#### • Palm Springs Campus:

International Apartments, 8 Chaoyang Park South Road, Chaoyang District. 棕榈泉校园: 朝阳区朝阳公园南路8号棕榈泉国际公寓

#### • CBD Central Park Campus:

Central Park Block 19, 6 Chaowai Dajie, Chaoyang District. CBD新城校园: 朝阳区朝外大街6号新城国际19号楼

**• Capital Paradise Campus:** Capital Paradise, No 6 Yuyang Road, Shunyi District. (8048 3180) 顺义名都园: 北京市顺义区后沙峪乡白辛庄村南新国展对面榆阳路6号

**• Peking House Campus:** 20,

Xidawang Road, Chaoyang District 大望路首府校园: 朝阳区西大望路甲20号首府社区里

**• Lido Campus:** Rm C103 Lido Country Club, Lido Place, Jichang Road, Chaoyang District. 丽都校园: 朝阳区将台路机场路丽都广场


**• CBD GTM Campus:** 3/F, Block D Global Trade Mansion, Guanghua Road Chaoyang District. CBD世贸校园: 朝阳区光华路世贸国际公寓D座3层

#### • Guancheng Midtown Campus:

Guang Qu Jia Yuan Building 21, Guang Qu Men Wai, Dongcheng District. 冠城名敦道校园: 东城区广渠门外家源21号楼

**• Arcadia Campus:** Block 1, Arcadia villas, Houshayu, Shunyi District. 阿凯笛亚校园: 北京市顺义区后沙峪罗马环岛北1000米阿凯笛亚庄园

**• Olympic Village Campus:** Southwest Corner of BeiChen West and Kehui Road, Chaoyang District. 国奥村校园: 朝阳区北辰西路与科荟路交汇处西南角

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# The Family Learning House Jianwai SOHO Campus

## 家育苑（建外SOHO校区）

**R**ecognized as a model kindergarten by the Chaoyang Ministry of Education, The Family Learning House Jianwai SOHO campus is one of a group of virtues-based, bilingual preschools dedicated to acquiring knowledge and good character for the purpose of serving humanity. In addition to their "Day By Day Learning" character education program, their school aims to provide a stimulating Montessori, English, and Chinese integrated curricula within a nurturing and uplifting physical environment. The children's creative capacities are inspired and developed through participative art and music programs, while they also learn to become global citizens by studying a different country and culture each month. Students also engage in educational outings relevant to their learning and meaningful community service projects. Regular school family events, parent coffee mornings, and learning workshops foster the development of a united Family Learning House community of students, parents, teachers, and caregivers.

**Founding date:** 2002

**School type:** Bilingual virtues-based Montessori kindergarten

**School hours:** 8.10am-4pm (Mon-Thu); 8.10am-3pm (Fri); 8.10am-12pm (the last Friday of each month)

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Bilingual, Montessori, Virtues education

**Age range:** 2-6 years

**Grades offered:** Kindergarten

**Number of students:** 200

**Foreign passport holders accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** Mixed

**Class size:** 18-28 (primary); 19 (toddler)

**Teacher/student ratio:** 1:4-1:5

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019)**

**Academic Year:** RMB 135,000 per year (Full-day session)

**Primary teaching language:** Chinese and English

**Other elective languages:** N/A

**After-school activities:** N/A

**Scholarships offered?** N/A

**Extra help offered?** N/A

**Total area (in sqm):** 2,100


**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.

**Lunch:** Nutritionally-balanced Chinese and Western meals with many vegetarian options.


**Lunch fee:** Full-day session RMB 6,000/year


**Boarding program:** N/A

**Nurse or doctor available?** Yes

 The Family Learning House (Jianwai SOHO Campus)

 [www.thefamilylearninghouse.com](http://www.thefamilylearninghouse.com)

 Beside Bldg 14, Jianwai SOHO West Area, 39 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. 朝阳区东三环中路39号 建外SOHO西区14号楼旁.

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## Fun Academy Kindergarten

### 北京芬爱国际幼儿园

**F**un Academy Kindergarten is a Finnish Early Child Education concept kindergarten that provides pedagogical solutions based on the unique Fun Learning approach. They aim to bring the best early education to every child everywhere. Fun Academy combines the best practices and latest advances in early education, and supports teachers to promote learning through play and exploration. They personalize development and learning plans for each child. Their programs are designed to encourage children to explore professional aspirations, discover core strengths, and develop life skills necessary for the future.

**Founding date:** 2018

**School type:** Full-time kindergarten

**School hours:** 8.30am-4.30pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Based on the six major areas of the Finnish preschool education syllabus: mathematics, natural sciences, historical society, art, character, and cultural philosophy, and also the integration of the five major areas of the 3-6 Years of Child Development Program in China. The curriculum is divided into six major themes: cognitive self, cognitive world, animals and nature, stories and dramatic arts, exploration and travel, and creation and construction.

**Age range:** 0-6 years old

**Grades offered:** Infant, toddler, preschool, kindergarten

**Number of students:** 20

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** International and Chinese

**Class size (average):** 20

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:5

**Tuition (2019-2020 academic year):**

RMB 157,080 per year

**Primary teaching language(s):** English

**Other elective language(s):** Chinese

**After-school activities:** Floor Ball, Children's Early Education Class

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered?** Yes, based on student's requirements

**Total area (in sqm):** 3,360 (indoors); 1,000 (outdoors)

**Facilities:** Air purification system, central air conditioning, library, science experiment classroom, indoor fitness activity room, multi-functional art classroom (music and dance class venue), kitchen, playground, theater

**Lunch:** A variety of balanced Chinese and western food options, and Huangqu provides pork-free meals.

**Lunch fee:** (Xinzhong Campus) RMB 1,000 per month; (Huangqu Campus) RMB 1,500

per month

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

**Xinzhong:** FunDZM, 180 0119 1453

**Huangqu:** FunAcademyChina, 180 0117 5688

[www.funacademychina.com](http://www.funacademychina.com)

**Fun Academy Daycare Center (Xinzhong):** 1st Floor, building 6, No. 18, Xinzhong Street, Dongcheng District.

**Fun Academy Kindergarten**

**(Huangqu):** 1-3 Floor, Building 14, Yard 2, Huangqu East Road, Chaoyang District. **Xinzhong:** 6418 2322, 180 0119 1453

**Huangqu:** 180 0117 5688  
info@funacademychina.com



# ibg School

## 爱之园幼儿园

■ ibg School is a leading selective, bilingual school with a mission to nurture a community of young learners to discover themselves and their world.

■ ibg offers early childhood students a highly engaging, rigorous, and personalized education plan that enables the knowledge and skills required for successful participation in a Chinese and international society.

**Founding date:** 2019

**School type:** Kindergarten

**School hours:** 7.30-8am (Breakfast Club), 8am-3.30pm (Bilingual Program), 3.45-4.45pm (Enrichment)

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** IEYC, bilingual immersion; personalized learning approach, arts, and green education approach

**Age range:** 2-6

**Grades offered:** Early Years

**Number of students:** Expect to admit 210 students

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** Chinese and

international

**Class size (average):** 15-18

**Teacher/student ratio:** 1:5

**Number of teaching staff:** 8 (international), 30 (Chinese)

**Tuition fees (2019-2020 academic year):**

• RMB 228,000-247,000

**Primary teaching language(s):** English, Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** None

**After-school activities:** Yes, arts, environment, language, technology

**Scholarships offered?** Yes

**Extra help offered?** N/A

**Total area (in sqm):** 3,600

**Facilities:** Open-plan café, arts center,

technology workshop, music studio

**Lunch offered:** Yes

**Boarding program:** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes, full-time qualified nurse

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北礼士路西六条1号



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## iHommy International Daycare

### 艾荷美国际日托中心

■ Hommy International Daycare consists of a group of working parents with overseas experience. They recognize that children between the ages of 0-3 can start their collective lives and recognize the world's elite education philosophy. They spend their energy integrating the world's best educational resources, tailoring their environment to create a safe, warm, professional place that truly belongs to the children. As an international day care center with AMS membership, iHommy adopts an all-day infiltrating English environment, combining Montessori education concepts with traditional Chinese culture. At the same time, according to the concept of the special REC (Respect & Educate & Care) curriculum system of iHommy has been created to respect the natural development laws of children and to encourage children to interact fully and effectively with their surroundings.

**Founding date:** 2015

**School type:** Daycare

**School hours:** 8am-6pm

**Curriculum description:** Montessori Education System, RIE

**Age range:** 3 months-3 years

**Grades offered:** Infant, toddler, Casa

**Number of students:** 23

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** International and Chinese

**Class size (average):** 12-15

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:2

**Tuition and other fees (2019-2020 academic year):**

• RMB 189,600 per year

**Primary teaching language(s):** English

**Other elective language(s):** Chinese

**After-school activities:** STEAM courses available, baking, picture book making, art, and music

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered?** No

**Total area (in sqm):** 500

**Facilities:** Pool, indoor recreation facilities, transparent kitchen

**Lunch:** Three meals and two extra snacks every day, made from organic and imported ingredients

**Lunch fee:** No

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

iHommy

No. 4, Xipai International Apartment, 143 South Street, Xizhimen

北京市西直门南小街143号西派国际公寓4号楼

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# Innova Early Years Center

## 鸿誉国际幼儿园

**T**he Innova Early Years Centers (IEYC) program is inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy. A Reggio inspired educational programme, shares the image of a successful child as one who is curious, confident, competent, and well prepared for the future.

**Founding date:** 2017

**School type:** Kindergarten

**School hours:** 8 am – 4pm

**Curriculum description:** Reggio inspired early years program using the IBPYP curriculum framework

**Age range:** 2-6

**Grades offered:** Pre-K2 – Kindergarten 5

**Number of students:** 85

**Foreign passport holders accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** Chinese and foreign students

**Average class size:** 20 per class

**Average teacher/student ratio:** 1:5

**Tuition fees (2018-2019 Academic Year):**

**Application Fee:** RMB 2,000

**2018-2019 Tuition Fees:**

Zhaolin Campus: RMB 155,000

Faihai Campus: RMB 188,000

**Primary teaching language:** English and Chinese

**Other languages taught as electives:** N/A

**After-school activities:** 20 + clubs: street dance, cooking, robotics, football, tennis, Mad Science, taekwondo, coding for kids, wushu, Fun with Chinese Characters

**Scholarships offered?** N/A

**Extra help offered?** N/A

**Total area:** Zhaolin Campus: 2,600 sqm; Fanhai Campus: 5,000 sqm

**School facilities:** Open plan classrooms, a lobby café for parents and guests, a library, STEAM, arts studio, cooking studios, a multi-purpose center, outdoor learning area (including a playground, nature area and vegetable garden), an air purification system.

**Lunch offered:** Yes, RMB 12,000 per year, this fee covers two meals (breakfast and lunch) and two snacks (morning and afternoon).

**Boarding Program:** No

**School nurse or doctor available?** A medical clinic, with one onsite nurse

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**Zhaolin Campus:** Tower B, Zhaolin Plaza, Beijing, Yizhuang. 北京大兴区亦庄朝林广场B座一层

**Fanhai Campus:** Shifoyingdongli 133-4, Chaoyang, Beijing. 北京市朝阳区石佛营东里133号院4号楼

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156 5207 8281 (Fanhai Campus)





## Ivy Academy

### 艾毅国际幼儿园

**I**vy Academy (IA) offers an English speaking environment taught by a team of highly qualified early childhood educators. There are two IA campuses, conveniently located at Sanlitun (Sanlitun Campus) and CBD (Central Park Campus). As a member of Ivy Education Group, Ivy Academy's mission is to educate and provide an environment which enables each child to become self-confident, to know how to get along well with others, to be self-directed problem solvers, to make good choices, and to see themselves as children with good ideas. Ivy Education Group's vision, with a focus on the Multiple Intelligences theory as a tool, strives to develop the full potential of children in a dynamic, play-based, and supportive environment using current research-based practices

**Founding date:** 2004 (Sanlitun Campus), 2013 (Central Park Campus)

**School type:** International pre-school and kindergarten

**School hours:** 8.30-11.30am (half day); 8.30am-3.30pm (full day)

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Ivy Academy offers an English speaking environment taught by a team of highly qualified early childhood educators who customize the MI theory integrated curriculum based on the children's interests

**Age range:** 2-6

**Grades offered:** Nursery to kindergarten

**Number of students:** 120 (Sanlitun Campus), 76 (Central Park Campus)

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** US, Canada, Japan, Australia, France, Germany, India, China, Hongkong, Macao, Taiwan

**Class size (average):** Up to 20

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:3-1:5

#### Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):

- Sanlitun Campus: RMB 185,000
- Central Park Campus: RMB 178,552
- Application fee: RMB 2,000
- Tuition deposit: RMB 10,000 (to be applied to tuition)
- Transportation fee: Optional (contact school for latest information)

**Primary teaching language(s):** English and Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** None

**After-school activities:** Yes

**Scholarships offered?** Inquire with the campus directly

**Extra help offered?** No

**Total area (in sqm):** 1,000 (Sanlitun Campus), 600 (Central Park Campus)

**Facilities:** Campuses are protected by a central air filtration system, and there's a library, art classroom, and children's kitchen

**Lunch:** The school provides lunch and two snacks daily that take into account the nutritional needs of a child. The school

provides the Type B menu for students with special needs (allergic reactions or Muslims)

**Lunch fee:** Optional

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes, full-time

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# Ivy Bilingual School (IBS)

## 艾毅双语幼儿园

Ivy Bilingual School offers a curriculum based on the Multiple Intelligences theory taught in both English and Chinese language. There are two IBS campuses, conveniently located in Sanyuanqiao (Ocean Express Campus) and Chaoyang (Orchid Gardens Campus). As a member of Ivy Education Group, IBS's mission is to educate and provide an environment which enables each child: to become self-confident, to know how to get along well with others, to be self-directed problem solvers, to make good choices and to see themselves as children with good ideas. Ivy Education Group's vision, with a focus on the Multiple Intelligences theory as a tool, strives to develop the full potential of children in a dynamic, play-based, and supportive environment using current research-based practices.

**Founding date:** 2006 (Ocean Express campus); 2008 (Orchid Garden campus)

**School type:** International preschool and kindergarten

**School hours:** 8.30-11.30am (half day); 8.30am-4pm (full day)

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Ivy Bilingual School offers a curriculum based on the MI theory and provides an immersive bilingual program, where both Chinese and English teachers interact with children throughout the day

**Age range:** 2-6

**Grades offered:** Nursery to kindergarten

**Number of students:** 153 (Ocean Express campus); 90 (Orchid Garden campus)

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** China, Japan, France, Australia, Uganda, US, Netherlands, Germany, Russia, UK, Italy, Norway, Singapore, Hongkong, Singapore, Canada, Indonesia

**Class size (average):** 20-25

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

### Tuition and other fees:

- Ocean Express Campus: RMB 59,103 fall semester (full day)
- Orchid Garden Campus: RMB 62,797 fall semester (full day)
- Application fee: RMB 2,000
- Tuition deposit: RMB 10,000 (to be applied to tuition)
- Transportation fee: Optional (contact school for latest info)

**Primary teaching language(s):** English and Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** None

**After-school activities:** Yes

**Scholarships offered?** Inquire directly

**Extra help offered?** No

**Total area (in sqm):** 1,575 (Ocean Express campus); 1,592 (Orchid Garden)

**Facilities:** Campuses are protected by a central air filtration system. Facilities include a custom-designed children's kitchen for cooking classes; well-equipped outdoor playground, bilingual library, straight potable water, and multi-purpose room.

**Lunch:** The school provides lunch and two snacks daily that take into account

the nutritional needs of a child. The school provides the Type B menu for students with special needs (allergic reactions or Muslim).

**Lunch fee:** Optional

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes, full time

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### Ocean Express

**Campus:** Building

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**Orchid Garden Campus:** Orchid Garden, 18 Xinjin Road, Cuige Xiang, Chaoyang District. 朝阳区崔各乡新锦路18号卓锦万代

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**Orchid Garden Campus:** 8439 7080/7665, info-OG@ivyschools.com





## Jack & Jill Academy

### 嘉杉嘉华幼儿园

**J**ack & Jill Academy is a full-day child care and education service provider with high quality services catering for children aged 2 to 6. They are dedicated to integrating the essence of both Chinese and Western teaching practices. They practice the HighScope Curriculum and IPC Curriculum, both of which are widely recognized as advanced curriculums in the early childhood education field and seamlessly interface with leading international schools. We believe in, and focus our practice on "children's active learning".

