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Instruction is data driven. Montessori training specifically prepares teachers to gather qualitative data on children's ongoing work through careful observation. Teachers pay particular attention to students' errors, omissions, and explanations of what they are doing, since this data allows them to pinpoint the specific concepts or steps in procedures that need attention, either through on-the-spot teacher intervention and immediate feedback or through representation of the material.

Although Dr. Montessori believed that no human being can be educated by another person, she recognized the important role that the teacher plays in the child's self-education.

Dr. Montessori believed that the goal of early childhood education should not be to fill the child with facts from a preschool course of studies, but rather to cultivate the child's own natural desire to learn.

Montessori classrooms at Etonkids are carefully designed and set up to allow the students to be highly engaged and active participants. They are child-centred and well-organized, so that students can easily find the materials they need to work independently. The teacher serves as the link from the environment to the child.



In an Etonkids Montessori classroom, the teacher provides freedom within limits. This contributes to creating an educational climate where students feel their ideas and needs are respected. At the beginning of the school year, the teacher is more involved in planning the students' activities (especially newly enrolled students). As ongoing observation indicates that students have gained more skills, they have more opportunities to make choices, within the established limits, and are able to plan more of their own work.

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ON THE COVER:

Nareh Elizabeth Wilson (age 5) is a student at the Canadian International School of Beijing (CISB). Her favorite subject is art, and she loves reading and writing. Nareh had a hard time deciding which teacher she likes best; in the end, she said she loves them all (Ms. Lani, Ms. Paula, Ms. Lisa, and all the rest). "As a parent, I highly appreciate the care the teachers show to every child," says her mom, Svetlana. "A great thing we have at school is the variety of after-school activities. Nareh attends the ballet class and absolutely loves it." Photo by Mishka Family Photography



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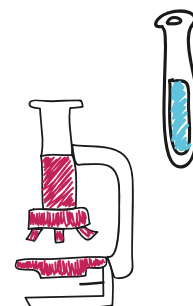
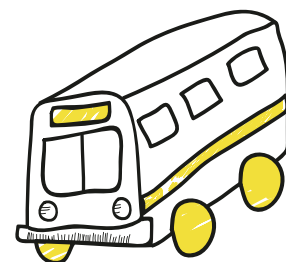
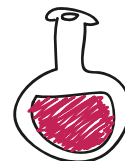
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How Do I Choose a School for My Child?

Taking your first steps towards answering the million-dollar question

by Sijia Chen

One of the perennial questions we get from readers and families moving to Beijing is "How do I choose a school for my kids?" It's a huge, tangled, and often emotional topic, provoking heated debate on parenting forums like Beijing Mamas. If there's one thing we learned while researching this article, it's that the reasons are varied, complex, and deeply personal.

Most international schools begin the academic year in mid- to late August. Admissions departments usually recommend researching schools at least six months in advance and visiting no later than

February or March. Many parents initially come to Beijing on a "look-see" tour guided by their relocation company, which often involves cramming visits to several schools and apartments within a matter of days. Having a clear idea of what you're looking for helps narrow down the choices and visiting sooner rather than later can help allay fears about adapting to a new country. Though we can't tell you which choice is right for *your* family, we hope to at least offer a starting point for those who are just embarking on their search.



Individual Aptitudes

It may be your child's individual talents, interests, and personality that turn out to be the deciding factor. When asked how much children should be involved in the decision process, Gea Visscher, a child and educational psychologist at Dulwich College Beijing (DCB), says it depends on age. "Of course, older children should be involved. At the same time, you are the parent and in the end you make the decision. You know your child and you can anticipate things in the future. Children, in particular teenagers, make emotional decisions." Visscher, who is originally from the Netherlands, is also the head of learning support for the Senior School and the head of the Student Services Center.

If you *do* want your child to be involved in the thinking process, make their participation meaningful. If they're able to join for the school visit, ask them to come up with questions for teachers, admissions officers, or current students. See if the Admissions department can arrange for them to meet people within the school so they can gather their information and form their own conclusions. "You can ask for their impressions and observations, but always make clear before everything that 'I highly value your input and I really take it seriously, but at the

end of the day I make the decision,'" says Visscher.

Visscher's colleague, Choon Eichman, is currently a marketing associate at the school. Prior to this, she worked in the Admissions department ever since DCB opened in 2005. During her tenure, the office processed over 4,000 applications. Eichman shares the story of an American family that visited DCB in July. They had a son entering Year 12 – an exam year for the IGCSE. "I was very upfront about what we offer and that it would be hard work coming in," she says. "In the end, he chose our school. I'm sure they discussed it together and he had some input. In that situation, I think it was fair. He was old enough to make that choice."

Each school has its own strengths. If your child is musical, for example, they might feel at home at DCB with its soundproof practice rooms, iMac music composition suite, range of music ASAs, international school music festivals, and Musician in Residence program. If they're athletic, any number of the larger international schools have a range of extracurricular sports and teams that compete in inter-school tournaments like ACAMIS, APAC, and ISAC.

"I love parents who ask a lot of good questions because they are thinking parents. You have the hardware and the software, and the software is so much more important"



Educational Goals

"A lot of parents would like their children to learn Chinese, so some may choose to go to a Chinese school first or a bilingual school," says Eichman.

"At the end of the day, where do I want to send my child for university?" she asks. "If it's an English-speaking environment, you have to make the transition earlier rather than later." She speaks from personal experience. Eichman is from Singapore and her husband is American; they decided to send their two sons to a local Chinese school before switching them to DCB in Grade 5.

When parents are not sure what they're looking for in a school,

Eichman likes to ask them about educational goals for their kids. "Do you like structure or do you like the free-and-easy flow type of school? Do you like American-style or British-style education?"

"Think about short-term and long-term educational planning for your child," adds Visscher. "Look at how your child has been doing thus far at their school. When you think about it, combine that and reflect on your child as a unique individual. I think that all of us at the international schools highly value working with parents."

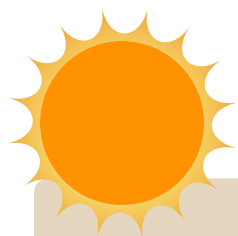


Curriculum

If you're considering a school with a curriculum that you're not familiar with, it's crucial to ask questions about what the school is teaching and *how* they are teaching it. "In the end, you have to guide and coach your child with adjusting to the system. When you're completely blank, it's harder to relate to them," says Visscher.

Particularly for middle and high school students, it's important to find out and understand how homework is handed out and assessed. Is it assigned through an online portal? Do parents have access to their child's login details? Can someone at the school teach them how to use it?

"I love parents who ask a lot of good questions because they are thinking parents," says Eichman. "You have the hardware and the software, and the software is so much more important. It's nice to have the swimming pool and all, but it's the teaching, learning, and pastoral care – how we care for each individual child – that are so important."



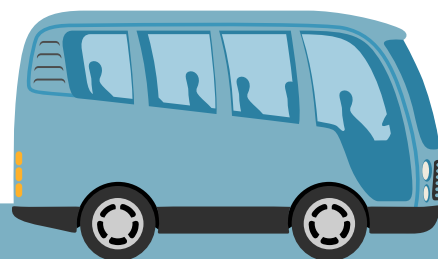
Student Support Services

There's more and more recognition for the importance of catering to the social and emotional needs of students. For instance, "pastoral care" is the term that DCB uses for the individual student care and support. In Early Years and Junior School, the homeroom teacher is the pastoral "caretaker" for their group of students. In Senior School, students have a form tutor who meets with them every morning to touch base and share relevant information. These teachers are the first point of contact for parents and students when there's a question or a concern.

The pastoral care system also addresses rotating themes like values, which are discussed in class throughout the school for that week. In her role as an education psychologist, Visscher sometimes performs psycho-educational assessments with the parents' permission when there's a concern about a child's development or learning ability.

Asides from social-emotional care, families might also consider whether the school offers EAL (English as an Additional Language), CSL (Chinese as a Second Language), one-on-one tutoring, support for learning disabilities or special needs, or a gifted and talented program.

Location



In a city as sprawling as Beijing, traffic and travel time have to be taken seriously. If you live downtown and want to send your kids to school in Shunyi, that could tack on an extra 30 to 45 minutes of bus time each way. Proximity to your child's school or the office makes a significant difference to quality of life in Beijing – perhaps even more so for sleep-deprived

students who must wrestle with loads of coursework every night or younger children with separation issues. If your kids participate in after-school activities, factor in how late they'll be done and whether they'll have enough time to complete their homework. Several parents we spoke to advised finding the school first and looking for housing second.



Language

When choosing a school, one of the most basic considerations is language. "When you move to another country, the question is 'Is it the first time that the children are exposed to English or not?'" says Visscher.

"[The family] must keep in mind how long they will stay here. If they know it's only one or two years and they would return for certain to their home country (like Germany or France), it makes sense to look for a continuation of the education in German or French."

Expats have several options for continuing their children's education in their mother tongue, including Russian, German, French, Swedish, and Dutch. Apart from the government-subsidized embassy schools like the French International School of Beijing and the German School of Beijing, several of the larger international schools also offer mother tongue language programs. For example, the Western Academy of Beijing (WAB) has Danish, French, Finnish, Dutch, and German programs. Depending on the language, some are offered as after-school or weekend programs (usually open to students from other schools), day programs integrated into the WAB curriculum, or both. Other schools with mother tongue language support include DCB (Mandarin and German) and, starting from the 2015-2016 academic year, the International School of Beijing (ISB).

"But if the children are either exposed to international education and an English education, or you know you will stay longer, it's a different story," says Visscher. In that case, she advises examining different schools, the programs they offer, and your child's individual traits and capabilities. You might even choose different schools for different children. "Some children work better in a highly-structured and others in a more loose and creative environment. Parents know their children best," she advises.

"Friends have asked me why I don't send my kids to a local school," says one WAB mom, who asked to remain anonymous. Her children are native English speakers. "My response was that with the life we live, we try to keep as much consistency in our kids' lives as we can. It wouldn't be fair for them to have to learn a new language from scratch each time we are posted to a different country – more or less every three years. It wouldn't be fair to add the academic pressure on top of it."

Parents who want their kids to learn Chinese have another set of questions to consider: Is it more important that they be bilingual (English and Chinese) or build a foundation in Chinese first? If they're very young (under 5), would you consider sending them to a local school? Will you be in Beijing for a while?

PARENT QUOTES

"We chose **MSB** for two reasons: the Chinese language program (I have been told my multiple old China hands that MSB's program is the best) and proximity to home."

"This is our second time in Beijing. When we were first here, the kids were very young. We lived downtown and moved from the UK, so they went to BSB Sanlitun. When we left China, we switched to an international system because we wanted them to take IB. When we learned we were coming back, we already had a good idea of the school we wanted. We applied to ISB and WAB (one does not simply apply to one!) and got accepted to both. We chose **WAB** based on friends' recommendations and communication with the school during the application process. We then visited on a look-see tour, which confirmed to us we were making the right choice."

"Our kids are very young and this is their first time at an international school. My spouse's employer, which is paying the school fees, only allowed us a choice between CISB and LFIP. At the time, our kids did not speak English. However, we wanted them to be bilingual as young as possible. We visited both schools with the idea of applying for the bilingual section if we chose LFIP. In the end, we chose **CISB** for several reasons, including the fact that they accommodated our request to admit our daughter into preschool despite her being born after the cut-off date, the buildings and infrastructure seemed more comfortable, and there is a free tutoring program for non-native English speakers."

"We chose **Fangcaodi** because we wanted a strong foundation in Mandarin for our daughter, who is half-Chinese and born here. Added bonuses were the downtown location and reasonable price, which fit our location and budget."

"We chose **DCB** because it offers the English National Curriculum (we're from the UK), small class sizes, a great Early Years program, a lovely campus design and facilities at Beijing Riviera."

"My children attend **Daystar**. My decision was based first on finding a truly bilingual environment with Chinese language and math. However, I wanted to emphasize Chinese without sacrificing English. Secondly, many of my friends who had the same educational goals sent their children to Daystar."

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Class Acts

Charting the right course for success

by Yvette Ferrari and Sally Wilson

When it comes to choosing a school, nothing is more important than finding the right fit for your child. With so many schools in Beijing, having a good understanding of a school's curriculum can help parents narrow down their choices. In this feature, we outline nine different types of curricula and chatted with Beijing parents and students about the strengths of each. From IB to homeschooling, we invite you to sit down and study up.

Chinese National Curriculum

The current Chinese public school system is based on revisions to national education that followed the introduction of the "Four Modernizations" presented by Zhou Enlai in 1974. These four goals – to develop agriculture, industry, technology, and defense – are considered the pillars of modern education in China.

Who does it target?

Local Chinese students, of course. When bilingual or merged education programs are available in Beijing, they generally target families who want their child to be fully immersed in a Chinese-language curriculum in order to understand local culture and emerge from the school system fully literate in Mandarin. The international student sections of local schools also target Chinese families who want their kids to have a solid foundation in English and Western culture for eventual study overseas.

How is it applied?

Structured as a "6-3-3" schedule (six years of primary school and three years each of middle and high school), the Chinese education system relies heavily on public funding. Schools vie for the designation of "key school," which grants them more government allocations. These schools are considered the most prestigious and enroll the most academically-gifted students. At the secondary level, "key schools" are similar to college prep schools in the US. National entrance exams are required for admission into both "senior middle school" (American high school) and university. Schools in Beijing that teach the Chinese National Curriculum through a bilingual model usually assess a child's Mandarin skills before granting admission.

Critics of the local system often cite its over-reliance on rote memorization and test scores, creating incredible pressure for Chinese youth to succeed. However, in 2010 the government took steps towards education reform by loosening control over the national curriculum. Though schools have not for the most part adopted these measures, many families are starting to demand more emphasis on self-directed learning, creativity, whole-child development, and critical thinking skills.

Why should parents consider it?

The single greatest benefit is complete immersion in Mandarin. All or most subjects are taught in Chinese, leading to literacy and fluency in the world's most-spoken language. Additional benefits include an environment in which Confucian ideology provide teachers with palpable respect. Not only do they enjoy untaxed salaries and a national holiday (Teacher's Day), but students are expected to obey their instructions without question, making classrooms much stricter than in Western

schools. If your child would benefit from more discipline, a Chinese classroom may be the answer. In general, Chinese students are also better at math than their American counterparts, a difference that has been attributed to everything from teaching methodology to student motivation.

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

There are more than 100 million people learning Mandarin all over the world. Establishing fluency early can provide them with an edge in their future careers. In addition, the Chinese National Curriculum reinforces self-discipline and a strong work ethic through longer school hours and more homework. There is a built-in belief that all children can achieve regardless of their background – as long as they put in the effort.