All of their teachers hold a bachelor's degree or above and graduated from top universities in China and/or overseas countries. More than 30 percent of these teachers have a master's degree. We provide children with an English and Chinese bilingual environment and a rich variety of courses and/or activities to empower them to thrive in life.

**Founding date:** 2012 (Jack & Jill Children's Center), June 2019 (Jack & Jill Academy)

**School type:** Bilingual preschool and kindergarten program

**School hours:** 8.30am–4.30pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** HighScope and IPC/IEYC

**Age range:** 2-6

**Grades offered:** Nursery, preschool, and kindergarten

**Number of students:** 60 (Jack & Jill Children's Center), up to 160 (Jack & Jill Academy)

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** China, US, Canada, France, Malaysia, Hong Kong

**Class size (average):** 20

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:4

**Tuition and other fees (2019-2020 academic year):**

- Registration fee: RMB 5,000
- Jack & Jill Children's Center: RMB 135,000 per year (including lunch and snack)
- Jack & Jill Academy: RMB 178,000 per

year (the first ten enrolled students will be entitled to a special discount, including lunch and snacks)

**Primary teaching language(s):** English, Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** No

**After-school activities:** Western and Chinese holiday events, monthly field trips, more than 30 extra-curricular courses (cooking, baseball, soccer, Lego, STEM, drama, music, art, reading, etc.), summer camp, various children's club (children's choir, band, etc.)

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered?** No

**Total area (in sqm):** 800 (Jack & Jill Children's Center), 3,000 (Jack & Jill Academy)

**Facilities:** Both campuses employed a first-class design team to provide a child-centered design. They have a fully functional classroom for each age group. Other facilities include outdoor playground, independent indoor gym, children's theater, libraries, PE room, music and dance room, children's kitchen, art room, and other functional rooms

**Lunch:** Organic Chinese and Western food; nutritionist consulted

**Lunch fee:** Included in the tuition

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

[www.jacknjill.cn](http://www.jacknjill.cn)

**Jack & Jill Children's Center:**

Room 105-108, Building 1, Chevalier Apartment, No. 2 Shangjialou Road, Chaoyang District. 北京市朝阳区尚家楼2号院裘马都1号楼105-108室。

**Jack & Jill Academy:** Room 101-102, Building 11, Ocean Crown (Wangjing), Chaoyang District. 北京市朝阳区望京远洋万和公馆11号楼101-102室。

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## Jazzy Preschool for Gifted Children

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**J**azzy Preschool (JP) is located in the heart of Beijing's embassy district, Dongzhimen, and nested in a Chinese Suzhou-styled traditional garden. JP has developed a unique, education curriculum for gifted students, providing an English, French, and Chinese program for children aged 1-6. JP's international program is accredited by the Chinese government and the French Ministry of Education. At JP, children of all ethnicities discover the desire to go to kindergarten. While their interests increase, they acquire personal, social, linguistic, and learning-related skills in an effortless way, developing a feeling of self-achievement. JP's rich, social atmosphere offers many opportunities for parents to get involved in their child's kindergarten life to build a caring, educational community for each family.

**Founding date:** 2011

**School type:** Kindergarten

**School hours:** 8.30am-5pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Thanks to its pedagogy, based on a one teacher-one language approach, each child considers the three languages as mother tongues and has the assets to keep up with any English, French, or Chinese educational system.

**Age range:** 12 months (or as soon as the child can walk) to 6 years old

**Grades offered:** Kindergarten

**Number of students:** 70

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** US, France, Germany, Belgium, Canada, UK, China, Russia, Poland, and Japan

**Class size (average):** 15-20

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:4

### Tuition and other fees:

- RMB 10,500 per month (five days a week)
- RMB 8,700 per month (four days a week)
- RMB 6,900 per month (three days a week)
- RMB 4,500 per month (two days a week)

**Primary teaching language(s):** English, French, Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** None

**After-school activities:** Wushu classes, introduction to music, introduction to dance, swimming class, tennis class

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered?** Special program for children with special needs on a case by case basis

**Total area (in sqm):** 1,200 (Dongzhimen), 200 (French International School Beijing)

**Facilities:** Four classrooms located on two floors with different games and activities areas, child-sized lavatories on each level, an art room, a basketball court, playground, playroom, administrative office, meeting

room, and the school nurse's office.

**Lunch:** Chinese and western options. Lunch fee includes a morning and afternoon snack.

**Lunch fee:** RMB 1,000 per month (5 days a week), RMB 820 per month (4 days a week), RMB 630 per month (3 days a week), RMB 400 per month (2 days a week).

**Boarding program?** No


**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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## Journey Academy of Beijing

### 北京积爱国际学院

Located in the pioneering international community of Chaoyang District, Beijing, Journey Academy (JA) is dedicated to offering excellent educational services to children aged 0 to 6. They aim to preserve children's aspiration, empower their curiosity and inspire their passion to find infinite discoveries. JA base all the education programs according to the principles of the IB PYP curriculum, and have adopted the Reggio Emilia approach to inspire the children's natural talents and inspire them to achieve the impossible. JA's unique language learning system is devoted to cultivating children to be native speakers in both English and Chinese. All students belong to one House and develop a strong sense of belonging and allegiance to their House during their time at JA. Journey Academy are committed to cultivating world citizens that are knowledgeable, balanced, empathetic, and enthusiastic about social affairs, and actively contribute to the community.

**Founding date:** 2016

**School type:** International kindergarten

**School hours:** 9am-11.30am (Transition); 9am-3.30pm (Plan A); 9am-5pm (Plan B)

**Ministry of Education accredited:** Yes

**Curriculum description:** They base all their education programs according to the principles of the IB PYP (International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme) Curriculum, and adopted the Reggio Emilia approach to inspire the children.

**Age range:** Preschool 0-6 years old

**Grades offered:** Toddler (0-2), Pre-Nursery (2-3), Nursery (3-4), Reception (4-5), Kindergarten (5-6)

**Number of students:** 200-300

**Foreign passport holders accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** Chinese and international

**Average class size:** 12-22 students according to different age groups

**Teacher to student Ratio:** 1:4-1:6 according to different age groups

**Tuition Fee for 2018-2019:**

• Upper East Campus: Tuition fees vary from

RMB 118,000-198,000 per academic year for different year groups. Contact the Admissions Office for detailed information.

**Primary teaching languages:** English

**Other elective languages:** Chinese, and provide German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Korean in extra-curricular activities

**After-school activities:** Drama, STEM, coding, art history, music history, piano, jazz, drum-kits, mental-maths, English phonics, English literacy, Mandarin, Chinese calligraphy, Chinese traditional painting, Chinese history, golf, tennis, football, kung fu, etc. They also provide a 2-week winter camp during Christmas holidays and a 6 to 8-week summer camp during summer holidays for JA students and the community.

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered?** No

**Total area (in sqm):** 10,000 (CBD Campus); 1,000 (Upper East Campus)

**Facilities:** New-air system, Smartboards, music classrooms, outdoor and indoor sports areas, parents' reception area. The CBD campus features great design and eco-friendly environment with fine art and music studios,

library, indoor playground, cafeteria, 200-seat theater, 5000sqm sport field and playground.

**Lunch:** Lunch and two snacks

**Lunch fee:** Contact Admissions office for detailed information.

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor on staff:** Yes

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• **CBD Campus:** CBD, Chaoyang District, Beijing

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## Little Pace Courtyard Preschool

### 小节奏庭院私塾

**N**estled in a tranquil hutong courtyard in the old town of Beijing, Little Pace Courtyard Preschool endeavors to create a natural, personal, and international-local experience for little dwellers between 2.5-6 years old. They offer the smallest class in town where genuine friendship and bonding are reinforced among all members of the group. As a member school of American Montessori Society (AMS), they transcribe the international curriculum into a traditional Chinese homeschool setting where both the hundred-year-old house and the small private yard are work spaces for students to explore. When the weather is good, the children can come in and out freely to enjoy the peaceful yard and get close to nature. Little Pace understands that early childhood education is more about influencing the initial cognitive formation of the self and the world through everyday experiences rather than just passing on specific knowledge and facts. Their little dwellers are immersed in arts, traditional culture, and a natural pace of life. Little Pace respects the development pace of each child and facilitates children's growth according to individual characters and temperaments. The lead teacher is a Ph.D. mom who specializes in psychology and arts.

**Founding date:** 2018

**School type:** Private

**School hours:** 9am -5pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** No

**Curriculum description:** Montessori

**Age range:** 2.5-6

**Grades offered:** mixed-age group

**Number of students:** 12

**Foreign passport holders accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** No requirements

**Class size:** 12

**Teacher/student ratio:** 1:5/6

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- Tuition: RMB 88,650

- Registration fee: RMB 1,200

- Material fee: RMB 800

**Primary teaching language:** Chinese and English

**Other elective languages:** None

**After-school activities:** Dance, tie-dye, cooking, music

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered?** No

**Total area (in sqm):** 150

**Facilities:** A private yard with small animals, heated tatami, and fresh air solutions

**Lunch:** Organic Chinese lunch through a trusted local farm, and imported dairy products

**Lunch fee:** Included in tuition and fees

**Boarding program:** None

**Nurse or doctor available?** Available on call

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# WonderTree Community of Co-Learners / Kindergarten

## 唯德国际教育社区/幼儿园

**W**onderTree is more than a kindergarten, it is a community of co-learners. Children from 18 months old to 6 years old can grow naturally through their I.N.S.P.I.R.E.D. approach to become masters of their own lives. The I.N.S.P.I.R.E.D. approach blends the best educational philosophies and practical applications from 2,500 years of holistic learning with the latest neuroeducation and research. The founders of WonderTree have created an inspirational co-learning space which will nurture and support learners of all ages to unfold their potential, enabling them to face the world in an integral, innovative, and sustainable way. At WonderTree, they are all curious and inspired co-learners, growing together beyond all expectations to become happy and healthy individuals.

**Founding date:** 2017

**School type:** International kindergarten

**School hours:** 8am-5pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** In progress

**Curriculum description:** The WonderTree integral education model is based on the I.N.S.P.I.R.E.D. learning approach, which leads to Self-Mastery (wisdom, self-actualization and well-being). Through our eight Learning Branches (LanguageFlows, MathCounts, PlaySmart, ArtFun, You&Me, ScienceRocks, OneWorld and LearnSmart), our learners gain knowledge, imagination, skills, positive behaviors and learning dispositions in order to become happy and healthy global citizens.

**Age range:** 18 months-6

**Grades offered:** Early childhood to Kindergarten

**Number of students:** 200 students capacity

**Foreign passport holders accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** No limits

**Class size:** 10-20

**Teacher/student ratio:** 1:4 for toddler class, 1:5 for kindergarten class

**Tuition and other fees:** RMB 180,000 per year

**Primary teaching language:** English

**Other elective languages:** Chinese

**After-school activities:** Yes

**Scholarships offered?** N/A

**Extra help offered?** N/A

**Total area (in sqm):** 4,300 (2,800 indoor area plus 1,500 outdoor area)

**Facilities:** 10 classrooms and 7 specialty areas (includes Piazza, art area, library, STEM, sensory discovery, large project area, and indoor playground), plus outdoor green

space

**Lunch:** On-site kitchen

**Lunch fee:** RMB 1,000 per month

**Boarding Program:** none

**Nurse or doctor available?** Nurse on site

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## Blossom Montessori

### 北京布拉森姆文化发展有限公司

In the heart of Beijing, Blossom Montessori offers a child-centered true Montessori Program for 6 to 12 years old children. They focus on the emotional, intellectual, physical, and social development of the child in a mixed age bilingual environment. Their indoor space is purposely reproducing a home setting, as in the genuine Montessori tradition. Outdoor facilities are top-notch, with a well-cared for garden, pond, and a safe playground. Diverse environment, fully bilingual curriculum, and trained educators will give your child the chance to naturally unfold their potential, with a strong academic foundation. Blossom Montessori also follows an environmental awareness program which aims to reduce waste and impact on the environment. Their location is easily reachable by taxi, subway, and bus.

**Founding date:** 2018

**School type:** Montessori

**School hours:** 8.20am-3.30pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** No

**Curriculum description:** Montessori Elementary curriculum

**Age range:** 6-12 years old

**Grades offered:** Grades 1-7

**Number of students:** 15-20

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** No

**Nationality of students:** International

**Class size (average):** 15

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:8

**Tuition and other fees (2019-2020 academic year):**

- RMB 150,000 per school year (before March RMB 135,000 per year)

- Registration Fee: RMB 2,000

- Lunch Fee: RMB 7,000 per school year

**Primary teaching language(s):** English

and Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** Spanish, French

**After-school activities:** Music foundation, guitar, English, Chinese, Spanish, French, yoga, ballet

**Scholarships offered?** Yes

**Extra help offered?** Yes

**Total area (in sqm):** 250

**Facilities:** Bright and spacious working area, genuine Montessori home setting, with natural materials and organic finishing. Gym, fully equipped music room, science room, spacious kitchen, and a terrace for special activities such as gardening and composting. Outdoor area is clean, safe, and private, with 24-hour surveillance, and an equipped playground.

**Lunch:** Lunch and two snacks are provided each day (morning and afternoon time). Students can choose between Chinese and western-style food, with main course and

choice of two vegetables. Snacks consist of fruit, cereals, sandwiches, and veggies. Milk is always available, along with non-dairy options.

**Lunch fee:** RMB 7,000 per year

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** On duty during the school week

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# The British School of Beijing, Sanlitun

## 北京英国学校

**T**he British School of Beijing, Sanlitun (BSB, Sanlitun) is located in the heart of the embassy district in the leafy streets of Sanlitun, specializing in Early Years and Primary education. BSB, Sanlitun follows the English National Curriculum, which is tailored to meet the needs of its international cohort of students, and curriculum content is taught thematically. Students are enabled to become internationally-minded, confident, and independent individuals, and are given the opportunities, motivation, and support to achieve their very best.

**Founding date:** 2003-2004

**School type:** International school

**School hours:** 8.30am-3.30pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** English National Curriculum

**Age range:** 1-11

**Grades offered:** Pre-nursery-Year 6

**Number of students:** Maximum 600

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** No

**Nationality of students:** Over 60 nationalities represented, including UK, US, Australia, Germany, and Hong Kong.

**Class size (maximum):** 22

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:3 (Pre-nursery) to 1:11 (Year 6)

**Tuition fees for one academic year (2018-2019):**

- Pre-nursery and nursery: RMB 131,144 (half day) RMB 196,716 (full day)
- Reception: RMB 196,716

- Year 1-2: RMB 229,070

- Year 3: RMB 244,101

- Year 4-6: RMB 247,631

- Application fee: RMB 1,600

- Three percent annual discount available if full-year fees are paid upfront

**Primary teaching language(s):** English

**Other elective language(s):** Chinese and German

**After-school activities:** A range of creative, sporting, music and language activities such as cooking, singing, table tennis, crafts, basketball, drama, debating, sketching, football, creative writing, and construction

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered?** EAL (English as an Additional Language)

**Total area (in sqm):** 10,000

**Facilities:** Classrooms with interactive whiteboards, ICT suite, laptops, MacBooks and iPads for use in classrooms, performing arts classrooms with designated individual

music practice rooms, library, outdoor playgrounds, astroturf football pitch, indoor gymnasium and an indoor urban sports center featuring a climbing wall and ball pond

**Lunch:** A variety of Asian and Western options, including vegetarian. Canteen includes a sandwich station and salad bar.

**Lunch fee:** Included in tuition

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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## HD Beijing School

### 北京市朝阳区赫德双语学校

**H**D Beijing School was established in September 2017, and is a private bilingual school which strives to foster a global perspective and integrates the best of Chinese and Western culture to develop the talents of the children it serves. The school is rooted in Chinese traditional culture and aims to create Chinese cultural ambassadors who are able to adapt and be successful within an international context. They have integrated an innovative educational philosophy and aim to develop their students so that they can become global leaders. So far they have opened the primary school sections of the school and in the future plan to open middle and high school sections. Each class will be equipped with an international and Chinese homeroom teacher and in the younger grades they have assigned one bilingual learning facilitator to support their innovative approach to bilingual education.