Spotlight: Beijing No. 4 High School

Fifteen-year-old Pravin Venkat Sarma is an international student at Beijing No. 4 High School. The Singaporean native has lived in Beijing for 14 years.

What do you like about the Chinese National Curriculum?

The way of learning under the Chinese National Curriculum will generate long-term memory for students. It provides a solid foundation and enables us to prepare for university study. Also,

we study classic Chinese literature and reflect on passages, which often teach a profound philosophy on life. It's important to understand more about Chinese culture since China is going to take a more significant role in the world economy and in environmental protection.

What are the challenges?

There are many subjects in this curriculum, and learning how to manage time is the key to success. We have to look after all subjects, understand them, and master the knowledge.

What's the most interesting project you have worked on this year?

The school organizes projects to choose from, including many self-study projects. Most recently, I finished one on the history of Singapore's ruling political party and am now working on a project related to automotive engineering, which will last the whole semester. I want to be an automotive engineer in the future, so being able to study this now gives me a solid foundation. The most important thing is that I have very good teachers and classmates who help me with the problems I don't understand.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a non-profit education foundation headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. Founded in 1968, the IB is divided into three programs that can be applied individually or as a whole: the Primary Years Programme or PYP (ages 3-12), the Middle Years Programme or MYP (ages 11-16), and the Diploma Programme or IBDP (ages 16-19). Institutions that are authorized to offer one or more of these programs are known as "IB World Schools." According to the IB's official website, there are over one million IB students in more than 140 countries around the world.

Who does it target?

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

How is it applied?

All three of the IB's programs require study across a broad range of subjects, emphasize language learning and interdisciplinary learning, and include a community service component. Each program has its own curriculum; the IBDP is probably the best-known. Over two years, students must take six courses drawn from the following subject groups: arts, experimental sciences, language acquisition, studies in language and literature, individuals and society, and mathematics and computer science.

Hallmarks of the IBDP include Theory of Knowledge (TOK), "Creativity, Service, and Action" (CAS), and the extended essay. TOK is a compulsory course that focuses on critical thinking and the nature of knowledge. CAS compels students to pursue activities outside the classroom. The extended essay is a 4,000-word paper designed to prepare students for undergraduate university work. IBDP students are graded on a scale from 1 to 7 (7 being the highest). They can also gain up to three extra points for their combined results on TOK and the extended essay, bringing the maximum total grade to 45 points. The IB Diploma is awarded to students who score least 24 points and satisfy their requirements in CAS. In general, about 80 percent of students obtain the diploma after taking the test; fewer than 1 percent achieve a perfect score.

Why should parents consider it?

The IB has a distinct focus on international education, making it one of

the most natural choices for expat families in Beijing. The curriculum is rigorous, well-rounded, and global-minded. In addition, IB World Schools must undergo a rigorous authorization and evaluation process and IB teachers participate in a variety of professional development events.

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

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



Spotlight: Beijing City International School (BCIS)

Canadian Jenae Drisner has lived in Beijing for nine years. The Grade 11 student began studying the IB program four years ago.

What do you like about the IB program?

How much it can help people discover more about themselves, others, and the world we live in. I have gotten to learn more about myself since starting the MYP and am now a quarter of the way into the IBDP. Another thing I like is how my school has students from all over the world because it helps everyone grasp concepts about different cultures and customs better and makes learning more interesting.

What are the challenges?

School work, especially at this grade, takes up a lot of time. Since IB is such a demanding curriculum, people tend to think of it as really strict. At the beginning of this academic year, I was really nervous about the workload, stress, and potential lack of sleep because of what I heard from students in higher grades. But once I got into Grade 11, I realized that the workload isn't that bad and that there are many great learning opportunities.

Highlight the most interesting project you have worked on this academic year.

For my personal project, I did my topic on cancer, which has been very impactful in my life with family members and friends. I created a DIY journal for teens whose lives have been impacted by cancer to help them go through the grief cycle. This was a very challenging project but totally worth it. Not only did I learn about the grief cycle and cancer, but also about myself. I have grown as an individual.

English National Curriculum

The English National Curriculum was developed by the British government for standard use in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. It is used by over 30,000 schools in the UK and overseas. The curriculum is characterized by a broad, well-rounded education that narrows in focus after Year 11. The English National Curriculum targets students 3-18 years of age. Grades are divided into "Key Stages" that cover early childhood education, primary and secondary school:

- Key Stage 0: Ages 3-5 (also known as Early Years)
- Key Stage 1: Ages 5-7 (Year 1-2)
- Key Stage 2: Ages 7-11 (Year 3-6)
- Key Stage 3: Ages 11-14 (Year 7-9)
- Key Stage 4: Ages 14-16 (Year 10-11)
- Key Stage 5: Ages 16-18 (Year 12-13, collectively known as Sixth Form)

How is it applied?

Primary school students are assessed at the end of Key Stage 1, 2, and 3 on core subjects using a scale of 1 to 8. Based on tests and teacher assessments, these assessments are known as "SATS" or Standard Assessment Tasks (not to be confused with the American SAT, a standardized test used for college admissions in the US).

At the end of Key Stage 4, students can sit up to ten subjects at a series of national exams known as the GCSEs (General Certificate of Secondary Education) with some exams and coursework completed in Year 10 and in the early stages of Year 11.

At the end of Key Stage 5, students can take the GCSE Advanced Level exams, commonly known as A-levels. A-levels are a graduated system composed of AS levels (Year 12) and A2 levels (Year 13). Students cannot move on to A2 levels if they do not pass their AS levels. The norm is to sit four or five AS levels in Year 12, then carry forward three subjects to A2 level in Year 13.

Most international schools offer the IGCSE administered by University of Cambridge International Examinations – essentially the international equivalent of the GCSE. The system offers more than 70 study subjects, with an emphasis on English fluency and cultural awareness.

Why should parents consider it?

The English National Curriculum sets out a highly structured set of standards, enabling teachers to clearly understand the learning outcomes expected at each stage and measure how a child is doing within the system. In Sixth Form, A-levels give students the freedom to choose their areas of study and explore the subjects they might want to pursue in university, making time in the work week for wider reading and additional research.

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

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

However, critics of the English National Curriculum say that it is prescriptive and lacks flexibility and creativity. Because teachers must "teach to the test," students are said to lack problem-solving and critical thinking skills. In the UK, state school results are published and institutions are ranked against each other, sometimes leading to pressure on administrators, teachers, and students.



Spotlight: Harrow International School Beijing

Year 13 Harrow student Hannah Smith (UK/Taiwan) has been living in Beijing for seven years. Smith's mom also works at Harrow as a Year 5 teaching assistant.

What do you like about the curriculum?

I've been able to drop subjects that I'm not really interested in and focus entirely on areas that I love. I'm not forced to do sciences or math past a certain level and can study areas I prefer such as literature and history in depth. This has really helped my academic achievement because I always found that subjects I didn't like end up requiring much more energy to deal with and sucked a lot of the enjoyment out of school. With subjects that I want to study, school ends up being a lot more fun.

What are the challenges?

Some would say that having to narrow focus so much in the final two years of schooling is too restrictive. Personally, I haven't felt like that at all, but I do have a pretty clear idea of the general area I want to go in to. If you are unsure whether you want to go in the direction of science or humanities, it might become more difficult to continue past GCSE and into AS/A2 since you generally take four subjects at AS and drop down to three at A2. That's not to say that you have to go entirely in one direction or the other, but the system does lend itself to that.

Highlight the most interesting project you've worked on this year.

I was recently involved in the IEEE-funded Brain-Computer Interface workshop at Harrow as the head of media. Though I don't actually take biology or physics, it was still really interesting and I ended up learning a lot about brain waves and the science behind brain-computer interfaces. Plus, it was a valuable lesson in the logistics of setting up an event outside school time.

Hybrid Curriculum

In Beijing, some schools have based their curriculum on a “hybrid” model of education. A hybrid curriculum typically combines the best practices of Chinese and Western education, sometimes integrating elements of IB, the English National Curriculum, or American Common Core standards. To be clear, schools with hybrid programs don't exclusively offer one or multiple types of curricula, but merge them to form a cohesive learning model. The ideal program incorporates different education practices, drawing on what works well from each model to develop a unique curriculum for that particular school. Often, schools with hybrid programs can be distinguished by their greater emphasis on bilingualism and Chinese culture.

Who does it target?

Schools with hybrid curricula in Beijing vary widely in the age ranges they cater to. For example, Beijing International Bilingual Academy (BIBA) currently accepts students up to Grade 11 but will eventually offer full K-12 programs. Keystone Academy accepts students up to Grade 9 and will offer Foundation through Grade 10 in Fall 2015. In Beijing at least, a hybrid curriculum is generally better-suited to parents who want their child to have a solid grounding in Chinese language and culture without sacrificing English. Thus, it may be a model to consider for parents who would rather not send their kids to a local school.

How is it applied?

A hybrid education model will look dramatically different from school to school. In any case, collaboration between teachers and curriculum coordinators is essential to ensure high standards. A good hybrid program should have the following traits:

- Teachers working closely together at each grade level and discipline
- Ongoing professional development training for teachers
- Flexible framework adaptable to the changing needs of the students
- Principles that adhere to the core values of the school
- Threads of Chinese culture and identity integrated into unit and lesson planning

Why should parents consider it?

Students studying under a hybrid model can benefit from a deeper cultural understanding of China as well as fluency in Mandarin and English – a standout point when applying to university. Furthermore, a hybrid curriculum provides students with a one-of-a-kind education.

That being said, parents must consider whether a hybrid curriculum is right for *their* child. For example, families planning to stay in Beijing for a relatively short period may find it less challenging to stick with a curriculum that is more in line with that of their home country.

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

In today's world, it's more important than ever for future generations to be able to participate in a multicultural, multilingual, and fast-changing global environment. A hybrid curriculum with an emphasis on bilingualism, innovative learning approaches, and bridging cultural differences equips students with the skills they need for success in a globalized world.



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Spotlight: Keystone Academy

Nancy Li (China) is a student at the newly-opened Keystone Academy, a "new world school" as stated in its literature. The Grade 9 student shares her views on Keystone's own unique model of education.

What do you like about this curriculum?

Our curriculum helps students [whose] English is not their native language to learn almost everything step-by-step. We also learn about Chinese culture and language through different subjects. The best part is that I am learning a lot about my country's culture and language while still advancing my English.

What are the challenges?

I always have to remind myself not to speak Chinese. Though I know I should speak English, sometimes I am not strict with myself and allow myself to use Chinese to discuss issues with my classmates. At the beginning of the semester, I did not realize how much that would hinder my improvement in English. However, my classmates were aware of it and suggested that we only speak English to each other. Now if I use Chinese in class, I have my classmates to remind me not to. The best part about tackling this challenge is that my classmates and I help each other, and are overcoming it as one group. I love the feeling that we are helping each other and improving together at Keystone.

Highlight the most interesting project you've worked on this year.

It was a design class project where had to create an "organizer" for ourselves. Our design teacher, George Baxter, recommended we use the website Pinterest for design ideas. After a little research, I began to design an organizer, choosing the coolest one from my ideas. With the materials Mr. Baxter gave us, I began to turn the 2D figure into 3D. Each organizer is so unique to each of us. I learned so much from this project and it was also of immediate practical use to me. There are so many other projects like this that we have done at Keystone, but I love this project the most.

Multiple Intelligences

Harvard University professor Dr. Howard Gardner first proposed the Multiple Intelligences theory in his 1983 book *Frames of Mind*. He wrote that humans are made up of multiple intelligences, the main eight intelligences being linguistic, logical-mathematical, spatial, bodily kinesthetic, musical, interpersonal, intra-personal, and naturalist.

The Multiple Intelligence theory strongly influenced the American education system in the 1990s, encouraging schools to view children's learning from a new perspective. At the core of this theory is the recognition that children think and learn differently and that intelligence can be expressed in a multitude of ways.

How is it applied?

Schools teaching Multiple Intelligences use different methodologies to reach all students. There is no single preferred model and individual schools have implemented the theory in different ways. What they have in common is a multi-faceted approach to teaching. In a typical model, the learning objective is linked to words, numbers or logic, pictures, music, the body, the natural world, social interaction, and/or personal experiences. The eight major intelligences are:

- **Linguistic:** The ability to use language to express what's on our minds and to understand other people (e.g. word games, spelling, reading books, and looking at pictures)
- **Logical-mathematical:** The ability to think logically and to use and manipulate numbers, quantities, and operations (e.g. science experiments, math, Lego, and construction)
- **Spatial:** The ability to represent the spatial world in one's mind (e.g. art and craft activities)
- **Musical:** The ability to perceive and understand patterns of sound as well as creating and communicating meaning from sound (e.g. playing instruments, listening to music, composition, singing)
- **Bodily-kinesthetic:** The ability to use fine and gross motor abilities (e.g. moving to music, playing dress-up, puppet shows)
- **Interpersonal:** The ability to understand people and relationships (e.g. team games and activities)
- **Intra-personal:** The ability to understand oneself, one's thoughts and feelings (e.g. working alone and independently)
- **Naturalist:** The ability to understand and work with the natural world and the environment (e.g. gardening, looking at insects)

Why should parents consider it?

A curriculum that incorporates the Multiple Intelligences theory strives to develop children's full potential in a dynamic, play-based, and supportive environment. Teaching methods focus on children's individual abilities and needs. Activities planned the teachers are more student-centered than traditional academic activities.

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

Children are taught to become self-confident, get along well with others, be problem solvers, make good choices, and see themselves as children with good ideas – all of which are valuable life skills.

Spotlight: The Kropf Family

Francesca Kropf is a full-time mom. Of dual Italian and German citizenship, she and her family have been living in Beijing for three and a half years. One of her three children – 5-year-old Giulia – attends Ivy Bilingual Schools' Orchid Garden Campus.



Why did you choose Multiple Intelligences?

There are many reasons why we like the Multiple Intelligences curriculum. In Germany, we have a similar curriculum and have had positive experiences with Giulia's elder sister and brother there. The kids learn to develop different skills and find out their own talents, strengths and special attributes. The curriculum also satisfies children's curiosity on many different topics so learning doesn't get boring for them. By combining learning and playing, the children still can be just children and learning does not becoming "work." More importantly, they learn to solve real-life tasks. We love it that the Multiple Intelligences curriculum prepares children with the necessary skills for school, work and life.

What are the advantages of the curriculum?

Giulia has many interests such as sports, dancing, drawing, art, science, reading and writing, and learning about different countries and cultures. This kind of curriculum is definitely the best for her. She loves the school and the way teachers work with her. Not only did she develop self-confidence, but she also acquired great soft skills and learned how to work in a team.

What are the drawbacks?

We don't see any real drawbacks. Perhaps some parents might feel that children don't specialize in some topics, but I think that's something can be done through after-school activities.

What else would you like to share about your child's progress?

At the beginning, Giulia was a shy girl and wanted to do only the things she liked. But with the help of Ivy Schools and her wonderful teachers, she has developed great self-confidence and is eager to explore new things. She was also able to develop her soft skills, such as always being willing to help others. She is well-prepared for going to school next year!

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Montessori

The Montessori motto is "Help me do it by myself." This approach is founded on the belief that every child should be respected as an individual and allowed to learn at their own pace within the prepared environment of a classroom. The Montessori philosophy acknowledges that a child's curiosity and interest fuel their drive toward competence, allowing them to learn and progress at their own pace. Montessori education aims to foster intelligent thinking, independence, self-esteem, problem-solving skills, and social aptitude.

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

Though there are several Montessori societies worldwide, the term "Montessori" itself is not trademarked. That's why it is crucial for parents to visit prospective schools. The more prominent societies, like the American Montessori Society (AMS), formulate their own standards and accredit schools.

How is it applied?

Globally, the age of Montessori students varies from infancy to adulthood (0-18 years). The majority of schools in Beijing focus on early childhood education (such as Etonkids and Children's House), but MSB offers Montessori-style education for kids up to age 12.

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

Montessori teachers guide rather than lead their students. There are no assessments or grading systems; progress is tracked through observation, record-keeping, and self-reflection. There is also no such thing as failure, since teachers present each child with a choice of tasks and a variety of difficulties.

Why should parents consider it?

Education experts agree that the most important period in a child's development is between ages 0 and age 6. Dr. Montessori believed that kids at this age had an "absorbent" quality, like a sponge. The idea is that the proper guidance and stimulation will allow them to form patterns for the rest of their lives. In regular daycare, the focus is often on keeping young students entertained; the Montessori classroom is designed to meet every child's learning needs with special tools and materials. Students can set their own pace instead of being forced to do activities they don't enjoy. They become part of a community, with older kids playing the role of mentors and younger kids feeling supported for the challenges ahead.

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

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



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Spotlight: The Ordonez Family

The Ordonez family moved to Beijing a year ago after living elsewhere in China. Originally from the US, dad William is a research and development officer while mom Ana Maria works in international recruiting and relations. They have two kids: Zaley Elizabeth (age 4) and William Alexander (age 2), both students at Etonkids International Kindergarten. We asked William Sr. for his take on his children's Montessori education.

Why did you choose Montessori for your children?

We both believe that through a hands-on approach, the freedom to choose based on [the children's] natural curiosity, and learning from older children provide a great start for grasping the concept that education comes not only through what someone else can teach you, but what you can teach yourself. Montessori creates learning paths where a child can understand their learning pace without pressure of what is expected and instead nurture their route to self-education.

What are the advantages of Montessori?

What caught our attention was the children's freedom to explore their curiosity without the burden of expectation from teachers or even us. Montessori also instills independence and valuable characteristics such as respecting oneself, respecting others, and respecting the environment. Through Montessori, they are given tools which they can use for future jobs. Today's education cannot teach them future jobs that haven't been created yet, but we can prepare them to become self-thinkers, independent, and problem-solvers through creative solutions.

What are the drawbacks of the Montessori curriculum?

One possible drawback may be that not many parents, including ourselves, are fully aware of the Montessori concept of teaching. My wife and I were brought up in more traditional-style schooling. It's hard for us to be consistent with what they teach in the Montessori classroom and how we teach the kids at home. It's a wonderful curriculum and we support it, but we often wonder if we're in line with the school's teachings. That's why my wife and I have constant talks with our children's lead Montessori teacher.

Tell us about your children's progress within the curriculum.

My wife and I are very pleased to have chosen Etonkids for Montessori. They are exposed to a mindset where opportunities are only limited by their imagination. One of the things we have noticed is that our children have great manners. It's very good to hear a 2-year-old say "Thank you so much, Papa!" when he is handed a snack or a toy. This is part of their grace and courtesy training, which in my opinion is one of the most important traits that our kindergarteners can learn, as it is carried throughout the rest of their lives.

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Developed by Austrian philosopher Rudolf Steiner in 1919, Waldorf education is based on an understanding of human development that addresses the needs of the growing child and distinguishes three broad stages in child development. The Waldorf philosophy states that focusing children's learning on intellectual endeavors too early detracts from their physical, spiritual, and emotional development.

Early years education focuses on providing practical, hands-on activities as well as an environment that encourages creative play. In elementary, the emphasis is on developing students' artistic expression and social capacities, and fostering creative and analytical modes of understanding. Secondary education focuses on developing critical and empathetic understandings of the world through the study of mathematics, arts, sciences, humanities, and languages.

How is it applied?

Though most Waldorf schools are autonomous institutions that aren't required to follow a prescribed curriculum, there are some widely agreed-upon guidelines. The main academic subjects from Grades 1-8 are introduced through morning lesson blocks extending over several weeks. The topic is infused into many of the classroom activities, and each subject is revisited over the course of the child's education with increasing complexity.

The Waldorf approach stresses the role of the imagination in learning and places a strong value on integrating intellectual, practical, and artistic activities across the curriculum rather than learning each academic discipline separately. Waldorf schools discourage children from reading before the age of 7, with the thinking that early reading will hinder a child's spiritual development. Here's a sample of subjects taught at each grade stage:

- Primary (Grades 1-3): Pictorial introduction to the alphabet, poetry, drama, folk and fairy tales, numbers, nature stories, and gardening
- Middle (Grades 4-6): Writing, reading, spelling, grammar, poetry, drama, myths, local and world geography, zoology, botany, and elementary physics
- Upper (Grades 7-8): Creative writing, reading, spelling, grammar, poetry, drama, history, mathematics, geography, physics, basic chemistry, astronomy, and physiology
- High school (Grades 9-12): English, foreign languages, math, science, history, music, art and crafts, physical education, and eurythmy

Why should parents consider it?

Waldorf provides a richly artistic curriculum in which teachers help children connect to nature and cultivate social, emotional, and spiritual intelligence. The curriculum is highly interdisciplinary, blending academics with lessons in the fine and practical arts, and nature-based activities. Waldorf educators emphasize formative (qualitative) over summative (quantitative) student assessment methods. Therefore, this curriculum might be attractive to parents that prefer their children not to go through regular testing and assessments.

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

While many public and private schools that claim to prepare their students for college quantitatively track the success of their students, this has never been a priority for Waldorf schools. Surveys of Waldorf graduates show their students to be cross-disciplinary learners, creative problem solvers, and thinkers who think outside the box.

Spotlight: The Wang-Yu Family

Parents Wang Honglin and Yu Shufen (China) have lived in Beijing for the past 18 years. They are a telecommunication engineer and a spiritual trainer respectively. The couple has a 10-year-old daughter called Wang Shixin who attends Ande Huaxu Waldorf School in Shunyi. Previously, she attended Nanshan Waldorf School for five years.

Why did you choose this curriculum for your child?

Rather than spoon-feeding students, Waldorf provides a whole-some education for body and mind, provides opportunities for experiential learning, and encourages students to find the answers by themselves.

What are the advantages?

Waldorf's encourages students to learn from direct experience rather than classroom lectures. Spoon-feeding doesn't help students learn and grow; it only packs a lot of stuff in their minds. With Waldorf, students learn how to feel and be conscious of things.

What are the drawbacks?

Since Waldorf just started in China, parents, teachers, and the school are still in the process of getting adjusted to working with each other.

What else would you like to share about your child's progress?

It has been five years since my daughter entered first grade at Nanshan Waldorf School. She has been very passionate and focused. She likes her school and teachers, has developed many interests, and has made a lot of friends. In addition to her normal classes, she also takes Chinese martial arts, craft, music, painting and calligraphy.



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Reggio Emilia

Reggio Emilia is an early childhood philosophy named after the city of the same name in northern Italy, where communities in the surrounding villages sought a way to rebuild society after World War II. Under the leadership of founder and educator Loris Malaguzzi, Reggio Emilia evolved into a parent-led approach that spread all over the world. Malaguzzi believed that children learn through the "hundred languages" of words, movement, painting, drawing, sculpting, shadow play, music, theater, and more. Reggio Emilia is all about relationships, including the child's relationship with family, teachers, society, and their environment. This educational approach is self-guided; kids exert a degree of control over their own learning, learn about the world through all five senses, develop meaningful relationships with other children, and have the freedom to express themselves in various ways.

Who does it target?

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

How is it applied?

Reggio Emilia does not have a governing organization, accreditation system, or set curriculum. According to the North American Reggio Emilia Alliance (NARE), Reggio Emilia is a set of "community-constructed values that have been and are continuously being translated into high-quality early childhood practices." The main assessment method for Reggio Emilia is observation. Teachers track the child's progress by collecting information over long time periods through photos, notes, videos, works of art, and conversations. In Beijing, schools tend to combine Reggio Emilia with other educational philosophies. House of Knowledge International

School and Kindergarten (HoK) has the strongest Reggio Emilia influence but its curriculum also borrows aspects of Montessori and traditional Confucian theory. Though an IB World School, WAB's early childhood center also offers a Reggio Emilia-inspired program.

Why should parents consider it?

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

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

As in Montessori, Reggio Emilia seeks to develop skills for lifelong learning. Reggio children are able to step into a new curriculum or subject with the drive and competency to acquire knowledge. In class, students are not given any answers; teachers prompt them with questions that allow them to form their own conclusions. Students apply critical thinking skills and have the confidence to ask others for help.

Spotlight: The Brodie Family

Lisa Cheng has a 4-year-old daughter named Ashley at WAB. Cheng and her husband Kristian Brodie both work at WAB, respectively as an administrative assistant and substitute teacher in the elementary school and an ES homeroom teacher. The family lived Indonesia before moving to Beijing less than a year ago.

Why did you choose Reggio Emilia?

We did not specifically choose the Reggio Emilia approach, though knew that WAB's Early Years Program was based on Reggio Emilia.



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Coming from Indonesia, where we worked at an international school, Ashley attended an early years program and one of her classmates had previously attended WAB. From this source, colleagues, and classmates, we heard wonderful things about the school and community surrounding WAB.

What are the advantages to this model?

With this approach, the child is an active participant in their learning. Her interests are supported and she is challenged to take them further by being given the resources and support she needs to deeply explore the concepts introduced in class. Teachers ask questions that provoke deeper thinking and encourage students to ask questions themselves. The learning environment is set up in such a way that allows for individual inquiry and exploration.

What are the drawbacks of Reggio Emilia?

I think the biggest drawback is that the Reggio Emilia approach is dependent on the quality of staff and availability of resources. For the approach to work well, as with every approach to education, the teachers need to have a solid understanding of what they are doing and be professionally supported. Also the environment is considered an integral aspect of the learning and thus must be well resourced and taken care of properly so that it can be stimulating for the learners.

Homeschooling

In homeschooling, parents educate their children at home instead of sending them to traditional school. Though there has been a significant rise in homeschooling over the last 25 years, homeschooling isn't new. In fact, until the 1850s, most children were educated at home. The practice experienced a rebirth in the 1970s when popular American education authors and researchers began writing about education reform.

"Homeschooling" doesn't mean staying at home. Students engage in social activities like sports and volunteer work, and rate typically above-average of measures of social, emotional, and psychological development, according to the National Home Education Research Institute (NHERI). The institute conducts and collects research about homeschooling in the US and publishes the results in a journal called Home School Researcher. NHERI research has also shown that homeschooled students typically score 15-30 percentile points above public school students on standardized and achievement tests.

Who does it target?

Homeschooling can start as young as 2 and kids can be homeschooled up to age 18.

How is it applied?

In general, homeschooling families don't usually follow one particular style, but select ideas and methods and adapt them to fit the needs of their child. That being said, some styles are more popular than others. For example, the "relaxed" or eclectic approach is most often used by homeschoolers. Other approaches include "school-at-home," "unschooling," classical, Charlotte Mason, Waldorf, Montessori, and Multiple Intelligences approaches. How homeschooling works in practice depends on the family. The goal is for parents to identify how, when, and where the child learns best in order to discover what works.

Generally, the biggest challenge first-time homeschoolers face is deciding what materials to use. With a wealth of resources available online, it can be a daunting process to make sense of curricula, workbooks, and websites. A child's age and level in a particular subject should be a key point of consideration. Some providers offer packages for a whole academic year, which can take the guesswork out of creating lesson plans.

Why should parents consider it?

Families choose homeschooling for different reasons, but the main ones are religious purposes, avoiding the public school system, instilling a closer family bond, being able to customize the curriculum, and allowing kids the freedom to learn at their own pace. In Beijing, homeschooling can be a viable option for families who live far from the city center or who can't afford or don't want to pay international school fees.

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

Families also have greater flexibility to create hands-on learning opportunities by attending, for example, workshops, literary festivals, and talks about topics that interest the student. Homeschooled students have a greater say in what and how they learn, which long-term results in independent, assertive, and self-disciplined adults.



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Spotlight: The Frederiksen Family

Originally from the US, the Frederiksens have been living in Beijing for one year. Dad Brian works for Procter & Gamble while mom Melissa homeschools the couple's three children: Darby (age 14), Soren (11), and Joelle (age 7). We spoke to Darby about her learning.

What do you like about homeschooling?

I have always been homeschooled and have never studied another way. I like the personalized aspect. I can help choose what I want to study and manage my own schedule. Sometimes we can take a half day to go to the Beijing Aquarium or the science museum. That's really cool because all other children are in school and it's almost empty. Also, I still get to be with kids my own age because there is another family near us that homeschools and I see friends at church every week. On Thursday afternoons, I also join other homeschooled students.

What kind of curriculum do you follow?

I take several classes online, like French with the Potter's School,

Chinese with John Hopkins University, and literature with a website called CenterForLit. They are sites I log on to and can hear the teacher talking in real time all the way from the US. Other students log on live from all over the world and we can talk to each other. Subjects such as biology, I learn from a textbook and my mom is teaching me geometry.

What are the challenges to this type of learning environment?

Even though I'm homeschooled, I still have a lot of work to get done between tests, writing essays, and science assignments and it is sometimes overwhelming.

Highlight the most interesting project you have worked on this academic year.

I did research, wrote a report, and gave a short Powerpoint presentation on Cambodia that talked about history, food, the people, and landmarks. It was interesting to learn about and my family went to Cambodia for Christmas, so I got to experience it for myself.