**Founding date:** September 2017

**School type:** Full time private bilingual school

**School hours:** 8.15am-3.45pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Blending the best of western educational philosophies with the Chinese curriculum, HD Beijing School provides students with a balanced, bilingual, and multicultural learning experience.

**Age range:** 5-10

**Grades offered:** Currently, primary school only

**Number of students:** maximum 600

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** Chinese

**Average class size:** 25

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:7

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- Primary school: RMB 228,000 per year

- Application fee: RMB 2,000

**Primary teaching language(s):** English and Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** Depends on student needs

**After-school activities:** Music, fashion design, architecture, Chinese traditional art, paper arts, chess, soft and hard nib calligraphy, dodgeball, tag rugby, baseball, swimming, golf, tennis, physical training, science, programming, 3D printing, and robotic model building design.

**Scholarships offered?** N/A

**Extra help offered?** N/A

**Total area (in sqm):** 30,000

**Facilities:** School building, indoor swimming pool, sports dome, two basketball courts, football field, two tennis courts, 24 classrooms, 13 specialist classrooms, a bilingual library,

and an auditorium.


**Lunch:** Yes


**Lunch fee:** RMB 40 per day

**Boarding program?** No


**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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# House of Knowledge

## 好思之家学校及幼儿园

Since 2007, House of Knowledge (HoK) has grown to include an elementary school and three kindergartens, educating 300 children from more than 10 countries. Early Year learners follow the International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC), which has been extensively recognized around the world. IEYC is a research-based curriculum focused on the social, emotional, and cognitive development needs of children aged 2-5. It maintains the Reggio Emilia philosophy of child-centered and personalized learning. In the pursuit of creating a rigorous elementary curriculum for internationally minded students, HoK adopted the highly regarded International Primary Curriculum (IPC). The IPC is a comprehensive thematic curriculum with emphasis placed on meeting students at their academic and developmental level. At HoK, they prepare students for this world of constant change and aim to help them develop the personality traits they need to succeed in the 21st century.

**Founding date:** 2007

**School type:** International school (enrolls both local and foreign students)

**School hours:** 8am-3.45pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** **Early Years:** International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC); **Elementary:** International Primary Curriculum (IPC), Cambridge English and Chinese National Curriculum

**Age range:** 18 months-11 years

**Grades offered:** Nursery, Pre-K, Kindergarten, Elementary to Grade 6

**Number of students:** 300

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** US, Germany, UK, Canada, Denmark, Spain, and China

**Class size (average):** 16 (Nursery), 20 (Pre-K to Elementary).

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:4 (Nursery), 1:5 (Pre-K/Kindergarten)

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- Nursery (18 months-3 years): RMB 100,320 (5 half days), RMB 118,250 (5 full days)
- English Pre-K (3-5 years old): RMB 147,210 (5 full days)

- German Pre-K (3-5 years old): RMB 154,220 (5 full days)

- Kindergarten (5-6 years old): RMB 143,500 (5 full days)

- Elementary Grade 1-6 (6-11 years old): RMB 177,200 (5 full days)

- School bus fee: RMB 9,000-11,300

**Primary teaching language(s):** Chinese and English

**Other elective language(s):** German

**After-school activities:** Soccer, ballet, drama, magic, ukulele, kung fu, baking, science, chess, creative movement, Chinese painting, piano and gardening, baking, robotics, and more

**Scholarships offered?** Yes, House of Knowledge SME Scholarship

**Extra help offered?** ESL

**Total campus area (sqm):** 5,000 (Shunyi), 1,600 (Chaoyang Park), 5,000 (Xinglong)

**Facilities:** Smartboards, dedicated art rooms, libraries, computer lab, floor heating, in-house chef, swimming pool, parents' corner, outdoor playgrounds, soccer field, kids' kitchen, indoor gym and air filtering equipment, and more. Facilities vary between campuses.

**Lunch:** In-house food made using high-quality ingredients such as Wondermilk

and sugar-free yogurt, fresh bread from a local German bakery, meats from a licensed butcher, organic vegetables, apples.

**Lunch fee:** RMB 7,800 per school year

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

HoK

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**Shunyi Campus:**

North gate of Quanfa compound, 18

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**Chaoyang Park Campus:** Victoria Gardens, 15 Chaoyang Park West Road. 北京市朝阳区朝阳公园南区15号, 维多利亚花园公寓

**Xinglong Campus:** Block A, Unit 8, Xinglongzhuang, Chaoyang Road, Chaoyang District. 北京市朝阳区朝阳路辅路兴隆庄甲8号A座

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## The International Montessori School of Beijing

### 北京蒙台梭利国际学校

**T**he International Montessori School of Beijing (MSB) has been catering to the international community with the highest quality Montessori education for almost 30 years. At MSB, every child is treated as an individual and their Montessori-based pedagogy enables educators to tailor lessons to each pupil's specific needs and interests. Their warm, nurturing environment, well-designed classrooms, and low student-teacher ratios allow for them to bring out the best in each child at every age level, from Nursery to Grade 7. MSB's Dual Language Programme is unique in Beijing. MSB is an affiliate member of the American Montessori Society (AMS).

**Founding date:** 1990

**School type:** International school

**School hours:** 8.20am-3.45pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Montessori.

**Age range:** Birth-13 years

**Grades offered:** Preschool-Grade 7

**Number of students:** 400

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** No

**Nationality of students:** US, Canada, Hong Kong, Germany, UK, and more

**Class size (maximum):** 24

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:4 (preschool), 1:6 (reception), or 1:8 (elementary)

**Tuition and other fees (2019-2020 academic year):**

- Nursery (1.5-3): RMB 132,000 (half day), RMB 189,000 (full day)
- Kindergarten (3-5): RMB 140,000 (half day), RMB 200,200 (full day)
- Reception (5-6): RMB 215,500
- Elementary: RMB 221,000 (Grade 1-4), RMB 233,000 (Grade 5-6)
- Application fee: RMB 3,000

• Placement deposit (fully refundable): RMB 20,000

• Transportation fee: RMB 11,200-16,900 per year

**Primary teaching language(s):** English and Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** None

**After-school activities:** Football, language clubs, baking, origami, swimming, dancing, art, choir, and more

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered?** EAL and Accelerated English Programme (AEP). In the event that a child needs additional assistance, MSB will work with the parents to provide the best care and support for their child. Additional needs include, but are not limited to: regular learning support, speech therapy, psycho-educational evaluation, and a full-time shadow

**Total area (in sqm):** 10,000

**Facilities:** Two main buildings that house the preschool, reception, and elementary classrooms, art and music studios, children's kitchens, libraries and Coffee Stop, a refreshments area run by the MSB Parents'

Association. There is also a multi-purpose hall featuring an all-weather ball court and stage, as well as two playing fields, two basketball courts, a running track, sandbox, and four playgrounds. Air filtration in each building and air curtains over all main doors

**Lunch:** Catered by Nutri-Food; the menu changes daily and alternates between Chinese and Western dishes

**Lunch fee:** RMB 6,300

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes, two full-time nurses

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# Swiss School Beijing

## 北京京西学校瑞士部

In August 2017, the Swiss School Beijing opened its doors as the German language section of the Western Academy Beijing. It is the first school and kindergarten in China to combine a German language education, a multicultural environment, and Swiss excellence. The Swiss education system is built on the pedagogical principles of J.H. Pestalozzi, a Swiss pioneer in modern education, and provides a solid foundation for life-long learning. It is also one of the main reasons for Switzerland's present-day ranking as the most innovative country worldwide. The Swiss School Beijing is supported by the Swiss government.

**Founding date:** August 2017

**School type:** International school and kindergarten

**School hours:** 8.30am-3.20pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** The Swiss School Beijing is a section of Western Academy of Beijing and operates under the corresponding licenses

**Curriculum description:** German-language Swiss curriculum

**Age range:** 3-8

**Grades offered:** Early Years-Grade 3, with an additional grade to be rolled out in each of the coming years.

**Number of students:** 20 students in 2018

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** No

**Nationality of students:** Switzerland, Germany, US, Austria, and others

**Class size (average):** 8

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:8

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- Early Years: RMB 137,000

- KG1, and KG2: RMB 163,000

- Grade 1-3: RMB 195,000

- Application fee: RMB 2,100

**Primary teaching language(s):** German

**Other elective language(s):** Chinese is taught as a second language from KG2 onward. English is taught by immersion and French is introduced in Grade 5

**After-school activities:** Students of the Swiss School Beijing have access to the numerous after-school activities offered by Western Academy of Beijing. A wide variety of sports, artistic, academic and service activities are available

**Scholarships offered?** Financial assistance available

**Extra help offered?** German as a Second Language

**Total area (in sqm):** The Swiss School Beijing is located on the campus of Western Academy of Beijing (110,000 sqm)

**Facilities:** As a section of Western Academy of Beijing, the Swiss School Beijing benefits from an air filtration system that keeps the

daily average AQI at 1. Students of the Swiss School Beijing also have access to a well-equipped library, air-supported dome, indoor pool, several theaters, music studios, three gymnasiums, outdoor sports courts, FIFA/IRB certified sports field, fitness center, and unique dining spots/cafes.

**Lunch:** Prepaid SmartCard, range of Western, Chinese, and vegetarian options catered by Aramark

**Lunch fee:** RMB 13-28

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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## Beijing No. 55 High School International Students Section

### 北京市第五十五中学国际学生部

**B**eijing No. 55 High School International Students Section is a municipal and demonstration key school in Beijing. In 1975, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Beijing municipal government opened the International Students Section to accept foreign students. In 1994, their International Students Section was approved by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) and became an IB World School. At present, the school has developed substantially within the framework of the IB Asia Pacific region. The school also serves as a Chinese language (HSK) testing center. The school has adopted the IB and Chinese National Curriculum for foreign students; and also offers Chinese remedial classes for students from with no Chinese language background. With its multicultural background, Beijing No. 55 provides students with a variety of classes and extracurricular courses designed for each student's age, gender, ability, and language skills, so that they become active, creative, and responsible global citizens.

**Founding date:** 1954

**School type:** International public school

**School hours:** 8.30am-3.10pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Chinese National Curriculum for foreign students and IB Curriculum

**Age range:** 11-17

**Grades offered:** Grade 7-12

**Number of students:** 1,800 (Chinese students), 500 (international students section)

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** No

**Nationality of students:** US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea

**Class size (average):** 10-21

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:4

**Tuition and other fees (2019-2020 academic year):**

- Junior Middle School (Grade 7-9): RMB 63,800 (Chinese class); RMB 72,500 (IB and

Foundation Language )

- High School: (Grade 10-12): RMB 70,600 (Chinese class); RMB 83,800 (IB)

- Application fee: RMB 2,000

- Library deposit: RMB 3,000

- School bus: RMB 5,000-6,000 per year

**Primary teaching language(s):** Chinese and English

**Other elective language(s):** No

**After-school activities:** Soccer, basketball, taekwondo, Beijing opera, diabolo, street dance, music, robot building, band, painting, comic club, print, Chinese calligraphy, traditional Chinese painting, taichi with fans, chess, oil painting, computers, design, crafts, skateboarding, songwriting, two taekwondo gymnasiums, and Spanish (3.30-5pm)

**Scholarships offered?** Yes

**Extra help offered?** No

**Total area (in sqm):** 48,025

**Facilities:** Playground, indoor basketball gymnasium, indoor badminton gymnasium,

two indoor taekwondo gymnasiums, two libraries, outdoor soccer field, small theater, lecture hall, four chemistry laboratories, four physics laboratories, four biology laboratories, biology classroom, geography classroom, history classroom, three art classrooms, and two music classrooms

**Lunch:** Chinese and Western style

**Lunch fee:** RMB 20 per day

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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# Beijing SMIC Private School and Kindergarten

## 北京市中芯学校

**B**eijing SMIC Private School and Kindergarten is located in southeast Beijing, in the Yizhuang BDA, Beijing's largest hi-tech economic development zone. Founded in 2005 to serve families employed by Semiconductor Manufacturing International Company (SMIC), it now enrolls many students from outside the company as well. The school employs over 400 teachers (including over 70 expatriate staff) that serve over 2,000 students from Pre-K to Grade 12 in both English and Chinese tracks. SMIC English Track is a highly academic international school-style division based on US curriculum and standard. Whether our students pursue academics, sports, or other extra-curricular activities, the staff and active school community encourage their efforts to aim for excellence, while retaining a sense of honor, community, and joy.

**Founding date:** 2005

**School type:** Private School

**School hours:** 7.45am-3pm (elementary), 7.45am-4pm (middle school)

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Chinese National Curriculum, US Common Core Standards, Bilingual, and Montessori

**Age range:** 3-16

**Grades offered:** K-12

**Number of students:** 2,400

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** China (including Macao, Taiwan, Hong Kong), US, South Korea, Canada, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, UK, Slovenia, Sweden, Russia  
Class size (average): 20 (English Track), 27 (Chinese Track)

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:6

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019):**

- Chinese Track: RMB 63,600-73,000 per year
- English Track: RMB 94,000-126,200 per year
- Annual book and activity fees: RMB 1,200-6,200 per year

**Primary teaching language(s):** English, Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** French, Japanese, Spanish

**After-school activities:** ISAC league competitive sports, band, choir, and elementary sports

**Scholarships offered?** Yes. Staff students, returning student, and exceptional Grade 9 applicant awards available on a limited basis.

**Extra help offered?** Elementary School: Below Level, On-level, and Above-level readers, Differentiated Instruction and Tutoring available. Middle School: Chinese as a Second Language and Leveled classes in Middle School Chinese, Literature, and Composition courses, Digital Study Hall with online courses, tutoring and AP preparation available. Chinese Track: Intensive English Language Arts program available for gifted students

**Total area (in sqm):** 28,000

**Facilities:** Dream Maker purifiers, dedicated art and Science lab, library, auditorium, indoor and outdoor physical education facilities. Some classrooms equipped with Smartboards and/or

ready for class set of iPad / Apple TV / Projector use. All have projectors and audio capabilities.

**Lunch:** Various buffet lines. All lines offer Chinese dishes, soup, and fresh fruit. More expensive lines include weekly pizza, pasta, and other Western menu items.

**Lunch fee:** RMB 14-20

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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## Central Conservatory Preparatory School

### 中央音乐学院鼎石实验学校

**C**entral Conservatory Preparatory School (CCPS) of Dongcheng District, located in the heartland of Beijing, is a professional music school connecting the world stage with dreams. With personalized classical music as the core education, combined with the systematic English and Chinese education, the school aims to cultivate professional musicians and promote the diversified development of students. CCPS enrolls high school and preparatory students to provide three main courses, namely, music courses, English courses, and Chinese courses. All the courses will enable students to build an independent personality and make preparations for university and future challenges.

**Founding date:** 2012

**School type:** Day and boarding school with an international curriculum

**School hours:** 8am-4.30pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Music courses, Chinese courses, and English courses

**Age range:** above 14

**Grades offered:** Grade 10-12, high school preparatory course

**Number of students:** 40

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** Chinese

**Class size (average):** 10

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:1 (music class), 1:5 (other classes)

**Tuition and other fees:**

- Tuition: RMB 240,000 per year for vocal and percussion, RMB 220,000/year for other majors

- Application fee: RMB 2,000

**Primary teaching language(s):** Chinese and English

**Other elective language(s):** No

**After-school activities:** International exchange activities, music master classes, music salons and music experts' classes. Series of concerts held by students, such as concerts at the end of the month, personal concerts, concerts at the end of the semester, graduation concerts and New Year concerts. The Theater Festival of CCPS and the English Speech Competition are the essential parts of academic activities. The public service activities such as "Wings of Music" and "Social Service" provide social opportunities for students.

**Scholarships offered?** No.

**Extra help offered?** Yes. ESL, TOEFL, SAT

**Total area (in sqm):** 5,000

**Facilities:** Several standard practicing rooms,

multi-functional halls, reading rooms and multimedia studios with iMac equipment, a small concert hall that can hold hundreds of people and casual restaurants for students in the school. The design style of school buildings breaks the restriction of the existing regular design so as to encourage students to stay committed to exploration and practice to realize their artistic value.