Balancing the Books

Theresa Ahdieh on education that won't break the bank

by Aisling O'Brien



The Ahdieh family (clockwise from bottom left): Ty (age 9), Q, Monique (16), and Theresa



The quality of a child's education is an emotional topic for many parents, with high potential for guilt, envy, and resentment. Many corporations have changed their school allowances in the past few years; for many, company benefits just aren't what they used to be. The financial burdens can be great for parents who pay for some or all of their children's education out-of-pocket. For average families bearing the cost independently, tuition at top-tier international schools in Beijing can be prohibitive unless you have extensive resources or are willing to eat into savings that could be spent in areas such as family vacations.

Settling into life in Beijing takes time. Minimizing the level of stress and change is key for some children during this crucial period, while others may adjust to new curricula, teaching styles, and peer dynamics quickly. With international education a financial impossibility for a growing number of families, we spoke to Theresa Ahdieh, a veteran of the Beijing expat community and former *beijingkids* brand manager about her experiences.

Ahdieh and her family moved to Beijing from Seattle four years ago. Her husband Q is a software engineer with Microsoft, and has been working for the company for 14 years. When he first broached the idea of moving overseas, Ahdieh's only proviso was "not Asia." She has since come to embrace life here and she passes on her passion for Beijing through her work with the International Newcomer's Network (INN). Their daughter, Monique (age 16), is in Grade 10 in the international section of a local school, Beijing No. 55 High School, and their son Ty (age 9) is in Grade 3 at Beijing International Bilingual Academy (BIBA), a private international school. Both Monique and Ty have been homeschooled in the past; Ty was homeschooled for two years in Beijing, having struggled to adapt to the Chinese school system in which he was originally placed.

Andieh shares her reflections on some of the main schooling options available here – homeschooling, international divisions in Chinese schools, and international schools – as well as her tips for living within your means.

Words of Wisdom

Accept your Circumstances

- **Don't compare yourself to others.** "Why can't I spend USD 30,000 on school fees and still afford to go to Thailand on holidays? Drugs are the big thing! Come to Beijing with six months of Xanax and Valium, and ten cases of your favorite wine," Ahdieh jokes. It's easy to get overwhelmed, feel alone, and feel pressure to keep up with the Joneses, but know that you're not alone.
- **Build a support network.** "I am lucky I have a group of 'local' expat families. We make similar money and have similar values and ideals," she says. "We do the best we can. We can't afford lavish family trips and we send our kids to local schools with international campuses."
- **Find your niche.** "I couldn't live out in Shunyi. I can't relate to the lifestyle, and I can't play that game. If you can't afford to live in a nice villa in a nice compound, it's hard because you may feel lost. So many parents feel out of place. There's a lot of alienation and self-doubting."

Make a Budget

- **Plan ahead.** "I did my budget, and I knew that I had no more than RMB 95,000 a school year that I could use to pay for their education," says Ahdieh. "At that amount, it meant there were no holidays. There isn't a lot of discretionary spending. We don't go on lavish vacations. We go home once every two years, for Q's work, shopping and a little slice of Americana."

Prioritize your Financial Commitments

- **Decide what's important to you.** "There are so many competing priorities: saving for college, for retirement, to buy property back home, or simply having a reasonable life in Beijing. You've got to figure out what your values are, and what you're willing to give up."
- **Make your house a home.** "We live in a Chinese-style apartment. It's nothing to look at. It's not a Shunyi villa with a yard, it's not Seasons Park, and we don't have all their amenities. But I love our home because of the community we live in. We've got a great deal [RMB 17,000 for 230sqm]. I've signed another two and half year lease on it."
- **Don't sacrifice the basics.** "We couldn't afford to put our kids in international school and still afford to live unless we moved into truly uncomfortable accommodations. We made a decision to have a comfy family home rather than pay out all of that money for tuition. Look at the basic hierarchy on Maslow's pyramid of needs; we decided to take care of security and shelter first. I couldn't have my kids coming home to squalor and sleeping in a cold house. It doesn't make sense."

Create a Network

- **Lean in.** "Living in China is not easy. You've got to put in to get out. You can't stay in your own comfortable clique; you will miss opportunities. To really make a success of your life in Beijing, you have to move outside your comfort zone. One of the main reasons we have thrived is that I have put myself out there and found resources through meeting people. I've built up a community, and it pays off. I'm in a special situation, because I'm a connector – due to working for *beijingkids* when I moved here and my work with INN now."
- **Find a purpose.** "If I hadn't had my job at *beijingkids* as brand manager, I wouldn't have met the people I did. I could've gone on a completely different trajectory. Now I give my life to INN, but I'm able to recoup so much. That's not going to be every parent's situation, but they need to build a network and use the resources they can to get the most from their time here. They need to be willing to give back to the community; it's all about relationships and sharing. Offer your skills, and learn from other people's experiences so you don't have to reinvent the wheel."

Thoughts on Education Options in Beijing

Homeschooling

- "There are plenty of homeschooling parents, but the home school community here is not a tight-knit network. There's support in terms of resources but not in terms of co-teaching, or sharing tutors, largely because of geography and individual family circumstances. It's not like in the US, where you have a homeschooling resource center or co-op where you can take a French lesson with five other kids. Homeschooling here tends to be very modular and nuclear – just a parent and their children. It's not opened up as community schooling, because it's too much work to try to coordinate."

Local Schools

- "If put them into Chinese school for a short period, they won't necessarily recoup that on the other side. It depends on your child as to how much they learn. Some kids do great, some kids do awful; some kids just float through."
- "It's possible that they won't get the education that you had hoped for them. It's not the Western education that you know and understand. They will get a different type of education all the way through – mentally, physically, socially, emotionally all very different. It's not a bad education, but it can be a very different education."
- "If you're an English speaker dealing with a Chinese administration, you'll need to bring a Chinese-speaking friend whom you're confident will advocate for you. There are times when translation alone doesn't cut it; you need to make sure you get your exact thought and tone across. Find the friend who will be just as direct as you are; don't think that your husband's assistant will necessarily fit the bill."

International Schools

- "Although you may pay out the nose, you do get what you pay for. The more qualified and tenured the teachers, the higher your tuition costs because they've got to pay that staff."
- "If you can't afford the tuition, don't hang back. Go and speak to the international schools directly and ask them if you can do something for them. Don't go in there with high expectations; if you're a parent here on a look and see asking for scholarships, their first answer may be no. You may have to switch to a bartering mindset. It's about having an opportunist mentality. Many parents go to work in school administration, for example. Just say, "I don't have the money, but I'm willing to do whatever I can. What can you do to help me?" If you get involved and you want something bad enough, a path may open up."
- "If you're moving here with high school kids who are exceptional in a particular area, there's a better chance you will get assistance from an international school because they need impressive graduating classes. They want high-standard alumni. Your best bet is to approach more of an Asian international school, where your western looks will carry you further. They want those big beautiful blue eyes."

Starting Fresh

Air pollution policies at international schools

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BSB Year 8 students Ilya (age 12, left) and Chibuike (13) use the library during restricted outdoor days

If you thought air pollution was the only thing to worry about in Beijing, think again. Indoor pollutants, it turns out, may also be having an effect on your health.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) studies from the US found that the levels of indoor pollutants may be up to 100 times higher than outdoor levels depending on the design and age of the building, location (urban or rural), outdoor AQI, and building materials used. These studies are used as a baseline by environmentalists worldwide, as the EPA sets out healthy limits for commercial and private spaces. Other studies have ranked indoor air pollution among the top four public environmental health risks.

This is of special concern to families living in Beijing, where the high AQI often confines students indoors. Children spend an average of seven hours at school, making indoor air quality (IAQ) a priority. Poor IAQ contributes to a higher likelihood of developing asthma and negatively affects productivity and attendance. The EPA sets out a six-point plan for managing IAQ levels: assess, plan, act, organize, communicate, and evaluate, which we've used to organize the article.

To see what schools are doing to ensure a healthy environment for students, we spoke to Andy Puttock and Travis Washko of the British School of Beijing, Shunyi (BSB) and Gabriele Solarik of the International Montessori School of Beijing (MSB). For expert advice, we interviewed PureLiving Beijing's Aaron Feng.

Assess

- Identify and prevent risks
- Walk the grounds
- Determine a baseline
- Listen to occupants

"We want to be able to tell parents that the safest place for a child is in the school," says Principal Andy Puttock of BSB Shunyi. Having led the school since the summer of 2013, Puttock visited others schools to find out what strategies were in place, from sports domes to the monitoring of indoor air pollution.

Prior to his arrival, BSB's initial response was to purchase standalone air purifiers that sit on the floor – a largely reactive move. To identify major pollutants in various sections of the campus, BSB contracted PureLiving as well as two other companies from Shanghai and Tianjin to conduct independent tests.

PureLiving specializes in indoor air quality solutions, and provides testing for air and water quality, mold, and lead in businesses and residences. They also are involved in monitoring and maintenance, collecting data for their own and clients' future reference.

Beijing office General Manager Aaron Feng says that the relationship they have with clients is like that of doctor and patient, where the patient comes to them and the first step is listening to their concerns, then performing a site visit. During the latter, a floor plan is drawn up for a closer look at the infrastructure. Then, a team of experts tests for various pollutants such as PM2.5, carbon dioxide, mold, formaldehyde, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) such as benzene. The data is sent to a lab and the results are reported to the client in a report, with a breakdown of the major areas of concerns and recommendations for a plan of action.

MSB has had its indoor air quality tested in the past by Healthpro, but is looking to have an independent third party verify its newly-installed air filtration system once it's been optimized. Administration and Communications Development Manager Gabriele Solarik has a background in environmental engineering and is currently working with outside experts to identify potential risks.

"We want to be able to tell parents that the safest place for a child is in the school"

Plan

- Prioritize actions
- Put goals in writing
- Start small
- Work in stages

If the report finds unhealthy levels of indoor pollutants, there will be several rounds of consultations and discussions between the school management, parents, health care professionals, faculty, and government representatives if necessary. It will also affect the school's short- and long-term planning, as the various recommendations are subject to funding and, if major construction is required, approvals from various governing bodies for permissions such as building permits.

Act

- Address the source of the problems
- Educate staff about IAQ

After receiving the independent reports, BSB decided to remove carpets from several large rooms as they were found to be a source of mold and dust. The school also built a RMB 10 million sports dome to be used on high AQI days to ensure that children still had a space to play for PE classes and recess.

The summer of 2014 was a busy period for both BSB and MSB, as each school installed ceiling-mounted air filtration systems. Feng says that stand-alone air purifiers work best in smaller spaces such as classrooms, but hallways and bigger rooms such as libraries would require more units to keep PM2.5 levels lower than 25 micrograms per cubic meter – the World Health Organization (WHO) recommended level for asthmatics.

A ceiling-mounted air filtration system addresses the issue of ventilation when the windows are closed, which can otherwise lead to a build-up of carbon dioxide (CO2). Excessive levels of CO2 can lead to students fatigue and even affect their concentration. When stand-alone purifiers are used, the noise or humming can be particularly distracting for younger children.

BSB also found that children spent an average of 15 minutes in the bus before going home; the opening and closing of several doors led to higher exposure to poor air quality. In response, the school implemented an anti-idling policy and installed HEPA filtration systems in the buses themselves. Though masks are sold in the school, Puttock says that they aren't mandatory; BSB doesn't put itself in the position of advocating for any one product. MSB, on the other hand, encourages students to wear masks when the AQI is above 180 and sells MSB-branded Vogmasks at school.

After MSB's facilities were tested, the school began to measure PM10 particles and in the process realized it was much "dustier" than expected. This resulted in a change to the cleaning policies such as using different types of filters in the vacuum cleaners.

AQI Index	BSB Policies	MSB Policies	AQI Index
0-50	Doors and windows stay open for a minimum of 20 minutes. Air purifiers running on automatic.	Windows and doors stay open.	
	Closed doors and windows. Air purifiers running on automatic. Outdoor play allowed.	Closed doors and windows. Outdoor play allowed.	51-100
101-200	Closed doors and windows. Air purifiers running on automatic. 101-149 outdoor play is allowed. 150-179 students with respiratory problems excused from outdoor activities. 180-200 Pre-K and nursery outdoor activities canceled. Primary students restricted from high-impact activities.	Closed doors and windows. Below 180 outdoor play allowed. Above 180 restricted outdoor activities for all ages.	
	Closed doors and windows. Air purifiers running on automatic. Below 249 primary students indoor activities only. Secondary students restricted from high-impact activities. Above 250 all students stay indoors and all high-impact activities restricted. Sports tournaments and outdoor ASAs canceled. Air purifiers running on highest level.		201-300
300+	All students stay indoors. No high-impact activities. Sports tournaments, outdoor ASAs, Beijing day trips canceled. Closed doors and windows. Air purifiers running on highest level, checked twice daily by Facilities team.		

Organize

- Develop systematic approach
- Identify existing assets
- Design Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

Unlike in Shanghai, international schools in Beijing that are members of the International Schools Athletic Conference agreed to cap limits for outdoor tournaments. According to Travis Washko, the director of sports and physical education at BSB Shunyi, children are monitored before, during, and after PE classes and observations are documented. This is done especially for children with respiratory difficulties. Though the measure isn't new (most schools do it), the process makes it easier for educators to observe students confined indoors. Both BSB and MSB have come up with various measures to respond to high AQI readings (see below). BSB has a school flag program where red, amber, or green flags are displayed at all exits to let everyone know if children are allowed outside or not.

Communicate

- Share your goals
- Make IAQ meaningful
- Be transparent and inclusive
- Communicate results

Communication is key for ensuring everyone obeys air pollution policies. BSB's policy is published and updated regularly on the school website. In addition, the entire school is sent an email with daily AQI and indoor PM readings from the front desk.

PureLiving helped Fangcaodi International School formulate an indoor air quality policy. Feng states that the communication strategy should involve training staff so that they can articulate why they are doing things differently and how to deal with specific situations to parents and students. PureLiving also set up a live indoor monitoring function at Yew Chung International School of Beijing (YCIS), which is accessible to the public through a QR code. The company has done this in the past for other schools and commercial clients in Shanghai and Beijing.

Evaluate

- Solicit feedback

When it comes to air quality, school policies are constantly evolving as new technologies and best practices emerge. Schools differ widely in their policies, which are evaluated over time and informed by parent, teacher, and student feedback.

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10 Tips

For schools that do not have a comprehensive air quality policy, PureLiving has a list of 10 tips for improving IAQ.

2. Ventilate regularly.

At the same time, chemical emissions from renovations, germs from sick children, and high levels of carbon dioxide will continue to build up indoors unless proper ventilation is maintained. The buildup of harmful gases can also damage health and filters. When the AQI is low, take the opportunity to open doors and windows; 20 to 30 minutes at a time is enough.