**Lunch:** Chinese food and Western food

**Boarding program?** Yes

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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# Daystar Academy

## 启明星双语学校

**F**ounded in 2002, Daystar Academy is a dual-curriculum K-12 program leading to a bilingual IB Diploma. Daystar has a long tradition of developing strong character in its students and has a heavy focus on world citizenship, with their students being deeply immersed in both Chinese and western cultures. Daystar Academy's motto is "Courage to Change and Inspire."

**Founding date:** 2002 (Beigao Campus), 2017 (Sanlitun Campus)

**School type:** Bilingual

**School hours:** 8.10am-3.40pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Kindergarten students are immersed in half-day English and half-day Chinese and are also offered special classes in music, library, and physical education. Daystar's elementary students engage in an inquiry-based approach to exploring the US Common Core standards for English and the Chinese National Curriculum (CNC) for Chinese language arts and math. Science and social studies are taught in both Chinese and English. Performing arts, music, art, and physical education courses are taught in Chinese. Middle/High School students explore the majority of IB MYP content – including English language and literature, English individuals and societies, mathematics, science, visual arts, music, physical education, and design technology – through English. Chinese language and literature, Chinese individuals and societies, and character education are taught in Chinese and follow the CNC standards.

**Age range:** 3-15 (eventually to 18 years old for Beigao Campus), 6-10 (Sanlitun Campus)

**Grades offered: Beigao Campus:** Kindergarten to middle school (Grade 9 currently, adding a grade every year to Grade 12). **Sanlitun Campus:** Elementary school

**Number of students:** 600 (Beigao Campus), 300 (Sanlitun Campus)

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** 20 nationalities including US, Canada, UK, France, and China

**Class size (average):** 20-22 (Daystar Kindergarten), 20-22 (elementary), 18-22 (middle school), 18-22 (high school)

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:6 (kindergarten), 1:6 (elementary), 1:5 (middle school), 1:4 (high school)

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

**Beigao Campus:**

- Application: RMB 2,000 (non-refundable)
- Kindergarten: RMB 135,000
- Elementary: RMB 162,000
- Middle school: RMB 170,000

**Sanlitun Campus:**

- Application: RMB 2,000 (non-refundable)
- Elementary: RMB 185,000

**Others:**

- Uniform: RMB 800-1,200
- School bus: RMB 11,000-18,000 per year (optional)

**Primary teaching language(s):** English and Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** N/A

**After-school activities: Academic:** These activities will be geared towards students who need academic assistance or want to learn more about a particular subject. **Artistic:** These activities will be geared towards students who wish to explore their creative, artistic, and/or musical selves. **Athletic:** These activities will be geared toward students who wish to try different sports

**Scholarships offered?** Yes. Contact admissions for details.

**Extra help offered?** Student Learning Support, full-time Student Counselor, LEAP Program (Learning English for Academic Proficiency), and the Yu Yue Program for international students who need Chinese language learning support.

**Total area (in sqm):** 40,000 (Beigao Campus), 4,050 (Sanlitun Campus)

**Facilities: Beigao Campus:** Over 40,000sqm energy efficient modern campus, indoor gym, full size sports field, performance theater, dance studio, music studio, library, science lab, art studio, design lab, tennis court, basketball court, and state-of-the-art air filtration.

**Sanlitun Campus:** Indoor gym, outdoor sports field, outdoor playground and play equipment, performing arts studio, art studio, library, multi-functional room, and state-of-the-art air filtration.

**Lunch fee:** RMB 43 per day (optional)

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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**Sanlitun Campus:** 8532 2500, Admissions-DT@daystarchina.cn





## Ganeinu International School and Menorah Academy of the Capital Middle School (MAC)

**G**aneinu International School and MAC are nurturing places for children to discover their unique personalities and abilities. The school is dedicated to providing the best possible secular education as well as an introduction to the traditions of Judaism. The primary focus is on the needs of the individual child and how they can best reach their potential. The school believes that by providing small, family-like classes, both the children and their parents can be cared for and have their needs met. Ganeinu strives to instill honesty, kindness, global citizenship, and life-long learning as well as pride for their heritage and Israel.

**Founding date:** August 2003

**School type:** Jewish Day School

**School hours:** 8.30am-3.30pm (Mon-Thu), 8.30am-2.30pm (Fri)

**Ministry of Education accredited?** No

**Curriculum description:** Montessori and an integrated international curriculum for Israel and the US

**Age range:** 18 months-13 years

**Grades offered:** Nursery, kindergarten, Grade 1-8

**Number of students:** 40-60

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** No

**Nationality of students:** Israel, US, UK, South Africa, Brazil

**Class size (average):** 12 (nursery and kindergarten), 4-6 (elementary) 2-4 (MAC)

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:4 (nursery and kindergarten), 1:4 to 1:6 (elementary), 1:2 to 1:4 (MAC)

**Tuition and other fees:**

- Tiny Tots and Nursery: RMB 66,000 (half day), RMB 80,000 (full day)
- Kindergarten (3-6): RMB 99,000
- Pre-Alef: RMB 110,000
- Grades 1-2: RMB 120,000
- Grades 3-6 and MAC: RMB 130,000
- Application fee (new students only): RMB 3,000
- Transportation fee: RMB 1,000 per month
- Bus fee: RMB 10,000
- Swimming fee: RMB 6,000
- Tech Trek: RMB 10,000

**Primary teaching language(s):** English, Hebrew, Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** English, Hebrew, Chinese

**After-school activities:** PE, swimming, art, technology workshops, cooking, yoga

**Scholarships offered?** Scholarships and embassy discounts are available. Sibling discounts available.

**Extra help offered?** Special needs students

are integrated into the regular classroom according to an Individual Education Plan (IEP). ESL, HSL, and CSL, as well as extra tutoring, are available

**Total area (in sqm):** 2,200

**Facilities:** Grassy area and outdoor playground, art room, music room, children's kitchen for cooking and baking classes, IT room, and library

**Lunch:** Hot lunch daily (included in tuition fee)

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** No

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# Saint Paul American School

## 北京圣保罗美国学校

**S**aint Paul American School (SPAS) is an American boarding school in Beijing, featuring a standard American middle school and high school curriculum. Founded in 2007 by Nacel International System and the Second High School attached to Beijing Normal University, it enrolls students from all over the world, currently 50 percent of whom are international students from over 20 countries and regions. Accredited by the NCA (North Central Association), SPAS adopts American school administration and grading systems, uses American textbooks and employs experienced American teachers who conduct classes only in English. For Chinese students attending the school, they have to study in Beijing for a certain time and then transfer to one of their partner schools in the US for the remainder of their high school years. SPAS provides support and services during the processes of the school application for a successful transfer. The school is close to Olympic Forest Park, with a beautiful school campus, fresh air, and transport facilities.

**Founding date:** 2007

**School type:** American international school

**School hours:** 7.45am-5.25pm, 7-9.30pm (study hall)

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** US AP curriculum

**Age range:** 12-19

**Grades offered:** Grade 7-12

**Number of students:** 248

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** China, South Korea, US, Russia, Ukraine, Italy, Slovakia, Thailand, and 20 other countries

**Class size:** 25 (maximum), 5 (minimum), 15 (average)

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:8

**Tuition and other fees:** (One academic year)

- Middle school: USD 16,500
- High school: USD 17,500

• Application fee: USD 150

• Uniform fee: USD 385

**Primary teaching language(s):** English

**Other elective language(s):** Chinese

**After-school activities:** Art club, basketball, Book Club, pingpong, soccer, jazz band, student council, volleyball, yearbook, debate, robotics, drama, newsletter, Jazz Dance Club, Chess Club, STEM Club. Following the regular school day, each student participates in a club or activity of their choosing from 12.35-1.20pm

**Scholarships offered?** Yes

**Extra help offered?** Help center: 2.30-3.30pm; Teacher office hours: 3.30-4.15; Study Hall: 7.30-9.30pm

**Total area (in sqm):** 33,000

**Facilities:** One main teaching building, two dormitory buildings, a newly-renovated library, laboratory, computer and technology center, full sized gymnasium, cafeteria, outdoor multi-purpose courts, and a soccer field

**Lunch:** A wide variety of Chinese, Korean, and Western cuisine, as well as other international dishes for breakfast, lunch, and dinner

**Boarding program?** Yes

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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## T School

### 挑战者国际学校

**T** School is a K-9 private school based in Beijing. T School is redesigning what it means to be a school to optimize social resources and meet the needs of dual career families. Open for 12-hours a day, and 300 days a year, T School provides sufficient time to build a strong academic foundation and further develop individual interests. The school encourages and supports children to be who they aspire to be.

**Founding date:** September 2018

**School type:** Full-time private school

**School hours:** 8am-4.30pm (open until 8pm)

**Ministry of Education accredited?** In progress.

**Curriculum description:** Chinese American Bilingual Curriculum

**Age range:** 5-13 years old

**Grades offered:** K-9

**Number of students:** 20

**Foreign passport holders accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** No requirements

**Average class size:** 18 students per class

**Average teacher/student ratio:** 1:8

**Tuition fees (2018-2019 Academic Year):**

• K-5: RMB 128,000

• Grades 6-9: RMB 139,000

**Primary teaching language:** Chinese and English

**Other languages taught as electives:** Based on personalized needs

**After-school activities:** Social emotional learning, library class, news and communications, theater, swimming, football, calligraphy, culinary arts, chinese chess, science, etc

**Scholarships offered?** Yes

**Extra help offered?** ESL classes if needed.

**Total area (in sqm):** 3,300 (Chaoyang Campus), 13,000 (Shunyi Campus)

**School facilities:** Library, basketball court, football field, theater, culinary studio, arts studio, science labs

**Lunch offered:** Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

are provided at RMB 80 per day

**Boarding Program:** No

**School nurse or doctor available?** Full-time

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# Yew Wah International Education School

## 耀华国际学校

**B**uilt upon over 80 years of experience of Yew Chung International School in offering quality international education experience, Yew Wah International Education School (YWIES) takes a holistic approach that creates a positive, caring, joyful and appreciative learning environment and nurtures the whole persons. Through the unique Co-Principals and Co-Teaching model, it allows more comprehensive opportunities for students to be immersed in Western and Eastern cultures and knowledge. The teaching team comprising of Western and Chinese teachers work on teaching plans together. YWIES prepares students to look beyond the walls of the classroom and their countries and launches them on a personal journey of growth to become confident, balanced individuals with international perspectives. YWIES provides Through-train international education programmes ranging from early childhood to upper secondary education in a unique international setting.

**Founding date:** 2016

**School type:** International education school

**School hours:** 8am-3.30pm, ASA: 3.30-4.30pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Emergent Curriculum (kindergarten), Chinese National Curriculum + International Curriculum (primary to lower secondary)

**Age range:** 2-15

**Grades offered:** Kindergarten (K2)-Grade 9

**Number of students:** 200

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** Mainly Chinese

**Class size (average):** 20-25

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:6

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

• Grade 1-6: RMB 233,000

• Grade 7-9: RMB 260,000

**Primary teaching language(s):** English, Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** N/A

**After-school activities:** Playing musical instruments, basketball, football, outings etc.

**Scholarships offered?** N/A

**Extra help offered?** N/A

**Total area (in sqm):** 100,000

**Facilities:** The campus design supports 21st-century learning. It emphasizes the importance of learning community, which is comprised of a variety of learning spaces. The campus has facilities including a library, auditorium, sports center, track field, outdoor playground, and swimming pool

**Lunch:** Chinese, Western, vegetarian food

**Lunch fee:** RMB 35 per day (primary and

secondary: lunch only), RMB 55 per day (kindergarten: breakfast, lunch, 2 breaks)

**Boarding program?** N/A

**Nurse/doctor available?** Full-time school nurse

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## Asia-Pacific Experimental School of Beijing Normal University 北京师范大学亚太实验学校

**A**sia-Pacific Experimental School of Beijing Normal University, hosted by Beijing Normal University and directed by the Education Commission of Xicheng District, is an experimental and innovative voluntary school covering most studying phases and accommodates resident and non-resident students. The school has 76 classes and over 300 faculty members. For 26 years, Asia-Pacific Experimental School of Beijing Normal University has established its philosophy as follows: education leads to a better life and lays a solid foundation for a happy and decent life. It has set its goal to cultivate students as wise, sensible, and independent teenagers who are both physically and mentally healthy, and who can also show appreciation for arts and care about life. When constructing its curriculum, the school has put great emphasis on the formation and development of the core abilities of students in different school subjects, their critical thinking, creativity, teamwork, and self-management.

**Founding date:** 1992

**School type:** Voluntary school

**School hours:** 8am-4pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Self-designed curriculum system called "Education leads to a better life"

**Age range:** 3-18

**Grades offered:** Preschool to senior high school

**Number of students:** Nearly 2,500

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** China, US, Australia, Canada, Korea, Singapore, etc.

**Average class size:** 35 (regular class); 20 (international class)

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:8

**Tuition and other fees (2017-2018 academic year):**

- Preschool (meals included): RMB 8,000 per month

- Grade 1-12: RMB 80,000 per year

- No application fee

- Other fees: School uniforms, meal fee, shuttle fee, room and board fee are charged separately.

**Primary teaching language(s):** Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** English

**After-school activities:** Golden sail chorus, wind band, dancing club, drawing club, robot club, food club, handcrafts club, chess club, sports club

**Scholarships offered?** Yes

**Extra help offered?** No

**Total area (in sqm):** 80,000

**Facilities:** International standard track-and-field, four teaching buildings, four science labs, several libraries, gym with indoor basketball court, table tennis center and health club,

two outdoor playgrounds, four students' dormitories, and dedicated art rooms.

**Lunch:** Traditional Chinese food (two meat dishes and one vegetable dish)

**Boarding program?** Yes, Grade 1-12

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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# Beanstalk International Bilingual School

## 北京青苗国际双语学校

**F**ounded in 1998 and growing to over 20 campuses throughout China, Beanstalk International Kindergartens (BIK) and Beanstalk International Bilingual Schools (K-12) seamlessly integrate Chinese and Western educational philosophies and best practices. As one of the leading Chinese pioneers in K-12 international bilingual education, Beanstalk Education Group encourages students to develop as bilingual, multi-cultural, and globally-minded citizens. With campuses in Beijing, Kunming, Chengdu, Nanjing, Xi'an, and Hainan, Beanstalk Education Group is helping tens of thousands of students from China and around the world.

**Founding date:** 1998 (Beanstalk International Kindergarten), 2003 (BIBS Elementary School), 2009 (BIBS Middle and High School)

**School type:** K-12, International bilingual school

**School hours:** 8am-5pm (kindergartens), 8.30am-4pm (UES Campus), 8.15am-3.40pm (Shunyi Campus), 8.20am-3.45pm (Dongrun Campus)

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** BIBS Upper East Campus (K-5) offers certified IB PYP and WASC programs. BIBS Shunyi Campus (K-12) offers certified IB MYP and DP programs and is also an IB PYP candidate school. BIBS Dongrun Campus (K-5) provides customized education based on the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) and the Chinese National Curriculum, both delivered with inquiry-based teaching methodologies

**Age range:** 2-18

**Grades offered:** K-12

**Number of students:** Over 3,000

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** Over 35 nationalities including China, US, Canada, South Korea, Japan, and Spain

**Class size (maximum):** 22

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- Primary Schools (BIBS UES and Shunyi Campuses): RMB 208,000
- MSHS Shunyi Campus: RMB 234,000
- Dongrun Campus: Pre-K: RMB 108,000; Grade 1-5: RMB 138,000
- BK Changqingting Campus: RMB 20,400
- BIK Solana Campus: RMB 150,000
- BIK Shunyi Campus: RMB 150,000
- BIK Wanda Campus: RMB 60,000
- BIK Wanghu Campus: RMB 100,000
- BIK Yangshan Campus: RMB 100,000

• BIK Joy Park Campus: RMB 100,000; RMB 30,000

• Transportation fee (optional): RMB 10,000 per year (UES and Dongrun Campuses), RMB 12,000 per year (Shunyi Campus)

• Application Fee: RMB 1,600 (BIK and BIBS K-12)

• Uniforms: RMB 2,500 per set (K-12)

**Primary teaching language(s):** English

**Other elective language(s):** Chinese, Spanish, and French

**After-school activities:** Activities vary depending on campus and grade level

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered?** No

**Facilities:** The UES Campus features a soccer field and athletic track, a gymnasium, basketball courts, auditorium, library, music rooms, dance studio, Chinese Culture Room, specialist classrooms and learning support spaces. The Shunyi Campus is a full K-12 school which features large classrooms with colorful graphics, vertical whiteboards, pin boards, and digital projectors. It also has an indoor swimming pool, a rooftop basketball court, soundproofed music practice rooms, a video suite, science and technology laboratories, two libraries, indoor and outdoor sports and play areas (including tennis courts), a dance and drama studio and a cafeteria.