1. Close doors and windows.

Beijing's outdoor PM2.5 levels are typically three to six times the recommended EPA standard. Opening windows might seem to bring in "fresh" air, but what it's really bringing is all that outdoor pollution into the classrooms. Any air filtration measures are also defeated by having uncontrolled ventilation.

3. Install HVAC filters.

Install a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system if your system can support it, portable filters if it cannot. Ventilation is best achieved with an HVAC system that filters in fresh air from outdoors and flushes out indoor pollutants. If you have a powerful enough system, adding building-wide filters is much more cost-effective than buying individual air purifiers.

4. Control moisture to avoid mold and damp.

Moisture, whether from structural leak, flooding, or high humidity, inevitably leads to mold. Mold can cover a wall in less than 48 hours. Water needs to be removed with dehumidifiers or mops, and the leak needs to be identified and fixed before mold spreads.

5. Do not allow basement rooms and storage closets to pile up.

Every school has a storage room that may harbor mold, dust mites, cockroaches, and even rats. Avoid stockpiling paper, cardboard boxes, and anything with cloth or cellulose that can feed pests.

6. Make sure that plans are being followed.

Regular inspections send the right message and reinforce good habits. Just like your body, a building needs to be monitored and maintained to make sure it stays healthy.

7. Take care of the youngest children first.

Younger children are more vulnerable to poor air quality due to their faster respiration rates, underdeveloped immune systems, proximity to the ground, and higher likelihood of asthma and allergies. Protective equipment such as filters and masks should be prioritized.



8. Use HEPA or highly-filtered vacuum cleaners.

Bad vacuums will suck up larger particles and shoot the more dangerous tiny particles out the back, where they can be breathed in. Modern HEPA vacuums provide air that is as clean as what comes out of air purifiers.



Kara Lebihan (center), deputy head of Primary School, explains a game to Year 1 students

9. Conduct a baseline audit of your school's indoor air and water environment.

Having indoor environmental consultants inspect the school looking for problems and opportunities for improvement will help the school further its own action plan.

10. Establish an air quality management plan and train the operations staff.

All staff should be aware of the daily air quality, what the numbers mean, how that affects outdoor activity and sports, when to open windows, and how filters work. Continuous air quality monitors are invaluable because they can raise an alarm when levels exceed healthy limits; they can even automate filtration systems to turn on and off as needed.



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Aino Education Center

爱能国际幼儿园

Aino Education Center's curriculum is based on a successful kindergarten model from Finland (International Early Education Center Oy or IECC) with 20 years of history. The original Finnish chain includes several schools around Tampere and Sastamala; this is the first in China. The school tailors the curriculum to each child and uses positive reinforcement to encourage them. It has a Virtues Project for fostering self-esteem, developing their inner voice, and building strength of character. The core team is made up of qualified educators and a large portion of the curriculum is music-based, helping with English fluency and pre-reading skills. The kindergarten encourages global-mindedness through inter-cultural interaction, celebration of international holidays, and a pen pal program. When children reach age 4, Chinese is added to the curriculum. The goal is that kids will become bilingual and be ready to enter a local Chinese school or an international school.

Founding date: 1994 (Finland), 2014 (China)

Age range: 2-6

School type: International bilingual kindergarten

Grades offered: Kindergarten

Total area: 250sqm

Number of students: 10

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? In process

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 8,000
- Tuition fee: RMB 88,000
- Uniform fee: RMB 500 per year

Lunch offered: Chinese and Western with organic spices, soy sauce, olive oil, Himalayan sea salt, vegetables, beef, and more

Nationality of students: Finland, China

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Chinese and Finnish

Average class size: 13

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:5

School hours: 8am-4pm

After-school activities: Yoga, martial arts, summer camps in Finland and other Scandinavian countries, piano, singing and dancing, art, horseback riding, cooking, swimming

School facilities: ISO-compliant materials throughout the school, air filters, library, plant room, Finnish cottage replica, baking corner, dance stage, climbing wall, and parent workshop

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, part-time

Contact: Unit 4-4, 2 Caishikou Dajie (west of Citic Qinyuan south gate), Xicheng District (186 1111 7945, shuweifu@icloud.com) www.earlyedcentre.com 西城区菜市口大街甲2号4-4 (中信城沁园南门西侧)

Word from a Parent:

"We tried a few different kindergartens for our son Yunlong, but none of them worked out for him until he joined Aino. He started liking it in his first week of school and adapted quickly. He has learned many virtues such as patience, respect, cleanliness, and sharing. He often comes home with English songs that he learned from school and wants to sing with us. Yunlong's progress and his enthusiasm for Aino tells us everything we need to know about the school. We consider the school a second home for him, filled with love. We hope he will grow happily and soundly with this new family."

- Zhifei Wang (China),
mother of Yunlong (age 2)

AnRic Little Montessori Room (AnRic LMR)

安杨蒙台梭利小屋

AnRic Little Montessori Room (AnRic LMR) is a full international member school of the American Montessori Society (AMS). The school is made up of two small multi-cultural classrooms catering to both local and foreign children between the ages of 1.5 and 6. The school aims to help children develop into self-directed learners, flexible thinkers, creative problem solvers, empathetic citizens and resilient individuals. The foundation of AnRic LMR was built on the Montessori method, but other educational philosophies such as Reggio are also embraced. AnRic LMR offers a fully bilingual curriculum and an environment where English and Chinese are consistently used all day. The curriculum also includes weekly music and physical education classes. Children learn in an environment with a true sense of community, with special attention paid to issues like separation anxiety. The head of school is a lifetime member of AMS and holds a dual Master's degree in early childhood education and special education.

Word from a Parent:

"When I heard a friend describe AnRic's environment and teaching style, I knew we had found the perfect school for our children. Two years later, we could not be happier. Both our daughter and son love being at school and enjoy interacting with the teachers, who are all very supportive and caring. When I look around the classrooms, it is evident a great deal of thought has been put into creating a safe and encouraging environment for well-rounded learning. We also appreciate the diversity in the classroom – a wonderful mix of nationalities and personalities. It has been a joy to watch my kids develop self-confidence and independence through their time at AnRic."

- Annique Mak (Canada),
mother of Caia (age 4) and
Connor (age 2)

Founding date: April 2012

Age range: 1.5-6

School type: International Montessori preschool

Grades offered: Toddler class (ages 1.5-3) and early childhood class (ages 3-6)

Total area: 300sqm

Number of students: 30

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? No

Accreditations: AMS

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 2,000
- Early childhood class: RMB 7,880 per month (half-day), RMB 9,280 per month (full day)
- Toddler class: RMB 9,280 per month (full day, five days a week), RMB 7,880 per month (half-day, five days a week), RMB 5,200 per month (half-day, three days a week), RMB 3,600 per month (half-day, two days a week)
- Refundable deposit: RMB 5,000
- Lunch fee: RMB 800 per month (full day), RMB 495 per month (toddler class, three days a week), RMB 350 (toddler class, two days a week)
- Insurance: RMB 180 (over age 3), RMB 365 (under age 3)

Lunch offered: The school offers Chinese and western food catered by a government-appointed company.

Nationality of students: China, Hong Kong, US, UK, Japan, India, and more

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Average class size: Maximum 18 (toddler class), maximum 23 (early childhood class)

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:2 to 1:3 (toddler class), 1:5 (early childhood class)

School hours: 8.30am-noon (half-day toddler class), 8.30am-3.30pm (full day

toddler class), 8.30am-12.30pm (half-day early childhood class), 8.30am-4pm (full day early childhood class)

After-school activities: Ice skating, keyboard, swimming, ballet, art, and origami

Special needs programs offered? Yes, case-by-case basis

Scholarships offered? Yes

School facilities: Indoor gym, outdoor playground/field, reading area, parents room, art room, and dance room

School nurse or doctor available? No

Contact: 9 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District (6591 8169, 186 0082 6958, admissions@

anricedu.com) www.anricedu.com 朝阳区光华路甲9号





Beijing Meadowland International Kindergarten 北京市朝阳区伊禾木双语幼儿园

Beijing Meadowland International Kindergarten follows the Montessori curriculum in a "comfortable, green setting" in a park-like 10,000sqm campus housing modern classrooms and facilities. The school's educational philosophy aims to foster independence, moral consciousness and character development in students.

Founding date: 2011

Age range: 2-6

School type: Private kindergarten

Grades offered: Kindergarten

Total area: 10,000sqm

Number of students: 100

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 2,300

- Tuition fee: RMB 85,200

- Lunch: RMB 600 per month

Lunch offered: Breakfast and snacks included, with Chinese and Western options

Nationality of students: China, Russia, Bulgaria

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Average class size: 20-35

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:4

School hours: 8.00am-4.30pm

After-school activities: Taekwondo, roller-skating, piano, mini-golf, mini-tennis, and swimming

School facilities: Kitchen, library, outdoor playground facility, painting house, multi-purpose room, mini-farm, and sandbox

School nurse/doctor available on campus? Yes, full-time

Contact: 9 Shuangqiao Donglu, Chaoyang District (8537 5775, 85375665, yihemu@126.com) www.yihemu.com 朝阳区双桥东路甲9号

Word from a Parent:

"It has been more than two years since Yu Hongyi first came to Meadowland. We have witnessed his growth and progress. Through Montessori, he learned how to take care of himself and his surroundings. Through Virtues class, he learned how to help others, share with others, and take on more responsibility. Through Chinese class, he learned a lot about Chinese culture and history. He also benefits a lot from Meadowland's green setting. We appreciate all the teachers for what they have done and wish Meadowland the best for the future."

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

Beijing Modern MOMA International Kindergarten

北京当代MOMA国际幼儿园

Beijing Modern MOMA International Kindergarten provides a safe, healthy, and green academic environment. The school welcomes diversity and encourages children to understand and respect different cultures and perspectives. MOMA strives to teach its students optimism and self-confidence by supporting intellectual engagement and empathy. First Education pupils receive the foundations necessary for their education by having a "complete and holistic development."

Founding date: 2011

Age range: 1.5-6

School type: International nursery and kindergarten

Grades offered: Nursery and kindergarten

Total area: 2,867sqm

Number of students: 120

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? In process

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015):

- One-year tuition: RMB 96,000 (MOMA residents eligible for a discount)
- Lunch fee: 7,800 per year

Lunch offered: Western food made with organic produce

Nationality of students: China, Germany, US, Italy, France, and more

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Average class size: 15-20

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:4

School hours: 8am-5pm

After-school activities: Taekwondo, dancing, chess, science, Lego, and soccer

School facilities: Two outdoor and two indoor playgrounds, music function room, art classroom, reading area, skyline theater, mini golf course, bamboo garden, and an

Word from a Parent:

"Like most parents, before sending my child to kindergarten I worried about helping my daughter take that crucial first step. On the first day of school, witnessing teachers interacting with enthusiasm, professionalism, and watchful attention with the children eased my anxiety. Also, discussions with the headmaster and the doctor clarified any lingering doubts."

- Zheng Wei, father of
Zheng Huiyue (Class PKB)

organic garden

School nurse/doctor available? Yes

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





Bonita International Kindergarten

邦尼国际幼儿园

Bonita's philosophy is based on a new type of multicultural education drawing from the best of different cultures to foster children's development. The students are supervised by teachers from different countries; various activities are organized during the week while respecting the children's individual routines and rhythms. The school caters to ages 1-6, with students divided according to ages and abilities. The main curriculum is based on a French pedagogical program.

Founding date: September 2010

Age range: 1-6

School type: International kindergarten

Number of students: 40

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- Full day: RMB 168,000
 - Half-day: RMB 103,200
 - Deposit: RMB 2,000
 - Supplies for everyday needs (one-time): RMB 2,500
 - Materials (e.g. books): RMB 3,000 per year
 - Lunch: RMB 21 per day (half-day), RMB 28 per day (full day)
- Lunch offered:** Chinese, Western, and halal options for meals and snacks

Nationality of students: 60 percent foreign, 40 percent Chinese

Primary teaching languages: English, French, and Chinese

Other languages taught: Russian, Japanese, and Spanish

Average class size: 12-15

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:4 to 1:5

School hours: 8.30am-4.30pm

After-school activities: Science, cooking, yoga, music, dance, sports, activities in French (in partnership with a French association), and Montessori activities

School facilities: Library, yoga studio, cooking corner, and stage

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time nurse

Contact: Rm 301 (across from Stellar International Cinema, 3/F, Bldg D, Zhongjun World City, 9 Jinhui Lu (next

Word from a Parent:

"Bonita International Kindergarten is a high-quality school full of love for its children. Our baby, Andy, has gone to more than eight international kindergartens; only Bonita made us fall in love with the place right away. Andy plays so happily with all the foreign and Chinese teachers that he never wants to leave. The foreign teachers are from countries like France, US, and Russia; they're professional, responsible, and thoughtful, helping kids develop their personalities and language skills. They widen the kids' global-minded vision, improve their self-confidence and abilities, and help them grow into happy and healthy individuals. We don't want Andy to be rich only in money; we hope he can enrich himself spiritually."

- Mr. Cui (China),
father of Andy (age 2)

to The Place), Chaoyang District (5330 6800, 8590 7648, bonitaetzx@163.com) www.bonitakindergarden.com 朝阳区金汇路 9号中骏世界城D座3层 301

Children's House Montessori Kindergarten

巧智博仁国际幼儿园

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

Founding date: 1992

Age range: 1-6

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

Grades offered: Kindergarten, nursery, and reception

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

Number of students: 350

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes, at the bilingual campus

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 2,500
- Nursery/pre-primary (ages 1-3): RMB 87,000 (morning-only), RMB 100,000 (half-day), RMB 134,000 (full day)
- Primary (ages 3-4.5): RMB 116,000 (half-day), RMB 144,000 (full day)
- Bilingual Primary (Yosemite and Kempinski campuses only): RMB 85,000 (half-day), RMB 122,000 (full day)
- Reception (ages 4.5-6): RMB 148,000
- Bilingual Reception: RMB 136,000
- Uniforms: Approximately RMB 400 per set
- Lunch fee: RMB 12,000 per year

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

Nationality of students: US, UK, Germany, Australia, Malaysia, and more

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Chinese

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:3 (nursery), 1:8 (primary)

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

3.20pm (full day)

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

Extra help offered: ESL after-school activities

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

School nurse or doctor available? Yes,

Word from a Parent:

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

- Meaghan Amor (Australia), mother of Children's House alumni George (10), Oliver (8), and Indigo (5)

consulting doctor available

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





Eduwings Kindergarten

金翼德懿幼儿园

Eduwings is a German international kindergarten for German-speaking, English-speaking, and Chinese-speaking children. Following a German kindergarten curriculum, students are put in small groups with native-speaking teachers for an enjoyable learning experience. Alumni have gone on to attend local Chinese schools as well as various international schools such as the German Embassy School, the British School of Beijing, and the International School of Beijing. Eduwings has two campuses in Shunyi and Haidian.