**Lunch:** Nutritionist-approved menu includes vegetarian, Chinese and Western options

**Lunch fee:** RMB 800-1,000 per month (BIK Campuses); RMB 500 per month (Changqingting Campus); For UES, Shunyi, and Dongrun Campuses, lunch fees are included in tuition

**Boarding program:** Available at BIBS Shunyi Campus for Grade 6-12 students on a need basis

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes, qualified full-time nurse on each campus

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## Aurora Academy International (AAI)

明悦教育

**T**he mission of Aurora Academy International (AAI) is to become "A Center for Excellence in Education," providing holistic education that addresses children's social, emotional, physical, and intellectual needs within a respectful, diverse, captivating, active, and child-focused learning environment. AAI empowers children to achieve their full potential to become responsible and capable global citizens who will make meaningful decisions for themselves as well as for the future of humanity.

**Founding date:** April 2014

**School type:** Local private school

**School hours:** 8.30am-4pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** No

**Curriculum description:** School-based Curriculum (Physical, Emotional, and Social Development Series; Wisdom of Practical Living Series; Traditional Chinese Culture Series; Western Culture and Literature Series; Global Art Appreciation Series; Reasoning and Critical Thinking Series; Sustainable Development Practice Series)

**Age range:** 3-17

**Grades offered:** Kindergarten-Grade 12

**Number of students:** 63

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** China, US, France, South Africa etc.

**Class size (average):** 13

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:5

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year; check the school website for more info):**

- Kindergarten: RMB 110,000
- Primary School: RMB 168,000
- High school: RMB 198,000
- Application fee: N/A
- Campus development fee (paid upon admission): RMB 10,000
- School uniform: RMB 500

**Primary teaching language(s):** Chinese and English

**Other elective language(s):** Spanish

**After-school activities:** Aurora Children's Choir, football, carpentry, spanish, parkour, basketball

**Scholarships offered?** N/A

**Extra help offered?** N/A

**Total area (in sqm):** 2000

**Facilities:** Library, outdoor playground, thematic learning area

**Lunch:** Organic nutritional food

**Lunch fee:** RMB 8,000

**Boarding program?** N/A

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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# Beijing Aidi School

## 北京爱迪学校

**B**eijing Aidi School is an educational cooperation project between the Chinese and Australian governments (with investment from the Aidi Education Group) and was officially started in Beijing in 1999. Beijing Aidi School is located in Beijing's Chaoyang District and covers an area of 92 acres, providing a safe, beautiful, and inspiring learning environment for all students. The school provides an inclusive K-12 international education system and multi-channel higher education model. Aidi believes in taking the best teaching approaches from both Chinese and Western education, making sure that students have an established cultural identity combined with an international outlook. Our vibrant and highly diversified curriculum is designed to provide a holistic education experience for our students, nurturing their talents whilst simultaneously preparing them to have a competitive edge in the future. The school is equipped with high-quality facilities to help students reach their potential in all phases and areas of learning – intellectual, physical, social, and cultural – to help them stand out in a globalized environment. So far, more than 11,000 students have successfully graduated from Aidi School, and these amazing individuals have gone on to study at over 100 top-quality international universities all around the world.

**Founding date:** 1999

**School type:** International school

**School hours:** 8.40am-4.20pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Kindergarten, primary, and middle school: Bilingual (English and Chinese) high school: WACE, A-level, ASE and International High School of Art & Design

**Age range:** 2.5-18

**Grades offered:** Kindergarten-Grade 12

**Number of students:** 3,000

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** China, Australia, Canada, US, UK, South Korea

**Average class size:** 20

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:4

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- Kindergarten: RMB 160,300
- Elementary school: RMB 192,000
- Junior high school: RMB 219,500

• High school (accommodation fee included): RMB 207,500-259,500

• School bus fee: RMB 5,000-10,000 per year

**Primary teaching language(s):** English and Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** N/A

**After-school activities:** Students clubs and optional courses – golf, fencing, cricket, baseball, diving, piano, swimming, art, dancing, Peking Opera, aeromodelling, broadcasting, calligraphy, chess, singing, Model United Nations, winter and summer camps and volunteering programs.

**Extra help offered?** Yes

**Total area (in sqm):** 37,700

**Facilities:** Regulation-sized 400m running track, soccer field, golf fields, tennis courts, cricket field, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, swimming pool, gym, fencing hall, climbing gym, library, digital reading room, piano room, lecture hall, theater, stadium.

**Lunch:** Organic Chinese, western, and vegetarian options. The school has 5 Chinese cafeterias, 1 western cafeteria, and 1 bakery

**Lunch fee:** Kindergarten and primary school: RMB 5,000-10,000 per year; middle and high school: prepaid card

**Boarding program?** Primary school to high school

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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# Beijing City International School

## 北京乐成国际学校

**B**eijing City International School (BCIS) is a non-profit private school. With the approval of the Education Committee of Chaoyang District, Beijing, BCIS acts as a pilot school offering educational reform and innovation through international educational practices that incorporate 16 grades of schooling, from pre-school to Grade 12. Learning is based on implementing the Chinese national curriculum by adapting both progressive Chinese and foreign educational philosophies, teaching pedagogies, management, and modern educational strategies. The school curriculum consists of Early Childhood, Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme, and Diploma Programme, all accredited and authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization. The school is also accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and is a member of the East Asia Regional Council of Schools (EARCOS), the Association of China and Mongolia International Schools (ACAMIS), and the International Schools Athletic Conference, Beijing-Tianjin (ISAC).

The program is implemented by the experienced faculty consisting of teachers from 20 different countries. To date, BCIS alumni have been accepted into more than 260 universities around the world. BCIS is licensed to offer a rigorous and respected international curriculum to both foreign and Chinese students.

**Founding date:** 2005

**School type:** Non-profit private school

**School hours:** 8.15am-3.30pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?**

Registered with Education Committee of Chaoyang District, Beijing

**Curriculum description:** IB Programme

**Age range:** 2-18

**Grades offered:** Toddler-Grade 12

**Number of students:** 1,044

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** 28 nationalities (China, US, Canada, South Korea)

**Class size (average):** 15 (Toddler), 16 (Nursery), 19 (Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten), 23 (Grades 1-7), 20 (Grades 8-12)

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:7

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- Toddler: RMB 199,100
- Nursery: RMB 213,600
- Pre-Kindergarten: RMB 228,100
- Kindergarten-Grade 5: RMB 240,000
- Grades 6-8: RMB 260,000

- Grades 9-12: RMB 280,000

- Application fee: RMB 2,000

- New student fee: RMB 15,000

- Transportation: RMB 13,000-19,000 per year

**Primary teaching language(s):** English

**Other elective language(s):** Chinese, Korean, and Spanish, as well as school-supported self-taught language programs that meet the requirements of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program.

**After-school activities:** BCIS offers Enrichment Activities both during lunch breaks and after-school; dance, chess, calligraphy, swimming, basketball, volleyball, football, cooking, choir, taekwondo, kung fu, Chinese drumming, fashion design, robotics, computer program coding, filmmaking, and more.

**Scholarships offered?** Yes. BCIS awards two kinds of scholarships: academic scholarships and merit scholarships. All students from Grades 9-12 are eligible for the scholarship program that can either be a partial tuition scholarship or a full-tuition scholarship.

**Extra help offered?** Dedicated ELL Team, learning support team, and counselling team (all inclusive in tuition fees)

**Total area (in sqm):** More than 60,000

**Facilities:** The BCIS Main Campus has over 50 classrooms, sports complex (swimming pool, football fields, gymnasium, fitness room), theater, design and technology lab, MakerSpace workshop, art rooms, individual art studios (specifically for G11 and G12 IB DP Art students), science labs, two libraries, two cafeterias, and more. The BCIS ECC Campus is an eco-friendly facility with 20 spacious classrooms, dining areas, indoor and outdoor play areas, learning kitchens, gymnasium, library, art room, rooftop gardens, and more. Both campuses also contain air-filtering equipment that removes at least 80 percent of PM2.5 particles

**Lunch:** International catering company Aden offers both Chinese and Western meals in the school cafeterias and snack bar. BCIS ECC campus (only) lunch menu works on a two-week rotation, and is eaten family-style in the school common areas.

**Lunch fee:** BCIS ECC Campus: snack and lunch are included in the annual tuition fee; BCIS Main Campus: RMB 22 per meal (Grade 1), RMB 29 per meal (Grades 2-12)

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes, one nursing station on each campus



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## Beijing Huijia Private School

### 北京市私立汇佳学校

**F**ounded in 1993, Beijing Huijia Private (IB) School is a K-12 day-and-boarding school with three authorized IB programs (PYP, MYP and DP), providing an innovative, internationally focused education whilst maintaining Chinese characteristics.

In the past 25 years, Huijia has adhered to the educational philosophy of Pioneering Innovation, Exceptional Quality, and an International Mindset aligned with The IB Mission Statement. Huijia is also committed to a bilingual and bicultural approach to education and promotes the academic, artistic, and physical development of all students.

**Founding date:** 1993

**School type:** Private

**School hours:** 8.30am-4pm (PYP), 8am-5.10pm (MYP and DP)

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** PYP, MYP, DP

**Age range:** 5-18

**Grades offered:** 1-12

**Number of students:** 2,400

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** China, US, Australia, Canada, UK, Japan, Philippines, New Zealand, Korea, Mongolia, Netherlands, Kazakhstan

**Class size (average):** 20-25

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:5

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019):** RMB 20,000 (PYP), RMB 23,000 (MYP), RMB 25,000 (DP)

**Primary teaching language(s):** Bilingual – Chinese Mandarin and English (PYP and

MYP), English (DP)

**Other elective language(s):** None

**After-school activities:** Huijia offers a wide variety of elite competitive sports, recreational pursuits, traditional Chinese activities as well opportunities to participate in the performing arts, creative composition, and life skills. **Teacher-organized clubs, teams, and groups:** Equestrian, ice hockey, golf, taekwondo, fencing, robotics, jewelry design, Model UN, cooking and baking, drama, 3D printing, pottery, magic, traditional music, music band, drawing, cartoon. **Students-organized clubs:** IB TV Station, IB gravity, IB charity, PED, Hi-tech, Drama, Dancing.

**Scholarships offered?** Academic Scholarship and Special Talented Scholarships are available to eligible candidates. Applications and further reading for this matter can be found on the Huijia Website.

**Extra help offered?** No

**Total area (in sqm):** 230,000

**Facilities:** Four bubble gyms with air purification system (ice hockey, basketball, swimming, integrated sports, fitness), equestrian, outdoor soccer field; three libraries, two theaters, a black box, piano practice rooms, labs and studios, two band rooms, pottery room, VR room

**Lunch:** Organic products from Huijia Farm, buffet

**Boarding program?** Day and boarding (primary), boarding (secondary)

**Health center?** Full-time service

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## Beijing International Bilingual Academy

### 北京海嘉国际双语学校

**B**eijing International Bilingual Academy (BIBA) was founded in 2006 by a group of passionate educators with a mission to develop bilingual ambassadors who are well versed in both Eastern and Western culture. As such, our goal is to offer high-quality bilingual education that is rooted in Chinese culture and heritage in preparation for attending high-quality overseas universities after graduating from BIBA. With a student population of over 1,500 students and more than 330 teaching and administration staff, who come from more than 35 different countries, the campus includes an Early Childhood Center (ECC), Elementary School, Middle School and High School and Boarding House. BIBA is an IB World School and is authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). They are accredited by Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC) and are members of Association of China and Mongolia International Schools (ACAMIS) and International Schools Association of China (ISAC).

**Founding date:** 2006

**School type:** International bilingual school combining international and Chinese National Standard curricula

**School hours:** 8am-3.45pm (4.55pm for ECA and Sports)

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** ECC – School-based thematic inquiry curriculum; Elementary – China-US Standards-based Curriculum; Middle School – MYP (Candidate school) and Chinese National Curriculum; High School – IGCSE and IB DP

**Age range:** 2-18

**Grades offered:** ECC Age 2-Grade 12 IBDP

**Number of students:** 1,500

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** Over 25 nationalities including China, US, Korea, Australia, and UK

**Class size (maximum):** 18 (ECC), 22 (ES-MSHS)

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:4-1:4.5, ratio varies based on grade level

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- ECC (2-4 years old): RMB 146,000
- Kindergarten: RMB 180,000
- Grade 1-5: RMB 200,000
- Grade 6-8: RMB 210,000
- Grade 9-10: RMB 220,000
- Grade 11-12: RMB 240,000
- Application fee: RMB 2,000
- 20 percent sibling discount for additional children

**Primary teaching language(s):** English and Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** French and Korean (IB option)

**After-school activities:** ECA (Extra Curricular Activities) and Core Sports Programs: Over 150 ECA and sports programs each season to choose from; including tennis, football, basketball, choirs, bands, karate, drama, cheerleading, arts, dance, pottery, kung fu, and math games

**Scholarships offered?** Yes, available for middle and high school

**Extra help offered?** Including ELA, CSL,

tutoring

**Total area (in sqm):** 45,800

**Facilities:** Gymnasium with three full courts, three soccer pitches, five playgrounds, five libraries, five science labs, ICT lab, student garden, auditorium, dance studios, art and calligraphy, drama, film and music rooms equipped with Smartboards throughout campus

**Lunch:** Catered onsite: Sodexo, Chinese and Western choices with Vegetarian options.

**Lunch fee:** Cost varies by age.

**Boarding program?** Yes, Grade 6-12

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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## Beijing New Talent Academy

### 北京市新英才学校

**B**eijing New Talent Academy (BNTA) is an international boarding institute comprised of a bilingual kindergarten, primary school, AP International Center, a Cambridge center, an overseas university foundation program, and a Chinese center. On its founding, "love and creation" were taken as essential goals to cultivate the young, and the curriculum is designed to allow students to keep pace with international education. Through multicultural and character-building courses, BNTA aspires to help children grow into new talents who are benevolent towards others, responsible for society, creative, knowledgeable, global-minded, and confident.

**Founding date:** May 2008

**School type:** Boarding school

**School hours:** 8am-noon, 2.30-4.30pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Chinese, A-level, AP

**Age range:** 2-18

**Grades offered:** Kindergarten-Grade 12

**Number of students:** 12,300

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** China, US, South Korea, Canada, Russia, Australia

**Class size (average):** 25

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:3.5

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- Application fee required for new students: RMB 1,800
- Kindergarten: RMB 135,000 (Chinese); RMB 145,000 (foreign passport holders)
- Dragon Bay Kindergarten: RMB 145,000 (Chinese); RMB 155,000 (foreign passport holders)

- Primary School: RMB 139,000 (Chinese); RMB 149,000 (foreign passport holders)

- AP International Center: RMB 150,000 for Chinese, RMB 160,000 for foreign passport holders (Junior Section); RMB 169,000 for Chinese, RMB 179,000 for foreign passport holders (Senior Section)

- Cambridge Center: RMB 150,000 for Chinese, RMB 160,000 for foreign passport holders (Junior Section); RMB 169,000 for Chinese, RMB 179,000 for foreign passport holders (Senior Section)

- Uniform fee: RMB 880-2,500

- Transportation fee: RMB 1,400-2,600 (weekly bus), RMB 8,500 (daily bus)

**Primary teaching language(s):** Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** English

**After-school activities:** More than 130 activities and courses, including dancing, soccer, calligraphy, golf, ceramics, and more

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered?** No

**Total area (in sqm):** 117,000

**Facilities:** Outdoor playground, two indoor basketball courts, swimming pool, library, 70 piano rooms, lecture theater and hall, calligraphy classroom, pottery studio, specialized English classroom

**Lunch:** Chinese and western meals (cost included in tuition)

**Lunch fee:** N/A

**Boarding program?** Yes (Grade 4-12)

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes



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# Beijing Royal School

## 北京王府学校

**B**eijing Royal School (BRS) was the first joint venture school in Beijing and offers both AP and A-level classes. Eastern and western pedagogical techniques and resources are integrated to create a truly international educational environment. Mobile and distance learning systems are used to get the best teaching resources from abroad, but each student's education is tailored to their aptitudes and abilities as is traditional in China. Teachers with diverse backgrounds bring skills from all over the world. All of these things help to ensure students are prepared to study at elite universities all over the world.

**Founding date:** 2003

**School type:** Other, joint venture

**School hours:** 8am-noon, 1.30pm-5.10pm (Mon-Thu); 8am-noon, 12.40-3.20pm (Fri)

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes  
Curriculum description: AP, A-LEVEL, IGCSE

**Age range:** 2-18

**Grades offered:** Kindergarten to Grade 12

**Number of students:** Around 3,000

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** China, US, Canada, South Korea, Japan

**Class size (average):** 20

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:4

**Tuition and other fees:**

- Kindergarten: RMB 114,000-150,000 per year
- Grade 1-6: RMB 104,500-144,500 per year (Including meals, accommodation, and pre-payment)
- Grade 7-9: RMB 198,500 per year (Including accommodation and pre-payment)

- Grade 10-12: RMB 249,000 (Including accommodation and pre-payment)

**Primary teaching language(s):** English and Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** Spanish, French, and German

**After-school activities:** Golf, baseball, badminton, roller-skating, basketball, swimming, chorus, dancing, cello, violin, robotics, Model Airplane Club

**Scholarships offered?** Academic scholarships available for freshmen and outstanding students

**Extra help offered?** No

**Total area (in sqm):** 120,000

**Facilities:** Modern Teaching Building, Long-distance video teaching classroom, satellite classrooms, Cambridge A-LEVEL Standard Digital Laboratory, digital board, library with 300,000 books, 1080-seat international conference hall, 400-seat simultaneous interpretation auditorium with six languages available, running track, soccer field, tennis

courts, multi-functional auditorium, taekwondo studio, piano practice rooms, indoor swimming pool, A-level standard dining halls, student dormitories, campus video monitoring system

**Lunch:** Organic, Chinese, Western, vegetarian meals

**Lunch fee:** N/A

**Boarding program?** Yes, Grade 6-12

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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## Beijing World Youth Academy

### 北京世青国际学校

**B**eijing World Youth Academy (BWYA) is an international school for students of all nationalities aged 5 to 18, offering programs taught in English and Chinese with extensive language support where required. An IB World School since opening their doors in 2001, they are fully authorized to offer both the IB Diploma (DP) and IB Middle Years (MYP) Programmes. BWYA also operate the innovative IN Programme that integrates the Chinese National Curriculum, and in 2016 the IGCSE was incorporated. Their younger learners follow the International Primary Curriculum (IPC).

BWYA value holistic, inquiry-based education and seek to create globally aware critical thinkers with a passion for their own community and culture. They are proud to be authorized by the Beijing Municipal Education Commission to enroll both local and foreign students, and over 20 nationalities are represented in their student body. This balance is reflected in their motto — locally grounded, globally aware — which lies at the heart of the work they do.

**Founding date:** 2001

**School type:** International Day School

**School hours:** 8.20am-3.50pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** IB (MYP, DP), IGCSE, IPC, Chinese National Curriculum, IN  
**Age range:** 5-18

**Grades offered:** K-Class (age 5) – Grade 12

**Number of students:** 1,030

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** Over 20 nationalities represented in total.

**Class size (maximum):** 25

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:7

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- Application fee (non-refundable) RMB 2,000
- Tuition fees vary by year groups. Contact Admissions Department for detailed information.

**Primary teaching language(s):** English, Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** Spanish, Korean, German

**After-school activities:** 85 ASAs including Model UN, LEGO robotics, forensics, BWYAtv, 3D printing, STEM club and Wolves Athletics sports teams participating in interscholastic competitions in Beijing, Tianjin and beyond.

**Scholarships offered?** Multiple scholarship programs and financial aid for qualified enrolled students.

**Extra help offered?** Drop-in study clubs staffed by faculty and intensive EAL support in the primary school and secondary school.

**Total area (in sqm):** 18,000

**Facilities:** Four campuses in Beijing (Lido, Wangjing, and two in Laiguangying), and every classroom is equipped with Smart Boards and BlueAir air purifiers. Other facilities include Apple computer labs, libraries, full

science labs, art rooms, design and technology workspaces equipped with a 3D printer, laser cutter and vacuum forming machine, music studios, auditorium, athletic facilities as well as a dedicated performing arts and athletics center. BWYA students also benefit from full-time specialist school counselors and university counselors.

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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# Beijing Xin Fuxue International Academy

## 北京市新府学外国语学校

**B**eijing Xin Fuxue International Academy (XFA) has over thirty years of international education experience and originates from the Shuntian Fuxue Education Group. Their students take great pride in their school, in themselves and in their education because they offer a learning environment where it is abundantly clear that everyone around them cares about their happiness and success.

XFA provides day and boarding school educational programs for kindergarten through high school. Classes are taught in small intimate class settings, with a teacher to student ratio that favors the student who receives individual care. Their thirty years of experience has given them the tools to design a curriculum that contains the best of both Chinese and western education. They utilize the American Common Core Standards, so that their teaching philosophy synchronizes with the United States. XFA aims to build a broad and multicultural learning platform for students that contain unique courses, extracurricular activities, and international exchange programs.

The school is managed by an American principal and students are surrounded with teachers from the United States and Europe who are passionate about teaching. The bilingual teaching program ensures that students learn English while at the same time allowing them to experience a multi-cultural background.

**Founding date:** 2016

**School type:** Full-time bilingual international school

**School hours:** 8.10am-5.20pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** IPC, IB-MYP, Chinese official core curriculum, AP, A-level

**Age range:** 5-18

**Grades offered:** Kindergarten-Grade 12

**Number of students:** 360

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** Chinese and foreigners

**Class size (average):** 15

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:4

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- Application fee: RMB 1,000
- Elementary school (Kindergarten-Grade 6): RMB 156,000 per year
- Middle school (Grade 7-9): RMB 176,000 per year
- High school (Grade 10-12): RMB 196,000 per year
- Accommodation fee: RMB 16,000 per year

• School bus fee: RMB 8,000-15,000 per year (depending on distance)

Note: students who applied for and are admitted before the end of March 2019 can enjoy certain preferential prices following admission. Please consult the admissions department for details.

**Primary teaching language(s):** English and Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** N/A

**After-school activities:** Art: decoration design, arts & crafts, painting, calligraphy, etc. Dance class: Chinese dance, jazz dance, Latin dance, ballet, etc. Instruments: Guitar, ukulele, erhu, violin, viola, cello, saxophone, trumpet, snare drum, African drum. Literature: English drama, Chinese drama. Science and technology: Crazy Science, automobile culture, robot programming, computer design. Sports: equestrian, soccer, basketball, baseball, badminton, skating. Thinking and disciplines: history, Rubik's Cube, math games, mathematical thinking, traditional Chinese, English & French languages.

**Extra help offered?** N/A

**Total area (in sqm):** 90,000

**Facilities:** They have a ventilated air purification system throughout the school and in every classroom. They have a ventilated clean air gym that contains indoor basketball and badminton courts. They also have modern classrooms with SmartBoard technology, football field, biology laboratory, chemistry laboratory, physics laboratory, library, music room, dance room, and creative arts classroom

**Lunch:** Chinese and western buffet meals

**Lunch fee:** Included in tuition

**Boarding program?** Yes

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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## The British School of Beijing, Shunyi

### 北京英国学校-顺义校区

**Y**ou want your child to excel. So do we. We promise to support your child to be their best and achieve more than they ever thought possible. Globally respected curricula deliver excellent academic outcomes; following the English National Curriculum culminating at IGCSE/GCSE qualifications leading to the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP). Our German Primary Programme for our native German-speaking students study core subjects in German, integrating with non-core subjects. Our world-class teachers ensure your child experiences accelerated learning.

Established in 2003, our combined EYFS, Primary and Secondary campus is ideally situated within the very popular expatriate residential area of Shunyi and provides outstanding facilities to support your child's learning.

As part of a family of 56 Nord Anglia schools in 27 countries with 50,000 students, BSB Shunyi's global reach provides unique life and learning experiences for our students to develop into mature and successful global citizens.

**Founding date:** 2003

**School type:** International school

**School hours:** 8.30am-3.30pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** BSB, Shunyi offers an internationally adapted English National Curriculum leading to the IGCSE examinations followed by the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, as well as the German Thuringia Curriculum and the Kernlehrplan der Region 20/vz for Klasse 1-4. Accreditations: IB Diploma, ISI, COBIS, Nord Anglia Education Group, IAPS

**Age range:** 1-18

**Grades offered:** Pre-Nursery-Year 13

**Number of students:** 1,000

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** No

**Nationality of students:** Over 60 nationalities, including UK, Germany, US, South Korea, Hong Kong

**Class size (maximum):** 22 (16 in nursery)

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:4 to 1:10

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- Pre-Nursery and Nursery: RMB 135,200 (mornings), 202,800 (full day)
- Reception: RMB 202,800
- Year 1-2: RMB 236,155
- Year 3: RMB 251,650

- Year 4-6: RMB 255,290

- Year 7-9: RMB 277,255

- Year 10-11: RMB 285,470

- Year 12-13: RMB 298,910

- Security deposit: RMB 16,000

- Application fee: RMB 1,600

- Covers all books, learning materials, lunch, local field trips and residential trips within China.

- Uniforms: average RMB 1,400 depending on year group and number of sets purchased.

- Bus: Annual fees range from RMB 10,000-15,000 depending on the distance from school

- EAL: RMB 15,000 one-time fee

**Primary teaching language(s):** English

**Other elective language(s):** German, Mandarin, French, and Spanish

**After-school activities:** 300+ activities including sports, arts, drama, music, photography, dance, cooking, as well as an extensive program of community/charity work and residential trips

**Scholarships offered?** Only on an exceptional basis. Please contact admissions for further details.

**Extra help offered?** English as an Additional Language (EAL) and Special Education Needs (SEN)

**Total area (in sqm):** 33,000 (indoor 23,000)

**Facilities:** 3 buildings, a gymnasium, a fitness center, amphitheater, multi-purpose room, a full regulation size football pitch, 4 outdoor purpose-built playgrounds (separated by age group), a swimming pool, an Early Years swimming pool, a dance studio, a sports dome, a theatre, a drama studio, dedicated music rooms, computer music suites, a recording studio, ICT suites, science laboratories, dark room, art studios, a SEN room, a Sixth Form study lounge, and a robotics lab.

**Lunch:** A wide range of Asian, Western and vegetarian options, sandwich station, salad and fruit bar

**Lunch fee:** Included in tuition fee.

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes



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## Canadian International School of Beijing

### 北京加拿大国际学校

**T**he Canadian International School of Beijing (CISB) offers classes ranging from Montessori Nursery (18 months) to Grade 12 in two downtown campuses: the main Liangmaqiao Lu campus and the new Jianguomen Kindergarten. CISB is a three-program IB World School: Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme, and Diploma Programme. Graduates obtain a Canadian (New Brunswick) High School Diploma and the opportunity to complete the full IB Diploma. The current 1,100+ student body represents over 55 nationalities.

**Founding date:** 2006

**School type:** International school

**School hours:** 8.15am-3.35pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Montessori, IB (PYP, MYP and IBDP), Canadian NB High School Curriculum

**Age range:** 18 months-18 years

**Grades offered:** Nursery-Grade 12

**Number of students:** 1,100+

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** No

**Nationality of students:** Over 55 nationalities

**Class size (maximum):** 25

**Teacher-student ratio:** Varied by grade

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- Montessori Nursery: RMB 104,800 (half-day), RMB 149,800 (full-day)
- Pre-K3, Pre-K4, and Kindergarten (full-day): RMB 173,000
- Grade 1-5: RMB 221,000

- Grade 6-8: RMB 226,000

- Grade 9-10: RMB 253,000

- Grade 11-12: RMB 263,000

- Application fee: RMB 1,800

- Transportation: RMB 10,600-18,800 (round-trip depending on distance)

**Primary teaching language(s):** English

**Other elective language(s):** Chinese, French, and Korean

**After-school activities:** Athletics, music, drama, community service, and more, plus an extensive after-school paid activity program

**Scholarships offered?** Please check the school website

**Extra help offered?** In-school English as Additional Language Program (EAL) and after-school tutoring programs

**Total area (in sqm):** 38,000

**Facilities:** Ninety classrooms with SmartBoard technology, two libraries, science laboratories, makerspace, design lab, fine arts studios, music labs, 350-seat lecture theater, 500-seat auditorium, three gymnasiums, 25m

swimming pool plus wading pool, athletic field, dance studio, full-service cafeteria, demo cooking zone, supervised outdoor playground, outdoor learning space, medical and dental clinic

**Lunch:** Asian and Western set menus

**Lunch fee:** RMB 28 (elementary), RMB 35 (middle/high school)

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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## Dulwich College Beijing

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Established in 2005, Dulwich College Beijing (DCB) belongs to a family of 10 Dulwich College International schools in Asia with strong ties to the founding College in London. It is a British international school for students from 2-18 years of age. The curriculum is based on the enhanced English National Curriculum up to Year 9, IGCSE courses for students in Years 10 and 11, and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme in Years 12 and 13.

DCB emphasizes excellence in academics, sports, and the arts, fostering in every child a sense of the importance of community service. In 2016, DCB earned an Expat Life Award in the "Best International School" category. In 2017, DCB gained a global award for British International School of the Year 2017 for Teaching Initiative in Blended Maths.

DCB graduating classes consistently achieve some of the best IB averages in China—results that place the students in the world's best institutions, such as the Russell Group in the UK, the Ivy League, and top universities in the US, Canada, Asia, and Europe.

**Founding date:** 2005

**School type:** International School based on the English National Curriculum and International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP)

**School hours:** 8.15am-3.25pm (Early Years); 8.15am-3.30pm (Junior School); 8.15am-3.35pm (Senior School)

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Enhanced English National Curriculum, IGCSE, and IBDP

**Age range:** 2-18

**Grades offered:** Early Years - Year 13

**Number of students:** 1,520

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** No

**Nationality of students:** Over 40

nationalities

**Class size (average):** 12-22 depending on year level

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:4 to 1:10

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 Academic Year):**

- Early Years: RMB 40,000-225,000
- Grades 1-12: RMB 225,000-293,000
- Application fee: RMB 2,500

• Transportation: RMB 11,600-14,000

• Deposit: RMB 18,000

**Primary teaching language(s):** English

**Other elective language(s):** Chinese, French, Spanish, and German

**After-school activities:** Robotics, student press, Model United Nations, World Scholars Cup, film, band, orchestra, choir, dance, drama, photography, programming, charity, debating, public speaking, design, animal welfare, cooking, creative writing, chess, yoga, riding, ice skating, ice hockey, and more. Numerous sports teams include football, volleyball, basketball, badminton, rugby, swimming, and more.

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered?** Additional Educational Needs teams, including EAL (English as an Additional Language).

**Total area (in sqm):** 115,322

**Facilities:** Sports facilities include two air-filtered sports domes, multi-purpose sports hall, six tennis courts, weight room, FIFA two-star-rated football pitch, rugby pitch, cricket pitch, swimming pool, and ice-skating rink. The school building houses two large

theatres with 755 seats combined, two black box theatres, three spacious music rooms, seven newly refurbished practice rooms, two ICT suites including one dedicated to music, a professional green screen film studio, five light and airy art rooms, Early Years kitchen and art room, three libraries, radio studio, 10 well-equipped science laboratories, well-lit classrooms with SmartBoards, and SE21, the new state-of-the-art STEAM & entrepreneurship hub.

**Lunch:** External caterer with vegetarian, Western, Asian and Chinese options

**Lunch fee:** RMB 25-35

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes, BJU nurses

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## ETU Education 一土教育

As an education innovation project with its founding roots in both Silicon Valley and Beijing, ETU Education is dedicated to offering a student-centered whole-person education by combining the leading pedagogies from around the world with China's culturally-rich curriculum, so as to cultivate active and lifelong learners with a passion to make changes in their community. By addressing the core challenges of today's education systematically, ETU hopes to drive changes to the current education ecosystem through social innovation.