Founding date: September 2010

Age range: 1-6

School type: German international kindergarten

Grades offered: Explorer group (ages 1-2.5), discoverer group (ages 2.5-3.5), adventurer group (ages 3.5-4.5), and expert group or preschool (ages 4.5-6)

Number of students: 150 total (100 in Shunyi, 50 in Haidian)

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 4,500
- Full day: RMB 80,000 (includes uniform, lunch, two snacks, and special afternoon activities)
- Half-day: RMB 58,000 (includes uniform, lunch, and one snack)
- Bus: RMB 8,000-12,000 (to Shunyi campus depending on distance). Route 1 includes the central villa district, route 2 includes Marriott Apartments and Beijing Riviera, and route 3

includes Liangmaqiao and Sanlitun.

Lunch offered: Chinese and Western dishes made on-site by the school chef, with special food for the youngest students. Milk provided by Wondermilk (Shunyi campus only).

Nationality of students: Germany, China, US, Mexico, Brazil

Primary teaching languages: German, English, and Chinese

Average class size: 12-15

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:4 (ages 1-2.5), 1:5 (ages 2.5-6)

School hours: 8am-4.30pm

After-school activities: Art, dance, PE, rollerblading, cooking, swimming (summer only), Orff music. Shunyi campus only: German drama, kung fu, and library. Haidian campus only: softball.

Special needs programs offered? Special needs teachers available

School facilities: Climbing room (Shunyi), indoor playground (Haidian), art and science room, PE and dance room, nap room, outdoor playgrounds with sandbox and rabbit pen, and kids' kitchens

School nurse or doctor available? Yes,

Word from a Parent:

"Mommy, I want to have a long kindergarten day today. Please? Kindergarten is so much fun! That's what I hear every morning when I take my daughter to the bus. At Eduwings, the children always come first – just the way it should be. As a mother, I always feel welcome. The teachers are willing to lend an ear and offer advice whenever I have questions about my daughter's development or a problem to discuss. Every evening, I spend a long time eagerly listening to my daughter's stories about her day at kindergarten. I can see how much she likes it there. This gives me and my family a very good feeling."

- Peggy Koetteritsch (Germany),
mother of Jasmin (age 5)

full-time nurses available in both campuses

Contact: www.eduwingskids.com

• Shunyi Campus: Bldg 52, Merlin Champagne Town, 6 Liyuan Jie, Tianzhu, Shunyi District (6450 8384, eduwings@126.com) 顺义区天竺镇丽苑街6号美林香槟小镇会所

• Haidian Campus: 6 Guangda Xiyuan, Wanliu Zhonglu, Haidian District (8257 0436, eduwingshaidian@126.com) 海淀区万柳中路光大西园6号

Epoch Kindergarten

宜宝双语幼儿园

Epoche Kindergarten currently has three locations in Beijing: one in the Yongtai area of Haidian, one near Xiangshan (Fragrant Hills), and a main campus along the Liangma River near the US Embassy. This bilingual chain was founded by American and Chinese partners, combining American and Chinese educational philosophies as well as Montessori. All of the teachers are well-qualified and many are certified Montessori educators. The school's International Classes are taught by full-time experienced native English-speaking teachers with Chinese assistants. Epoch also has an extensive range of extracurricular activities based on children's interests. Full day and half-day classes are offered at all locations along with limited boarding options.

Founding date: 2005

Age range: 18 months-6 years

School type: Private kindergarten with boarding option

Grades offered: Preschool

Total area: Around 3,000sqm per campus

Number of students: More than 500 across all campuses

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year)*:

- New student fee (includes uniforms, school bag, and bedding): RMB 1,200

- Bilingual class: RMB 3,280 per month

- International class: RMB 5,000 per month

- Lunch fee: RMB 480 per month

**May vary according to campus. Meals are included in the tuition.*

Lunch offered: Three meals and two snacks per day with a special kitchen for kids and a menu planned by a nutritionist.

Nationality of students: China, US, Canada, Philippines, Russia

Primary teaching language: Chinese

Other languages taught: English

Average class size: Maximum 30, minimum 15

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 7.30am-5.30pm

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

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

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time

Contact: www.epoch-school.com, 5829 3820 (admissions and general enquiries)

- Yongtaiyuan Campus: A-17 Yongtaiyuan Xindibiao Area, Haidian District (8275 1372/3) 海淀区永泰园甲17号

- Binheyuan Campus: Bldg 4, 41 Taihua

Binheyuan, Nanshiliju, Chaoyang District (5829 3988/3821) 朝阳区南十里居41号院4号楼

- Xiangshan Shangli Campus: Xiangshan Nanlu (within Shangli Foreign Language School), Haidian District (5114 9551, 186 1155 2230, 186 0052 5217) 海淀区香山南路 (尚丽外国语学校内)

Word from a Parent:

"Kindergarten is a child's first chance to enter society. When my daughter entered kindergarten for the first time, I was very worried about her. Fortunately, the teachers at Epoch were experienced and helped us get through this period. Mary has learned a lot about sharing and being respectful to others. Kindergarten has been like a family, full of happiness and warmth. Our daughter's growth makes us very happy. We are particularly grateful to all the teachers for taking care of and educating the children. Their love and devotion will help them grow into happy and healthy kids."

- Wenchang Guo (China),
father of Mary (age 4)





Etonkids International Bilingual Kindergartens

伊顿国际双语幼儿园

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

Founding date: 2005

Age range: 18 months to 6 years

School type: International nursery and kindergarten

Grades offered: Preschool and kindergarten

Total area: Ranges from 756-2,629sqm

Number of students: About 180 per campus

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: AMS

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Midtown Campus: RMB 53,250-72,600
- Olympic Village Campus: RMB 57,600-67,200
- Peking House Campus: RMB 60,350-82,280
- Central Park, Palm Springs, and Lido Campuses: RMB 71,000-118,500
- Transportation fee: RMB 900 per month
- Materials fee: RMB 1,200 per year
- Activity fee: RMB 1,000 per term
- Lunch: RMB 460-900 per month

Lunch offered: Combination of Chinese and Western dishes (e.g. three or four days of

Chinese food and one or two days of Western food per week)

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

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Average class size: 20-30 students

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:5 (Nursery), 1:6 (Casa)

School hours: 8.30-11.30am (half-day), 8.30am-4.30pm (full day)

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

Extra help offered? After-school programs focusing on English development taught by English specialists

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

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time qualified nurses available on campus

Contact: www.etonkids.com

• Lido Campus: Rm C103, Lido Country Club, Lido Place, Jichang Lu, Chaoyang District (6436 7368, yjing@etonkids.com) 朝阳区机场路丽都大厦丽都乡村俱乐部C103

Word from a Parent:

"From the moment we entered Etonkids and felt its beautiful and tranquil ambience, we knew we were making the right decision. Etonkids thrives on genuine care and love for its students. Our children would come home excited to tell my wife and I about what new discoveries they made with their teachers."

- William Ordonez (US),
father of Zaley (age 4) and
Alexander (age 2)

- Midtown Campus: 21 Guangqu Jiayuan Bldg, Guangqumen Wai, Chongwen District (6749 5002, gcadmin@etonkids.com) 崇文区广渠门外广渠家园21号楼
- Olympic Village Campus: Southwest corner of Beichen Xilu and Kehui Lu, Chaoyang District (8437 1006, cuilan@etonkids.com) 朝阳区北辰西路与科荟路交汇处西南角
- Peking House Campus: 20 Xidawang Lu, Chaoyang District (5870 6779, tanghuanhuan@etonkids.com) 朝阳区西大望路甲20号
- Central Park Campus: Bldg 19, Central Park, 6 Chaoyangmen Waidajie, Chaoyang District (6533 6995, cpadmin@etonkids.com) 朝阳区朝外大街6号新城国际19号楼
- Palm Springs Campus: Palm Springs International Apartments, 8 Chaoyang Gongyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District (6539 8967, psadmin@etonkids.com) 朝阳区朝阳公园南路8号棕榈泉国际公寓

The Family Learning House

家育苑

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

Founding date: 2002

Age range: 2-6

School type: Bilingual virtues-based Montessori kindergarten

Grades offered: Kindergarten

Total area: 2,100sqm

Number of students: 200

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year): Full-day session RMB 110,000 per year

Lunch offered: Nutritionally-balanced Chinese and Western meals with many vegetarian options. Lunch is included in the tuition.

Nationality of students: Mixed

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Average class size: 21-30 (primary); 20 (toddler)

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:5

School hours: 8:30am-4:00 pm

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

School nurse or doctor available? Yes

Contact:

• Jianwai SOHO Campus: Beside Bldg 14, Jianwai SOHO West Area, 39 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu. Chaoyang District

Word from a Parent:

"My children have been attending The Family Learning House for over three years and quite frankly, we never want to leave this kindergarten and graduate to primary school! Regardless of external factors like heavy traffic or high pollution levels, when we arrive at school we are always uplifted by the beautiful environment, caring teachers and smiling students who seem to bring a ray of light to the CBD! We simply love being part of The Family Learning House."

- Mother of Mao Mao and Nui Nui

(5869 7540 ext 800 reception/801 office, info@thefamilylearninghouse.com) www.thefamilylearninghouse.com 朝阳区东三环中路39号建外SOHO西区14号楼旁

• Wangjing Campus: Bldg A, YuanYang Wanhe Cheng, Yuhui Donglu, Chaoyang District (8436 8211 ext 801 for reception or 815 for admissions, info@deyuyuankindergarten.com) www.deyuyuankindergarten.com 朝阳区育慧东路远洋万和城A座





Flying Start International Kindergarten (FSI)

睿德国际幼儿园

Flying Start is an international kindergarten located in the central villa district of Shunyi and is the first "family-style" kindergarten in Beijing certified by the Ministry of Education. FSI embraces a multi-cultural philosophy, combining the best of East and West. At FSI, children explore, create, discover and learn in the "big schoolhouse," a unique and cozy home-like environment. FSI aims to teach independence and self-sufficiency while inspiring a love of learning. FSI follows the English National Curriculum Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), taught by the experienced international teaching team. FSI also employs Montessori methodology and materials to enhance students' learning experience. The family-like atmosphere encourages children to help each other and to take care of their shared environment. FSI offers a wide variety of extra-curricular activities and community field trips, including to its own organic farm.

Founding date: March 5, 2014

Age range: 1-6

School type: International kindergarten

Grades offered: Toddler through kindergarten

Total area: 2,000sqm

Number of students: 45 (maximum 60)

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 2,000
- Materials fee: RMB 3,000 per year
- Tuition fee: RMB 158,000
- Capital levy fee: RMB 8,000
- Bus fee: Starting from RMB 10,000 per year (varies according to distance)

- Lunch fee: RMB 45 per day or RMB 9,900 per year

Lunch offered: Chinese and western menu, vegetarian and halal options, organic produce. Lunch and two snacks daily.

Nationality of students: 30 percent Chinese, 70 percent foreign (US, UK, Canada, New Zealand, Philippines)

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Chinese

Average class size: 18

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:4

School hours: 8.30am-4.30pm

After-school activities: Art, yoga, music, horseback riding, kung fu, ballet, and piano

School facilities: Large multi-story 800sqm house in villa compound, a 1,200sqm outdoor playground with fruit trees, spacious classrooms full of natural light, dedicated art,

Word from a Parent:

"We transferred our son from another school because of FSI's family-style atmosphere, individualized international curriculum, and caring staff. Judging from Tomas' growth, we felt whatever sacrifices we made were well worth it. Tomas is cheerful, confident, and playful. At FSI, we have seen how Tomas has grown and how happy he is, and we know we have made the right decision. Tomas is lucky to have an experienced, loving, and caring principal leading a team that cares for the children as their own. We hope our kindergarten becomes better and better. Kudos to the teachers at FSI!"

- Pei Jianli (China),
father of Tomas (age 5)

dance, library, and Montessori rooms, and a spacious kitchen for cooking classes. FSI also has a small organic vegetable farm nearby.

School nurse or doctor available? Yes

Contact: 8208 Capital Paradise, Shunyi District (8047 4372, flyingstart_fsi@163.com)
www.flyingstartinternationalschool.com 顺义区后沙峪镇名都园8208

Huijia Kids

汇佳幼儿园

Huijia Kids was established in 1999 and now operates 43 kindergartens around China with a total of over 8,000 local and international students. For 15 years, the school has catered to children aged 1 to 6 using the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) by ensuring they learn in a safe and supportive environment. The group aims to provide individualized attention in a multicultural and bilingual education. It has local kindergartens (Chinese only) and bilingual kindergartens

Founding date: May 1999

Age range: 1.5-6

School type: Bilingual kindergarten

Grades offered: Kindergarten

Number of students: Around 8,000 nationwide

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: IB PYP

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Wanquan campus: RMB 54,000 per semester (K1-K4)

- Sanyuanqiao campus: RMB 66,000 per semester (K1), RMB 60,000 per semester (K2-K4)

- Guozhan campus: RMB 31,075 per semester (K1-K4)

- Changping campus: RMB 33,000 per semester (K1-K4)

- Shangdi MOMA campus: RMB 20,900 per semester (K1-K4)

- Lunch: RMB 20 per day (all campuses)

Lunch offered: Chinese and Western options

Nationality of students: US, UK, Singapore, South Korea, China

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Average class size: 15-25

Average teacher/student ratio: 1.4 to 1.5

School hours: 7.30 or 8am-5pm

After-school activities: Varies according to campus

School facilities: Playground, dance room, library, piano room, arts room, science room

School nurse or doctor? Yes, full-time

Contact:

- Wanquan Campus: 35 Xinxin Jiayuan, Wanquanyuan, Bagou Nanlu, Haidian District (8255 1751) 海淀区巴沟南路35号小区万泉

Word from a Parent:

"Since starting at Huijia, Chloe has learned to sing many songs, make beautiful artwork, and has made lots of new friends. She looks forward to going to school every day and the teachers are dedicated and friendly. The programs are also enriching."