Since 2016, ETU has attracted a large number of overseas returnees' parents and international talents. ETU's efforts in education innovation have been widely and positively recognized by educators and education explorers from both home and abroad. In 2017, ETU was invited as the only school project to present at the World Education Summit – WISE at Qatar, and ETU's professional development program for teachers was nominated for a SERVE Award at the 4th China Education Innovation Expo in November 2018.

As of today, ETU has grown into a global school network with 4 campuses (in Beijing, Guangzhou and Silicon Valley) and the Beijing school will extend to kindergarten by March 2019. They are committed to offering ETU core curriculum by integrating the world's leading pedagogies with China's national curriculum, so as to cultivate active learners with high self-efficacy.

In 2019, through the collaboration with Beijing BISS International School, ETU will offer PYP, MPY and DP courses to students with a foreign passport and qualified Chinese student aside from ETU core curriculum. Thanks to BISS' rich experiences and proven track record in IB curriculum development, its graduates have been accepted by top universities around the world, including Harvard University, Stanford University, Columbia University, and the Julliard School.

**Founding date:** 2016

**School type:** Private day school

**School hours:** 8am-3.20pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** ETU offers "ETU Core Curriculum" which provides an authentic immersive bilingual (English/Chinese) and personalized learning experience, aiming at protecting and inspiring the intrinsic motivations of children to become self-driven and life-long learners. We promote learning-by-doing through our project-based and problem-based curriculum to expand our children's humanity. ETU's IB department will provide mature Kindergarten to Grade 12 PYP, MYP, and DP full IB courses.

**Age range:** 3-18

**Grades offered:** Preschool-6th Grade (ETU), Preschool-12th Grade (IB)

**Number of students:** 300

**Foreign passport holders accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** Australia, Canada, Chinese, Estonia, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Netherlands, Poland, Singapore, Thailand, US, and other countries

**Class size (average):** 18-24

**Teacher-student ratio (average):** 1:5

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- Application fee: RMB 1,500 (ETU), RMB 2,000 (IB)
- Preschool: RMB 153,600 (ETU), RMB 179,000 (IB)
- Kindergarten: RMB 159,000 (ETU)
- Grade 1-3: RMB 169,000 (ETU)
- Grade 4-6: RMB 179,000 (ETU)
- Grade 1-5: RMB 199,000 (IB)
- Grade 6-10: RMB 229,000 (IB)
- Grade 11-12: RMB 249,000 (IB)
- School bus (optional): RMB 14,000 per year (ETU), RMB 19,000 per year (IB)

**Primary teaching language:** Chinese and English (ETU), English (IB)

**Other elective languages:** Chinese, Korean, Japanese (IB Option)

**After-school activities:** STEAM, chess, music, opera, art, sports, science, Chinese culture.

**Scholarships offered?** Yes

**Extra help offered?** No

**Total area (in sqm):** 11,000 (Anzhen

Campus)

**Facilities:** Sports dome, arts studio, music studio, design studio, science labs, black box theatre room, cafeteria, libraries

**Lunch:** Provided

**Lunch fee:** RMB 35 per day

**Boarding program:** Not available

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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**F**angcao Foreign Language School (Kingswood International School, Shunyi) is an international school ran by BoHua Education Group, and is in close cooperation with Phoenix TV • Phoenix Education, Tencent Education, Kingswood school of the United Kingdom and other institutions. The education group assigned Ms. Su Guohua, the founder of Beijing Fangcaodi International Education Group as the schoolmaster, and hired experienced teachers from Fangcaodi as this school's core teaching and managing team.

**Founding date:** 2014

**School type:** Full-time bilingual international school

**School hours:** 8:00-3:30 (Regular Class)  
3:30-4:30 (After-school activities)

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Basic Chinese Education Course, School-based Characteristic Course, General International Course

**Age range:** 3-18 years old

**Grades offered:** Kindergarden-G12

**Number of students:** 302

**Foreign passport holders accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** No restriction

**Class size:** 23

**Teacher/student ratio:** 1:6

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- Interview Fee: RMB 1,000;
- Kindergarden: RMB 60,000 per year;
- Primary and pre-school Class: RMB 100,000

per year;

- Pre-school Elite Class: RMB 220,000 per year;

• Primary Elite Class: RMB 220,000 per year;  
**Primary teaching language:** English and Chinese

**Other elective languages:** Spanish

**After-school activities:** English, drama, all kinds of ball games, calligraphy, vocal music, musical instruments, traditional Chinese, dance, fencing, taekwondo, equestrian

**Scholarships offered?** Yes

**Extra help offered?** No

**Facilities:** Multiple functional classrooms are provided with special facilities as 3,600sqm indoor gymnasium, Mini Phoenix TV Station, STEM Space

**Lunch:** Four days of Chinese food and one day Western food per week

**Lunch fee:** RMB 1,500 per month; RMB 16 for lunch/dinner, RMB 8 for breakfast, and RMB 8 for snacks. For boarding students, 3 snacks

and 3 meals are included. Day students will be charged according to their actual dining conditions.

**Boarding Program:** Two students per room, Four students per room, six students per room

**Nurse or doctor available?** Full-time school doctor

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# Harrow Beijing

## 哈罗北京

**H**arrow Beijing is a vibrant community affiliated with Harrow School in London and Harrow International Schools in Bangkok, Hong Kong, and Shanghai. It offers a British-based international education to students aged from 2 to 18. The school is known for its commitment to academic excellence and for the way each student is supported through personal tutoring. Our mission statement of 'Leadership for a Better World' is supported through the skills students develop by studying our wide and varied curriculum and further evidenced through our co-curricular enrichment programs. Currently, there are students from 26 different nationalities attending the school. Students from Harrow Beijing command places in the world's top universities, particularly in the UK and the US.

**Founding date:** 2005

**School type:** International school

**School hours:** 8am-4.30pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** National Curriculum, IGCSE, A-level

**Age range:** 2-18

**Grades offered:** Early Years-Year 13

**Number of students:** 1,200

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** 26 nationalities

**Class size (average):** 20-23

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:4 to 1:10 according to different age groups

**Tuition and other fees:**

- Tuition fees vary from RMB 103,400 to RMB 297,000 per academic year for different year groups. Contact Admissions team for detailed information.

- Application fee: RMB 3,500

**Primary language courses:** English and Mandarin

**Other elective language(s):** French and Spanish

**After-school activities:** Cricket, cross-country running, rock climbing, scuba diving, tennis, touch rugby, golf, International Award, yoga, dance, steel pans, jazz band, orchestra, choirs, DJ club, ukulele club,

musical theatre club, drama clubs, psychology club, environmental club, chess, community outreach, cooking, debating, student magazines, Chinese culture, Chinese art and painting, Chinese drums, and martial arts etc.

**Scholarships offered?** Harrow International Leaders' Scholarship; Sir Joseph Banks Scholarship

**Extra help offered?** Yes. We provide extensive language support and personalized tutoring with a Language and Learning Department and Saturday School.

**Total area (in sqm):** 66,600 (Hegezhuang Campus); 7,320 (City Campus)

**Facilities:** At the Hegezhuang Campus, in addition to the usual classroom facilities, there is a 20,000sqm library, a large multi-purpose theatre, two 'black box' drama areas and a music center with a recording studio. The sports facilities include a 25m swimming pool, a 2,220sqm gymnasium for sports such as badminton, volleyball, and basketball as well as a top-rope climbing wall. Outdoors we have tennis courts, as well as playing fields for football and rugby. The City Campus facilities include fully kitted out sports hall, dining room, and Specialist Learning Zone which includes art, music and drama areas. There is a playground and a sports pitch which has been developed to support the young pupils'



physical development.

**Lunch:** A hot lunch is available for all full day students and snacks are available for Year 5 and below

**Lunch fee:** RMB 6,600 for the 2018-2019 academic year


**Boarding program?** Yes

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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## International School of Beijing

### 北京顺义国际学校

**C**elebrating over 36 years of academic excellence, International School of Beijing (ISB) is embracing the challenges and rewards of the future of education. Through a tailored, connected, real-world curriculum known as Learning21@ISB, our experienced and passionate teachers provide students with exceptional opportunities to grow as individuals, as scholars, and as contributing members of the community. Our curriculum and our culture are grounded in the core values of global-mindedness, integrity, respect, balance, creativity, and service. ISB has exceptional facilities and offers superb opportunities in sports, service, and the arts. In our welcoming community, students find a purposeful balance of rigorous academics and enriching personal growth.

**Founding date:** 1980

**School type:** International school

**School hours:** 8.15am–3.25 pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** ISB follows a standards-based curriculum (Learning21@ISB) that draws upon the best elements of international curriculum models for their Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 12 classes. For high school students, ISB offers a full IB diploma program or IB certificate options for students in Grades 11 and 12, as well as Advanced Placement (AP) courses

**Age range:** 3-18

**Grades offered:** Pre K3-Grade 12

**Number of students:** Approximately 1,700

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** No

**Nationality of students:** 40+ nationalities, including US, South Korea, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong.

**Class size (average):** 12-22 (depending on grade level)

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:9

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- Pre-Kindergarten (PK Full Day): RMB 183,630 + RMB 12,010 Capital Levy
- Kindergarten: RMB 212,050 + RMB 19,490 Capital Levy
- Grade 1-5: RMB 212,050 + RMB 34,720 Capital Levy

- Grade 6-8: RMB 229,250 + RMB 34,720 Capital Levy

- Grade 9-10: RMB 249,240 + RMB 34,720 Capital Levy

- Grade 11-12: RMB 258,060 + RMB 34,720 Capital Levy

- Bus: RMB 10,290-16,680 depending on distance

- Application fee: RMB 2,000

**Primary teaching language(s):** English. Dual-Language (Chinese and English) is offered in PreK3–Grade 1. In 2019-2020, ISB will offer Dual-Language (Chinese and English) for PreK3–Grade 2.

**Other elective language(s):** Chinese, French, and Spanish

**After-school activities:** Athletics, choir, orchestra, film, photography, theater, debate club, model united nations, service clubs, wushu, arts and crafts, and more

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered?** EAL, learning support services, personalized learning, tutoring center

**Total area (in sqm):** 133,500

**Facilities:** 32-acre campus in Shunyi with two purpose-built sports domes sitting side-by-side, over 8,500sqm, four fully-equipped gymnasiums (one with a climbing wall); 665-seat sports stadium, including running track and rugby pitch; baseball and softball diamonds; two full-sized turf soccer fields;

and an aquatics center with a 25m pool and diving boards. In the main school building are 12 science labs, a student cooking lab, a visual arts wing in the middle and high school, and art studios in elementary school. Performing arts wing consists of a 600-seat theater, Black Box theater, rehearsal space, and studio stage. The main school building also has two library-media centers with more than 82,000 volumes and over 160 magazine subscriptions. ISB supports a one-to-one MacBook laptop program for each student in grades 2 through 12. A pharmaceutical grade (H-14) air filtration system ensures high air quality in all indoor areas. Flexible learning spaces, including design labs, "collaboratories," and the ISB Futures Academy facilities.

**Lunch:** Range on Western, Chinese, and vegetarian meals

**Lunch fee:** RMB 17-30 (per day)

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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## Keystone Academy

### 北京市鼎石学校

**K**eystone Academy blends traditions in Chinese, American, and international education. It is suitable for local and expat families in China, especially for those who want to raise a culturally- and cognitively- bilingual child. The school offers a bilingual immersion program in Chinese and English, with a strong emphasis on Chinese history and culture woven into the curriculum. Keystone is a day school through Grade 6. Boarding is optional in Grades 7 and 8 and required in Grades 9 through 12. The boarding program is structured similarly to the American boarding school tradition, where faculty families live in residence with the students. It enables character-building and community in a residential setting.

**Founding date:** 2014

**School type:** Day and boarding school meeting Chinese and International standards

**School hours:** 8am-3.30pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** We use Chinese National standards and AERO international standards in conjunction with the International Primary Curriculum (IPC), IBMYP, and IBDP curriculum frameworks. Students use a variety of technology tools throughout the curriculum, and every student uses a school assigned MacBook in Grades 6-12.

**Age range:** 5-19

**Grades offered:** Foundation Year up to Grade 12

**Number of students:** 1,370 (2018-2019 school year)

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** More than 15 nationalities, including China, US, Canada, Australia, UK

**Class size (average):** 18 (primary), 16-18 (secondary school)

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:7

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- Primary school (day school tuition): RMB 245,000
- Secondary school (day school tuition): RMB 275,000
- Boarding tuition: RMB 375,000
- Uniform: Approx. RMB 4,500-5,800
- Bus: RMB 9,800-14,800

**Primary teaching language(s):** Chinese and English

**Other elective language(s):** N/A

**After-school activities:** More than 300 activities offered in a variety of sports, music, visual arts, drama, technology, community service, and activities related to traditional Chinese culture

**Scholarships offered?** Yes

**Extra help offered?** Yes

**Total area (in sqm):** 100,000

**Facilities:** Three libraries, science and technology labs, art spaces, two maker's spaces, an athletic field for soccer, three indoor gymnasiums, a 25m swimming pool,

a fitness center, indoor and outdoor running tracks, outdoor play spaces for primary school, two residence halls, and a performing arts center designed by a Harvard professor of architecture which includes a 700-seat theater, black box, music practice rooms and several classrooms and rehearsal spaces. In addition, new HEPA filtration systems ensure excellent air quality throughout the school campus.

**Lunch fee:** RMB 7,800-9,000 (day students), boarding fees include all meals

**Boarding program?** Optional in Grades 7-8. Compulsory in Grades 9-12

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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# Nord Anglia School, Beijing, Fangshan

## 北京市房山区诺德安达学校

The Nord Anglia School (NAS) Beijing, Fangshan bilingual school is expected to open in September 2019 and will provide a state-of-the-art teaching and learning environment for up to 1,728 students. The international learning experience at NAS Beijing will offer students aged 6–18 years old the best of eastern and western education resources and philosophies. The bilingual curriculum will be based on the Beijing K-12 curriculum blended with globally respected international education resources and teaching methods. Students will gain a solid foundation of Chinese culture whilst being equipped with the knowledge and skills they will need to be successful in an increasingly globalized world.

**Founding date:** 2019

**School type:** Private School

**School hours:** TBC

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Chinese National Curriculum blended with globally respected international education resources and teaching methods.

**Age range:** 6-18

**Grades offered:** Grades 1-12

**Number of students:** TBC

**Foreign passport holders accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** Chinese / foreign

**Max class size:** 24 students per class

**Teacher/student ratio:** 10:1

**Tuition fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

RMB 170,000–210,000 (TBC)

**Primary teaching language:** Chinese and English

**Other languages taught as electives:** TBC

**After-school activities:** They have a variety of academic, cultural, performing arts, and sports activities available for students.

**Scholarships offered?** TBC

**Extra help offered?** N/A

**Total area (in sqm):** 35,000

**School facilities:** Science lab, art studios, information technology lab, auditorium, drama and dance studios, a black box theatre, a musical instrument practice room, full-sized indoor gymnasium, a 25m indoor swimming pool, a full-sized grass football pitch, basketball courts, tennis courts, and an athletic area and

indoor athletics and activity area.

**Lunch:** Yes

**Boarding Program:** Yes

**School nurse or doctor available?** Yes

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## Springboard International Bilingual School (SIBS)

君诚国际双语学校

**E**stablished in 2000, Springboard International Bilingual School provides a diversified learning environment for kindergarten through high school students, offering a bilingual education in Chinese and English that focuses on the American Common Core standards. A qualified school registered with the Beijing Municipal Educational Commission, SIBS is qualified to recruit international students and hire foreign teachers. SIBS utilizes the Columbia University Reading Assessments and "Writing Pathways" writing program. Their educational programs offer a hands-on, integrated learning approach that trains students to focus on building proper reading and writing skills, as well as cultivating healthy lifestyles.

**Founding date:** May 2000

**School type:** International bilingual school with US and Chinese curricula

**School hours:** 8.30am-3.30pm (Monday, Friday) 8.30am-4.20pm (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, ASA day)

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** English, math, socials and science based on American Common Core standards. Chinese and Chinese mathematics based on Chinese National Curriculum.

**Age range:** 2-18

**Grades offered:** Kindergarten to high school

**Number of students:** Over 600

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** Over 22 nationalities and territories represented

**Class size (average):** 16-20

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:6

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- Nursery, K1, K2: RMB 150,000
- Kindergarten (KG): RMB 180,000
- Primary school (G1-G5): RMB 200,000
- Middle school (G6-G8): RMB 220,000
- High school (G9-G12): RMB 240,000
- Uniform fee: RMB 2,200

**Primary teaching language(s):** English, Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** No

**After-school activities:** Cooking, arts and crafts, calligraphy, Chinese water color painting, chess, soccer, basketball, violin, piano, swimming, poetry, Lego, paper-folding, taekwondo, guitar, choir, dance, and more

**Scholarships offered?** Yes

**Extra help offered?** ESL, CSL, additional tutoring support also available

**Total area (in sqm):** 40,000

**Facilities:** Multi-functional classrooms, open library, soccer field, basketball court, playground, auditorium, art room and Chinese calligraphy room, music room, multi-media room, open cafeteria and multi-purpose

room, performance art theater and physical education recreation area

**Lunch:** Nutritious Chinese, Western and vegetarian options

**Lunch fee:** RMB 35 per day (K3-Grade 12); RMB 40 per day (Nursery, K1, and K2)

**Boarding program?** Yes (Grade 7 and above)

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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**Founding date:** 2009

**School type:** International school

**School hours:** 8am-3.15pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** United States Common Core Standards, Singapore Math, the College Board Advanced Placement

**Age range:** 6–18

**Grades offered:** Grade 1-12

**Number of students:** 545

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** No

**Nationality of students:** US, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong (China), and more

**Class size (average):** 22

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:5

**Tuition and other fees (for one year):**

- Primary school: RMB 160,000
- Middle school: RMB 173,000

• High school: RMB 185,000

• Uniform, bus, and capital levy fees are based on each individual situation

• Written test fee: RMB 1,000 (non-refundable)

Primary teaching language(s): English

Other elective language(s): Chinese, Spanish, and French

**After-school activities:** Clubs like Model United Nations, Internship Club, Swimming Club, Broadcast Media

**Scholarships offered?** No

**Extra help offered?** ESL support program for Grade 1-10

**Total area (in sqm):** 99,000

**Facilities:** Library, outdoor playground, Apple Multimedia Lab, PC Lab, iPads in primary school, state-of-the-art science labs in high school, full-size stadium, indoor stadium, dining hall, multiple auditoriums, access to Tsinghua University Science Labs, all

classrooms equipped with Smartboards

**Lunch:** Chinese, Western, and vegetarian options

**Boarding program?** Yes, from Grade 9 and above

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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## Tsinghua University High School International - Chaoyang 清华附中国际学校

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**Founding date:** 2015

**School type:** Local private school

**School hours:** 8am-4.30pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Bilingual, US, AP

**Age range:** 6-18

**Grades offered:** Grade 1-12

**Number of students:** 480

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** Yes

**Nationality of students:** Chinese

**Class size (average):** 20-25

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:4

**Tuition and other fees for one academic year (2019-2020 academic year):**

- Primary school: Grade 1-2: RMB 160,000; Grade 3-5: RMB 170,000
- Middle school: Grade 6-7: RMB 180,000; Grade 8: RMB 190,000
- High school: Grade 9: RMB 190,000; Grade 10-12: RMB 200,000
- Application fee: RMB 1,000, ITA RMB 1,500

• Uniform: RMB 2,000

• Bus: RMB 800-1,500 per month

**Primary teaching language(s):** English, Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** N/A

**After-school activities:** A standardized, comprehensive and integrated extra- and co-curricular program is offered, fostering a smooth transition from primary to middle to high school

**Scholarships offered?** N/A

**Extra help offered?** N/A

**Total area (in sqm):** 40,000

**Facilities:** Built to a world-class standard, the school is equipped with various advanced teaching facilities and resources, including 28 well-equipped, multi-media classrooms with special projectors and writing devices, and SmartBoards with wireless internet connectivity, two libraries with combined collections of over 14,000 books, 2 multifunction art rooms, 2

multifunction music rooms, 3 science labs, 1 student cafeteria, 1 cafe, 6 outdoor tennis courts, 5 basketball courts, 1 hockey field, and 1 standard playground with running track

**Lunch:** Chinese and Western food

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Full-time doctors and nurses on campus during all school hours

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# Yew Chung International School of Beijing

## 北京耀中国际学校

**Y**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. Kindergarten and Primary classrooms incorporate a Co-Teaching Model with one Western and one Chinese teacher to create a fully immersed bilingual environment. 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). All year level sections also incorporate an innovative Learning Community model, teaching children collaboration, soft skills and creativity, and preparing students for the challenges of an unknown future. YCIS Beijing is accredited by CIS and is part of the East Asia Regional Council of Schools and the Association of China and Mongolia International Schools.

**School type:** International school

**School hours:** 8am-3.15pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** Enhanced English National Curriculum, IGCSE, IDBP

**Age range:** 2-18

**Grades offered:** International K-12

**Number of students:** 750

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** No

**Nationality of students:** Australia, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Italy, Korea, Spain, UK, US

**Class size (average):** 16-24

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:8 (kindergarten), 1:12 (primary), 1:7 (secondary), 1:7 (tutor groups) 1:20 (class)

**Tuition and other fees (2018-2019 academic year):**

- K2 – Kindergarten (half day): RMB 96,000
- K2 – Kindergarten (full day): RMB 160,000
- K3 – Kindergarten (full day): RMB 197,000
- K4 – Kindergarten (full day): RMB 201,000
- Year 1-2 – Lower Primary: RMB 241,000
- Year 3-5 – Upper Primary: RMB 249,000
- Year 6 – Lower Secondary: RMB 257,000
- Year 7-8 – Lower Secondary: RMB 272,000
- Year 9 – Upper Secondary IGCSE: RMB 275,000
- Year 10-11 – Upper Secondary IGCSE: RMB 284,000
- Year 12-13 – Upper Secondary IB: RMB 288,000

• Application fee: RMB 2,000

• Placement deposit: RMB 20,000 (refundable)

• Sibling discount: 15 percent (second child) 25 percent (third child or more)

• Uniform: One complimentary set

• Bus: RMB 12,500-RMB 14,500 (dependent on distance)

**Primary teaching language(s):** English and Chinese

**Other elective language(s):** We offer additional language study for interested students as afterschool activities depending on availability.

**After-school activities:** 40 secondary and 55 primary ASAs, including: Robotics Club, photography, visual arts, music and performing arts, model UN, Inter-school Sports Competition (ACAMIS), Roots and Shoots, kickboxing, Chinese Speech and Debate, Radio FM (English and Chinese), Chinese Calligraphy, Baking Club, Coding Club

**Scholarships offered?** Yes. Overall Achievement Scholarship, Language and Literature Scholarship, Music and Performing Arts Scholarship, and Sports Scholarship

**Extra help offered?** English as an Additional Language (EAL), Chinese as an Additional Language (CAL), Student Support Services (including Differentiated Learning for Gifted and Talented Students, Student Learning Support, School Counsellor, dedicated University Guidance Counsellor)

**Facilities:** Open-plan purpose-built Learning Communities, Interactive SmartBoards, Primary and Secondary School libraries, auditorium, access to Olympic-sized swimming pool, access to Honglingjin Park for outdoor activities and athletics, Mac computer labs, fully equipped design and technology studio, recording studio, music room, Student Cafe, cafeteria, rooftop golf course, indoor and outdoor playgrounds, gymnasium, parent room, art rooms, dance studio, and internal PM 2.5 fresh-air systems to filter the air of classrooms, offices, and corridors, and pollution-proof windows and doors installed throughout the campus.

**Lunch:** School cafeteria with catering by Chartwells. Vegetarian and vegan options available. A Student Cafe offers breakfast, healthy snacks and fruit juices.

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes

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## Western Academy of Beijing (WAB)

### 北京京西学校

**W**estern Academy of Beijing (WAB) is a leading non-profit, independent IB World School. Founded in 1994, WAB prides itself on innovative teaching and learning, highly qualified educators, world-class facilities, a diverse community, an innovative and supportive environment, and service-oriented culture. Students are the focus of WAB's learner-centered atmosphere and are encouraged to take their place as responsible citizens of the world.

**Founding date:** 1994

**School type:** International school

**School hours:** 8.30am-3.20pm

**Ministry of Education accredited?** Yes

**Curriculum description:** WAB is setting new standards for international education around the world through its Future of Learning initiative known as FLoW21. The school offers International Baccalaureate programs from Early Years through High School, including the Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme, and Diploma Programme. The Early Years curriculum is based on the Reggio Emilia approach to learning. The Swiss curriculum is available to students in Pre-K-Grade 2. We also offer a wide variety of flexible pathways to graduation, in which individual students can work with their parents, teachers, and counselors to create a program that fits their specific learning needs.

**Age range:** 3-18

**Grades offered:** Early Years-Grade 12

**Number of students:** 1,400

**Foreign passport holder accepted?** Yes

**Local Chinese students accepted?** No

**Nationality of students:** US, Greater China, Canada, Republic of Korea, Australia, and 47 more

**Class size (average):** 14 (Early Years), 22 (elementary to high school)

**Teacher-student ratio:** 1:8

**Tuition and other fees:**

- Early Years (3 years old, half day): RMB 116,300
- Early Years (3/4 years old, full day): RMB 195,600
- Kindergarten-Grade 1: RMB 232,700
- Grade 2-5: RMB 249,500
- Grade 6-8: RMB 264,000
- Grade 9-10: RMB 291,300
- Grade 11-12: RMB 298,900
- Transportation, PE Kits, after-school activities included in tuition

**Primary teaching language(s):** English

**Other elective language(s):** German, Danish, Dutch, French, Finnish, Swedish, Japanese, Chinese

**After-school activities:** WAB offers more than 400 after school activities through its dedicated WABX Department. Extensive athletic, artistic, academic and service activities are available to all students for free. Those include volleyball, soccer, badminton, rugby, soccer, baseball, choir, band, Chinese culture, literature, art, photography, speech and debate, global citizen projects, and more

**Scholarships offered?** Financial assistance available

**Extra help offered?** EAL, Learning Support and Mother Tongue Language Support available

**Total area (in sqm):** 99,900

**Facilities:** All six school buildings are equipped with air filtration systems that keep the daily average AQI at 1. WAB has four exclusive buildings for each school section - Early Childhood Center, Elementary, Middle, High School - and the HUB Sports, Arts, and Technology Center is a shared resource for Middle and High School students. Each school section has a well-equipped library. Students have access to a rock climbing wall, air-supported dome, indoor pool, several theaters, music studios, three gymnasiums, outdoor sports courts, FIFA/IRB certified sports field, fitness center, seven unique dining spots/cafes

**Lunch:** Students purchase snacks and meals with a prepaid SmartCard. A range of Western, Chinese, and vegetarian meal options are available.

**Lunch fee:** RMB 13-28

**Boarding program?** No

**Nurse/doctor available?** Yes



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# The Future of Learning is at WAB!

A 14-member team visited WAB to conduct the first-ever synchronized accreditation process based on current protocols of four organizations: National Center for School Curriculum and Textbook Development (NCCT), Council of International Schools (CIS), New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), and the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO).

Here are some of the responses from members representing each group:

## JOINT COMMENT BY ALL ORGANIZATIONS

"Your influence here at WAB extends beyond these walls to international education all over the world. You are pioneers. Everybody in this international community is looking at you. Thank you for being courageous and making that step forward for us all and for children all over the globe... You are WAB. It's a very, very special place. Look after it."

## IBO

"We are convinced as a team that FLoW21 can significantly enhance the quality of the implementation of the IB programs."

## CIS

"We have seen fantastic learning in your classrooms... your collective alignment to your own guiding statements... promotions of diversity... positive relationships between adults and students working together... the co-creation of a learning-focused future... an atmosphere that fosters learning, openness, fairness and trust for all... the development of student leadership and voice, which empowers students to make a difference."

## NEASC

"This is a community that is learning - testing things, trying things. FLoW21 is not just a name and is not just an initiative. It's kind of who you are."

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# MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR SCHOOL VISIT

*By Andy Penafuerte III*

**L**arge fairs such as the Jingkids International School Expo (JISE) give parents a chance to meet prospective schools as well as a wide insight into the trends in the international education scene in Beijing. Once you locked in your focus on several school prospects, the real challenge comes in.

Finding the right school may be an arduous task for parents but it can help them understand what's in store for their children's future, considering the lengths many of these educational institutions go to offer the "best" out there.

A sensible way to examine schools is to join their open house events, which may happen once a month or several times a quarter. Take advantage of these primers but do your homework to get beyond the glossy presentations and rehearsed tours.

The general idea whenever you join these events is to: Stop to meet the school staff and student body. Look at your checklist and observe the school environment. Listen to the speech of the presenting staff.

# OPEN HOUSE GUIDE

1



## Meet the members of the school community

Open days typically begin with tour of the new or state-of-the-art facilities, followed by a presentation from the headmaster or head teacher, and finally a question-and-answer session. You don't have to wait until the last part to meet the school community. Say hi to young students, greet school staff, and look at the action in the classrooms.

2



## Take a deeper look at teachers

Observe how teachers present themselves and work with students because they have the most day-to-day interactions with your kid(s). You can also ask the presenter about the teachers' achievements and retention, as well as recruitment and vacancies because these may give an insight into the stability of the teaching staff.

3



## Go to the usual areas

New school buildings, state-of-the-art laboratories, cozy libraries – yes, open day hosts will be ready to spotlight these facilities at length, but your open day itinerary should also include a visit to the spaces kids regularly go to. Pupils' toilets are great areas to inspect and see the school's values, especially toward health and cleanliness.

4



## Listen to presenters...

School introductions may appear smart and enticing, but let's face it: these are all sales pitch and marketing strategies. Listen thoroughly to what the hosts say about their achievements or progress, and the way they talk. These points can help you gauge the personality of the people leading the school as well as ascertain whether their approach is geared towards the future of your child or of the school.

5



## ...And quiz them

Make good use of question times or open forums by not asking the headmaster or head teachers the obvious. Direct your queries to what their strategies are to ensure that kids learn well, as well as what their specific intervention methods are for kids who are underachieving. Ask them about the alumni body and where they have gone after their stay at the school.

6



## Go along with your kid(s)

They'll be the ones to spend time at the school, so it's important to gauge their reaction to the prospective environment – from the facilities down to the teachers and schoolmates. Give them moments to look around and meet other children and once you get home, ask them how they felt during the visit.



# SCHOOL VISIT CHECKLIST

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

## OVERALL RATING



## COMMUNITY



## FACILITIES



## OBSERVE THESE INDICATORS:

- ☐ Classrooms: are they well-maintained, bright, and spacious?  
Are student works displayed and appropriate for the grade level?
- ☐ Students: Do they look attentive and cheerful?  
How do they interact with each other during transitions and lunchtime?
- ☐ Teachers: Do they look presentable and enthusiastic? Do they keep students engaged?
- ☐ Non-teaching staff: Are they welcoming and attentive?
- ☐ School officers: How does the principal interact with the community?

- ☐ Facilities
  - ☐ Air quality
  - ☐ Art and music room
  - ☐ Canteen
  - ☐ Computer lab and equipment
  - ☐ Library
  - ☐ Playground, gym, open field
  - ☐ Science rooms
  - ☐ Student toilets and washroom supplies
- ☐ Other details
  - ☐ Start/end time of school
  - ☐ Student population
  - ☐ Average class size
  - ☐ Average teacher-student ratio
  - ☐ Transport options
  - ☐ Lunch offered

## ASK THESE POINTS:

- ☐ Does tuition include textbooks and supplies?
- ☐ Is the school library open after classroom hours for student research?
- ☐ Is the community allowed to use school facilities?
- ☐ Homework policy?
- ☐ School library policy?
- ☐ Student illness policy?
- ☐ Student vaccinations policy?
- ☐ Photographs and digital data policy?
- ☐ Do teachers allow the use of smart gadgets? If so, how often a day?
- ☐ What is the youngest/oldest age for each extracurricular activity?
- ☐ Does your school have a parent-teacher association (PTA)?
- ☐ How regularly does the PTA meet?
- ☐ Is there a school-wide teacher to parent communication policy?
- ☐ How many school events involving parents take place during the workweek? During weeknights? During the weekend?
- ☐ What are the basic qualifications of your teachers?
- ☐ Who acts as substitutes during teacher maternity leaves or long-term emergencies?

## NOTES:

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