- Evelyn Chung (Singapore), mother of Chloe (K2, Sanyuanqiao campus)

新新家园

- Sanyuanqiao Campus: 6 Jing'an Dongli, Chaoyang District (6463 5251) 朝阳区静安东里6号

- Guozhan Campus: 103 Xibahe Dongli, Chaoyang District (6424 8356) 朝阳区西坝河东里103号

- Changping Campus: Huijia Vocational College, 20 Chuangxin Lu, Zhongguancun Kejiyuan, Changping District (5163 1603) 昌平区中关村科技园创新路20号汇佳职业学院内

- Shangdi MOMA Campus: MOMA, Anning Zhuang, Haidian District (8275 9510, 8274 1391) 海淀区安宁庄上地MOMA小区





Ivy Academy (IA) 艾毅国际幼儿园

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

Founding date: 2004 (Ivy Academy East Lake Villas Campus), 2013 (Ivy Academy Central Park Campus)

Age range: 2-6

School type: International preschool and kindergarten

Grades offered: Nursery to kindergarten

Number of students: 65 (Ivy Academy East Lake Villas Campus), 50 (Ivy Academy Central Park Campus)

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? No, but the school satisfies all laws set out by the PRC

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 2,000
- Ivy Academy East Lake Villas Campus: RMB 152,800
- Ivy Academy Central Park Campus: RMB 152,800

- Tuition deposit: RMB 9,000 (to be applied towards tuition)

- Transportation fee: Optional (contact school for latest info)

- Lunch fee: Optional (contact school for latest info)

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

Primary teaching language: English

Average class size: 16

Average teacher/student ratio: Ivy Schools is dedicated to ensuring that each class has a high teacher to child ratio as well as having small sizes.

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

After-school activities: None

School facilities: Library, art classroom, and children's kitchen

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time

Contact: www.ivyschools.com

Word from a Parent:

"We really feel that [the teachers] working with our son and encouraging him to make the right choices is a team effort. I love to hear all [the school's] insights and how [they] work with him to care for him and guide him. It means a lot to us, and I'm sure to all parents. We feel that this is the first time that we have had support and worked together with teachers on very specific issues."

- Deanna (Germany),
mother of Ben (age 4)

- East Lake Villas Campus: Suite C-101, East Lake Villas, 35 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Dongcheng District (8451 1380/1, info-EL@ivyschools.com) 东城区东直门外大街35号东湖别墅C座101室

- Central Park Campus: Bldg 24, Central Park, 6 Chaowai Dajie, Chaoyang District (5738 4559, 6597 0250, info-CP@ivyschools.com) 朝阳区朝外大街6号新城国际公寓24号楼

Ivy Bilingual Schools (IBS)

艾毅双语幼儿园

Ivy Bilingual Schools offer a curriculum based on the Multiple Intelligences theory and provide an immersive bilingual program in both English and Chinese. There are two locations in Beijing.

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

Age range: 2-6

School type: International preschool and kindergarten

Grades offered: Nursery to kindergarten

Number of students: 160 (Ocean Express campus); 80 (Orchid Garden campus)

Is the school registered with the Ministry of Education? No, but the school satisfies all laws set out by the PRC

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 2,000
- Ocean Express Campus: RMB 8,500 per month (full day)
- Orchid Garden Campus: RMB 8,100 per month (full day)
- Tuition deposit: One month's tuition fee (to be credited towards tuition)
- Transportation fee: Optional (contact school for latest info)
- Lunch fee: Optional (contact school for latest info)

Lunch offered: Lunch and two snacks daily that take into account the nutritional needs

of a child. MI Kindergartens will also take into account local needs and can provide a simple breakfast and dinner. The school will provide the Type B menu for students with special needs (allergic reactions or Muslim).

Nationality of students: China, US, Germany, France, Japan, Finland, Italy

Primary teaching language: English and Chinese

Average class size: 20-25

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:5 to 1:8

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

After-school activities: None

School facilities: Outdoor playground, bilingual library, large indoor playroom, multi-purpose room, and children's kitchen for cooking classes

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time

Contact: www.ivyschools.com

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

- Orchid Garden Campus: Orchid Garden, 18

Word from a Parent:

"We feel very lucky that our daughter has been part of the Ivy family for three years. Since the very first day, she has been delighted to get on the school bus every day. Ivy Schools' curriculum and environment really help foster our daughter's growth. She has been very fortunate to have a wonderful group of teachers, both foreign and Chinese, as well as a great diverse group of children in her classes every year. Mirabelle talks about her teachers every day, even during summer holiday! When Mirabelle first started at Ivy Schools, she didn't speak a word of Mandarin. After three years, we are thrilled that her Chinese teachers think she sounds like a real Beijinger. We are truly grateful for Ivy Schools' well-rounded program, the Multiple Intelligences curriculum and the creative methods that Ivy teachers use in all of the classes."

- Stephanie (US), mother of Mirabelle DeAngelis (age 5)

Xinjin Lu, Cuigexiang, Chaoyang District (8439 7080/7087/7665, info-OG@ivyschools.com)
朝阳区崔各乡新锦路18号卓锦万代





Jazzy Preschool (La Petite Crèche de Beijing)

中美法小小托儿所

Jazzy Preschool is dedicated to offering high-quality education in a caring and positive atmosphere. Children can flourish at their own pace, developing a sense of independence and a positive self-image through meaningful play. The teachers are nurturing educators who understand early childhood development. Native speakers of English, French and Chinese mindfully encourage language learning to ensure these languages naturally become the children's mother tongues. This is achieved through a "one teacher, one language" approach. Keeping in mind that Jazzy Preschool is most of the students' first exposure to a school setting, teachers help with the transition by focusing activities on healthy development, self-discovery, cognitive skills, and self-help. Strict control is maintained over food quality and safety; nutritious and healthy meals are prepared from the school's in-house kitchen.

Founding date: 2011

Age range: 12 months-3 years

School type: Early education center

Grades offered: Preschool

Number of students: 30

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? No, but satisfies all accreditations and licenses required under PRC law

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 500
- Tuition: RMB 80,400 (five days a week), RMB 67,200 (four days a week), RMB 51,600 (three days a week), RMB 36,000 (two days a week)
- Deposit: RMB 2,000
- Lunch fee: RMB 7,500 (five days a week),

RMB 6,000 (four days a week), RMB 4,800 (three days a week), RMB 3,600 (two days a week)

Lunch offered: Chinese and Western options. Lunch fee includes a morning snack, lunch, and an afternoon snack.

Nationality of students: France, China, UK, US, Germany

Primary teaching languages: English, French, and Chinese

Average class size: 10

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:4

School hours: 8am-6pm

School facilities: Cloakroom at the entrance, playroom, main room (includes a home role-playing area, reading time area, play area, puzzle area, and activity area), a kitchen, a teacher's office, and two toilets

School nurse or doctor available? Private

Word from a Parent:

"Our son has been attending Jazzy Preschool for a year and is extremely happy there. He is always reluctant to leave at the end of the day and full of enthusiasm on the way home. I have every confidence in the teaching staff, which is sensitive to the needs of their young charges while providing a structured day. The teachers take the time to get to know the children they care for. We receive regular updates about the approaches they are taking to help the children master the three languages used at school or themes they are covering each week/month. I cannot recommend the Crèche highly enough."

- Georgina Parr (UK/France),
mother of Otto (age 2)

doctor from Oasis International Hospital on call

Contact: Jinxiu Yuan, Xinfu Zhonglu (just east of Comptoirs de France), Chaoyang District (6417 3931, 130 3119 9923, jazzy@jazzypreschool.com) www.jazzypreschool.com
朝阳区幸福中路锦绣园 (法派东侧)

Jiade Montessori Bilingual Kindergarten

嘉德蒙台梭利双语幼儿园

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

Founding date: 2009

Age range: 2-6

School type: Montessori kindergarten

Grades offered: Nursery and kindergarten

Number of students: 165

Total area: 3,100sqm

Is the school registered with the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

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

• Transportation: RMB 4,750 per semester

• Lunch: RMB 4,175 per semester

Lunch offered: Chinese and Western options, with menu rotating every 20 days

Nationality of students: 75 percent Chinese, 25 percent foreign

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Average class size: 20-25

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:4

School hours: 8.30am-4.30pm

School facilities: Outdoor playground facilities, a sport field, a library, an art room, a gymnasium, and a dance and music studio

Word from a Parent:

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

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

School nurse or doctor available? Yes

Contact: Bldg 221, Balizhuang Beili, Chaoyang District (8591 8288) www.jdmontessori.com
朝阳区八里庄北里221号楼





Karl & Anna Kids

卡尔安娜国际儿童会馆

Karl & Anna Kids is an international kindergarten and early childhood education center that combines elements of German Feudel art education, Chinese courses and Montessori. Children develop independence, self-study skills, and emotional intelligence through carefully-designed courses that include music, dance, art, cooking, science, dance, kung fu, and skating in a bilingual environment. Each student has a file detailing their progress and the teachers meet parents face-to-face to offer learning advice. There are currently two campuses: one in Guantang and one in Beichen.

Founding date: 2012

Age range: 0-6

School type: Private international kindergarten

Grades offered: Early childhood education and kindergarten

Total area: 4,500sqm (Guantang), 500sqm (Beichen)

Number of students: Around 20 (Guantang), around 240 (Beichen)

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 1,000 (kindergarten), RMB 500 (early education)

- Early childhood education (ages 0-3): RMB 5,400-26,160

- Kindergarten (ages 3-6): RMB 50,490 (half-day, ages 18 months-3 years), RMB 77,220 (full day, same age), RMB 68,310 (full day, ages 3-6)

- Bus: RMB 800-1,500 per month depending on route

- Lunch fee: RMB 1,300 per month for full-day students, RMB 950 per month for half-day students

Lunch offered: Nutritionist-designed menu with Western and Chinese options, homemade snacks and fruit or vegetable juice, dairy products, and organic food.

Nationality of students: China, Germany, US, UK, Canada, New Zealand, Hong Kong

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Other languages taught: German and French

Average class size: 8 (early childhood education), 16 (mixed group ages 0-3), 25 (mixed group ages 3-6)

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:1 to 1:3 (early childhood education), 1:4 (ages 0-3), 1:5 (ages 3-6)

School hours: 8.30am-4.30pm

After-school activities: Role-playing (e.g. subway, post office, military), seasonal field trips, piano, art, dance, music, wushu, cooking, and more

Special needs programs offered? Yes, face-to-face family education support for

Word from a Parent:

"My son was very shy and quiet before, always refusing to go school at his previous kindergarten. But now, everyone tells me Tiger is more playful and talkative. When the school held a fashion show, he gave me a big surprise by walking confidently on the red carpet. I told myself then I'd made the right decision. The hardest thing now is getting Tiger to go home after school."

- Xiaoming Lei (China),
father of Tiger (age 3.5)

neuro-developmental disorders and autism

Extra help offered? Child development assessments and motor-sensory skills

School facilities: Sensory integration room, outdoor playground, library, multi-purpose room, kitchen, dance studio, art room, science lab, SmartBoards, rock climbing wall, garden, and school monitoring system

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time school nurse available

Contact:

- Beichen Campus: Beichen Green Central Garden, Beiyuan, Chaoyang District (8490 6772/7448) 朝阳区北苑北辰绿色中央公园内

- Cathay View Campus: 2 Haohua Gong, 5 Guantang Donglu, Chaoyang District (6251 3042, 8250 4010) 朝阳区观唐东路5号浩华宫2号院

La Maison Montessori de Pékin (LMMP)

中法双语蒙式儿童之家

La Maison Montessori de Pékin (LMMP) is the first bilingual French and Chinese Montessori kindergarten in Beijing, catering to children between 2.5 and 6 years of age. The kindergarten is situated in Dongsishitiao, close to Dongzhimen area, in a beautiful Chinese courtyard, which provides a perfect local cultural setting. The school was founded by a French Montessori teacher and two mothers who wished to create another educational option for the French-speaking community in Beijing. The school aims to provide a method of education that takes into account the individual needs of each student in a bilingual environment. The small structure enables the teacher and families to communicate daily about the progress of the children and the small courtyard helps the students feel at home. The class includes two Montessori-certified lead teachers (one French speaker and one Chinese), as well as a Chinese assistant teacher. The curriculum incorporates the five domains of the Montessori environment and a social and emotional learning curriculum.

Founding date: June 2013

Age range: 2.5-6

School type: Montessori school with Montessori-certified teachers

Grades offered: Kindergarten

Total area: 150sqm

Number of students: 18

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? No

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 1,200
- Tuition: RMB 60,500
- Lunch: RMB 25 per day

Lunch offered: Fresh, healthy lunch and two snacks per day.

Nationality of students: France, China,

Canada

Primary teaching languages: French and Chinese

Average class size: 18

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:5

School hours: 8.30am-3.30pm

After-school activities: Art, cooking, English and French classes, Montessori workshops

School facilities: Traditional Chinese courtyard setting with two classrooms, a reading corner, an outdoor yard, and one air purifier per room

School nurse or doctor available? No, but the lead teacher has first aid training and Dongzhimen Hospital is a three-minute walk away.

Contact: Dongsishitiao, Dongcheng District (French: 131 2025 0341, Chinese: 136 8354 1333, lamaisonmontessoripk@gmail.com)

Word from a Parent:

"When we arrived in Beijing, we wanted to find a school with a home-like atmosphere for our 3-year-old boy. As an anxious and nervous mother, I went through the entire city looking for the perfect kindergarten. We fell in love with LMMP at first sight. All the teachers are easily accessible, kind, loving, and always prepared to go the extra mile to help the children. Once a timid boy who was afraid to leave home, our son has blossomed into a confident and happy trilingual boy who longs for school. Situated in a traditional courtyard in Dongsishitiao, this charming little school is a hidden gem. We have complete faith in the teachers – and we are not alone. Through LMMP, we have made great friends and we feel privileged to send our kids here. The school has built a solid foundation for our children for years to come. LMMP creates independent and smiling children, which in turn makes us grateful and happy parents."

- Molin Fang (Hong Kong),
mother of Blake (age 4)

www.lamaisonmontessoripk.com 东城区东四十四条





Little Village Montessori School (LVMS)

北京蒙特梭利小镇幼儿园

Little Village Montessori School (LVMS) is a Montessori kindergarten located in the CBD, west of the Fulicheng residences. The school's team of AMS (American Montessori Society) educators delivers a pure Montessori curriculum to children of all nationalities and operates on a full international member certificate from AMS. LVMS' philosophy emphasizes integrating the whole family in the school environment for the success of each individual student. With this spirit in mind, LVMS welcomes parents and family in the classrooms and organizes monthly parent workshops to help them learn more about the development of their children. Potential parents and students are welcome to come and observe a class in progress with the same spirit Dr. Maria Montessori developed in her own schools.

Founding date: 2012

Age range: 18 months to 6 years

School type: Private independent Montessori school

Grades offered: Nursery (18 months to age 3) to Casa (age 3 to age 6)

Total area: Over 1,000sqm

Number of students: 36

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? No

Accreditations: Full international AMS member

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 1,600

- Half-day (nursery only): RMB 65,000

- Full day (nursery and casa): RMB 88,000

- Casa+ (full day English with added Chinese program): RMB 63,800

- Lunch fee: RMB 6,050 per year

Lunch offered: Mix of Chinese and Western lunch with morning and afternoon snacks

Nationality of students: China, France, Australia, US, Canada

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Chinese reading and writing in Casa+

Average class size: Maximum 20 (nursery), maximum 25 (casa and casa+)

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:4 (Nursery), 1:5 (casa and casa+)

School hours: 8.30am-4.30pm

Word from a Parent:

"We've heard much about Montessori education, but we only trust credible sources that base their research on practice. We dedicated a lot of time to reading Montessori publications, realizing that true Montessori education means touching the child's heart while also allowing them to dominate their own world. Montessori is filled with love, enabling kids to find peace and build real confidence."

- The Zhengs (China),
parents of Zhiwen (age 3)

School facilities: Rooftop playground, indoor playground, all rooms equipped with air purifiers, full Montessori materials set

School nurse or doctor available? No

Contact: Rm 2310, 3/F, Jingyun Shengtong Building, 5 Huilin Lu, Fulicheng, Shuangjing, Chaoyang District (5876 6610, angel@lvms.cn) www.lvms.cn 朝阳区双井富力城西惠林路5号京运盛通大厦3层2310

Muffy's International Kindergarten (MIK)

博识梦飞国际幼儿园

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

Founding date: 2003

Age range: 2-6

School type: International kindergarten

Grades offered: Nursery, pre-school and kindergarten

Number of students: 420

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 500 (non-refundable)
- Tuition fee: RMB 110,000
- Transportation fee: RMB 7,500 per year
- Lunch fee: RMB 6,000 per year

Lunch offered: Western fusion

Nationality of students: China (90 percent),

US, Canada, Korea, and UK (10 percent)

Primary teaching language: English

Average class size: 13-18

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8:30am-17:00pm

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

Extra help offered: Global Track (English After School)

School facilities: Classrooms, indoor gym, library, music room, art room, media room, and large outdoor playground facility.

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time

Contact: Wangjing, Wanliu, Xiangshan (400

Word from a Parent:

"During her two years at MIK, Emily has entered the kindergarten joyfully every day and come home with a happy smile. I believe one of the most important reasons is that all of Muffy's conscientious staff love children and love teaching. Their teaching is always clear and organized. As well as learning language, the children learn the true meaning of life in a happy, relaxed environment. The students are taught to treat others fairly, think before talking, and speak kind words. These simple instructions make my children more gentle, relaxed, and selfless. I don't need require my child to be perfect, just to be true, kind, and optimistic. She is developing those traits at MIK."

- Yang Wenhua (China),
mother of Emily (age 6)

663 3282, www.mik-kids.com) 万柳校区, 望京校区, 香山校区





New Bamboo Academy

新竹国际幼儿园

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

Founding date: 2010

Age range: 1-6

School type: Local school

Grades offered: Kindergarten and preschool

Number of students: 50

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? In process

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- Yearly tuition: RMB 66,000

- Lunch fee: RMB 30 per day

Lunch offered: Chinese and Western

Nationality of students: 30 percent foreign, 70 percent Chinese

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Chinese

Average class size: 15

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:5

School hours: 8am-5pm

After-school activities: Science, taekwondo, dance, art, and indoor tennis

School facilities: One dance studio, one outdoor playground, and four activity rooms

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time

Contact: West Gate, East Ruijing Tower, 16 Jianguomen Waidajie, Chaoyang District

Word from a Parent:

"For the year that Jay was at New Bamboo, I really appreciated the teacher's help and concern. They treat the students like their own children. The foreign teacher has also shown responsibility and humor, enabling him to develop emotionally."

- Mother of Jay (age 5, China)

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外大街16号东方瑞景西门

PKU College International Bilingual Preschool (PKUC)

北大公学北苑国际双语幼儿园

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

Founding date: May 2010

Age range: 18 months to 6 years

School type: International bilingual preschool

Grades offered: Preschool

Total area: 3,000sqm

Number of students: 220

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- International class: RMB 60,000-85,000
- Bilingual class: RMB 45,600-68,000
- Uniform fee: RMB 1,200
- Transportation fee: RMB 500 per month
- Lunch fee: RMB 400 per month

Lunch offered: Nutritionist-approved Chinese meals, with some Western snacks.

Nationality of students: China, US, South

Korea

Primary teaching language: English (international class), Chinese (bilingual class)

Other languages taught: English

Average class size: 25

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:4 (Nursery), 1:5 (Casa)

School hours: 7.30am-5pm

After-school activities: Violin, Chinese painting, kung fu, cooking, rollerblading, taekwondo, soccer, golf, Chinese chess, pottery, creative arts, dancing, singing, and English

School facilities: Outdoor playground, a library with thousands of picture books and a SmartBoard, a kitchen, an art room, one multi-purpose room, one Mommy and Me room, two piano rooms, central air conditioning, and 24hr hot water.

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, one dedicated school nurse

Word from a Parent:

"It has been almost two years since my baby entered the preschool. A once-naughty baby has grown up to be a polite and caring girl who is also independent and willing to help others. She has gone from not knowing how to draw, read, or count to doing all of these things very well. She has turned from an introverted baby into a lively and cheerful girl, and from disliking her original preschool to loving her current teacher and classmates. It must be related to the teachers' hard work and caring hearts. A new year is coming, and there are no words to express my respect to all teachers in the Sapphire Class. I hope all the lovely teachers are happy every day in the New Year!"

- Mother of Han Ding (age 5, China)

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





Sunwaykids International Kindergarten

尚慧国际幼儿园

Taking over the mantle of Soong Ching-Ling's educational philosophy "to encourage children to become masters of culture, nature and universe," Sunwaykids International Kindergarten endeavors to provide quality education combining the best of Chinese and foreign cultures. The kindergarten espouses both an international vision and traditional Chinese culture, focusing on bilingualism, personality cultivation, and whole person development. The curriculum and learning environment are led by a systematic teaching program and management. Sunwaykids aims to let students fully develop their potential, learn self-acceptance, and engage in a harmonious and global-minded growth.

Founding date: 2013

Age range: 2-6

School type: International kindergarten

Grades offered: Nursery and kindergarten

Number of students: Maximum 360

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- International curriculum: RMB 12,800 per month or RMB 118,000 per year (full day); RMB 7,800 per month or RMB 70,800 per year (half-day)
- Bilingual curriculum (full day): RMB 9,600 per month or RMB 86,000 per year (full day)
- Bilingual curriculum for infants (full day): RMB 10,000 per month or RMB 88,000 per year

year

- Transportation: RMB 500 per month or RMB 5,000 per year (one way); RMB 900 per month or RMB 9,000 per year (round-trip)
- Lunch fee: RMB 800 per month

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

Nationality of students: 30 percent foreign, 70 percent Chinese

Primary teaching language: Chinese

Other languages taught: English

Average class size: 20 (nursery), 20-25 (K1, K2 and K3)

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:4

School hours: 8am-5pm

After-school activities: Skating, art, piano, and more

School facilities: Library, themed classrooms

Word from a Parent:

"My child fell in love with Sunwaykids because of its welcoming and appealing environment. We visited a lot of kindergartens before our son told Daddy that he liked it here. Eason loves dancing and playing games with his teachers. Parents need not worry about meals and the children's quality of life. I believe that after spending a few happy years here, my child will be well-set."

- Tang Hongjing (China),
mother of Eason (age 3)

(e.g. Sinology classroom), science exploration facilities, outdoor playground, music room (as well as five piano rooms and five violin rooms), art room, multi-purpose room, projection room, mini-golf course, sand pit, climbing zone, and more

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time doctor

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

Twinkle Twinkle Play and Learning Center

星熠宝宝

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

Founding date: September 2011

Age range: 1-6

Grades offered: Nursery and kindergarten

School type: Early education center

Total area: 800sqm

Number of students: 70

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? No

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 2,500
- One-year tuition: RMB 72,930

Lunch offered: Chinese lunch with morning and afternoon snacks provided. The cost is included in the tuition fees.

Nationality of students: 70 percent foreign,

30 percent Chinese

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Average class size: 10

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:3

School hours: 8.30am-4.30pm

After-school activities: Ballet, art, and Chinese kung fu

School facilities: Hall and outdoor playground

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, school nurse available full-time on campus and doctor on call

Contact: 2B Greenland Garden, 1 Jiangtai Xilu, Chaoyang District (8457 4060, info@xingyibaby.com) www.xingyibaby.com 朝阳区将台西路甲1号嘉林花园2B

Word from a Parent:

"Every morning, I see a big smile on my daughter's face as she excitedly waves her arms when she sees her teachers; that should be all the answer you need. She joined Twinkle Twinkle when she was 11 months old. Through the staff's teamwork, professionalism, and care for the children, my first-time mom worries went away. Their sharing of information has also been a huge support to me. Every day, my husband and I are surprised when our daughter shows us the many things she learned at school, especially with regards to language, social skills, and activities. I have been very pleased with Twinkle Twinkle and believe it is the right school for my daughter for this part of her life."

- Shizuka Minami (Japan), mother of Arika Junna Sanders-Minami (16 months)





Windsor Bilingual Kindergartens

温莎双语幼儿园

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

Founding date: 2009

Age range: 18 months to 6 years

Grades offered: Kindergarten

School type: Local kindergarten

Number of students: 90

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? No

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 500
- Bilingual class: RMB 72,000
- International Class: RMB 100,000
- Uniforms: RMB 450
- Transportation fee: RMB 600-900 per month
- Lunch fee: RMB 600 per year

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

Nationality of students: China, US, South Korea

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Average class size: 15

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:4-1:8 depending on age

School hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

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

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

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time nurse

Contact: www.windsorkindergarten.cn

• Legend Garden Campus: 89 Capital Airport Road, Shunyi District (6456 0020), cherry.chen@windsorkindergarten.cn 顺义区温莎丽京园, 首都机场路89号丽京花园别墅

• Vancouver Forest Campus: Litang Lu, Beiqijia Town, Changping District (6975 6579, didi.chen@windsorkindergarten.cn) 昌平区温莎温哥华森林园, 立汤路北七家镇温哥华森林别墅

Word from a Parent:

"My history with Windsor started with the music open course held at the Vancouver Forest Campus. Once I heard of Windsor's expansion, I paid a visit to the Legend Garden campus with my then 2-year-old daughter Naomi. I was impressed with how well everything was organized and the teachers' energy and creativity. I signed up for Mommy and Me classes after the visit. Naomi fell in love with this delightful place immediately. I believe that a sense of security and trust counts most for a child's experience in kindergarten. A kindergarten should give them enough confidence to cope with challenges during their development. I feel my daughter can have a happy and meaningful childhood at Windsor and I hope for the relationship to continue."

- Maggie Zhou (China),
mother of Naomi (age 3)

Yew Wah Infant and Toddler Education Centre (YWITEC)

耀华婴幼儿教育中心

Yew Wah International Education Services are founded upon Yew Chung Education Foundation's experience in offering quality international education in Hong Kong and mainland China. Yew Wah has developed a unique international education curriculum for young children. The school offers a rich, child-friendly, nurturing environment. There is one English teacher and one Chinese teacher in the international classes, which allows children to gain knowledge and experience of different languages and cultures, as facilitated by the professional Chinese and Western teachers. Yew Wah adheres to a child-centered philosophy and advocate protecting children's rights. The school focuses on the holistic and harmonious development of children and nurture good learning dispositions in them. Yew Wah aims to help students grow up with awareness of independence, environmental conservation, and their role as global citizens. The school believes all this translates into a solid foundation for their sustainable development and pursuit of lifelong learning.

Founding date: 2010

Age range: 2-6

Grades offered: Kindergarten

School type: Local private school

Total area: 1100sqm

Number of students: 120

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes (One parent must hold a Chinese ID certificate)

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 100
- Tuition: RMB 83,000 per year (10.5 months)
- Transportation fee: RMB 7,500

• Lunch fee: RMB 5,800

Lunch offered: Onsite kitchen provides Chinese and Western dishes with vegetarian options. Food served is partially organic.

Nationality of students: China, Hong Kong, America, Canada, Australia

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Average class size: 20

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8:30am-16:15pm (full day)

After-school activities: Violin, piano, and dancing lessons

School facilities: Big playground in the park, music and dancing area, art room, and indoor multifunctional area.

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time school doctor

Word from a Parent:

"How time flies! Matthew has been studying at Yew Wah for one year now. From the very beginning, in the early adaptive stages to now, we have grown to love the school. Matthew joined K3 in August, and we were all surprised to find such big changes in him. From his living habits, language, approach and ability in art, and his general approach to learning, he has developed into a more curious and passionate kid. A big part of Yew Wah's philosophy is nurturing good learning dispositions. Through working with teachers, we know as parents how we can help and motivate our children, how to increase their curiosity and initiative. Thanks to Yew Wah for providing us with this platform!"

- Michelle and Xuan Li (China),
parents of Matthew (age 3)

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3e International School

3e国际学校

3e International School was founded in 2005 and has grown into an institution of 170 students from Nursery through Grade 4. The school aims to develop "creative thinkers and collaborative learners who are able to move respectfully and appreciatively across cultures" through a research-based curriculum developed especially for this education model. Classes are conducted in English and Chinese, with half of every day devoted to each language. Within this inquiry-based program, a balance of child-initiated and teacher-directed activity is provided to support students' development across the entire curriculum.

Founding date: 2005

Age range: 2-10

School type: International school

Grades offered: Nursery to Grade 4

Total area: 3,068sqm

Number of students: 170

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: CIS

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 1,800 (once space is confirmed)
- Nursery: RMB 108,300 (half-day), RMB 113,300 (full day)
- Pre-K: RMB 149,400
- Kindergarten: RMB 153,500
- Grades 1-4: RMB 164,500
- Transportation: RMB 9,830-14,920 per year (depending on route)
- Lunch: RMB 6,370 per year

Lunch offered: On-site kitchen, vegetarian options, Chinese, Western, nutritionist-consulted, international food prepared by Eurest

Nationality of students: 25 nationalities represented

Primary teaching languages: 50 percent English, 50 percent Chinese daily

Average class size: Maximum 12 (Nursery), 16 (Pre-K), 16-18 (kindergarten), 18-20 (elementary)

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:4 (Nursery), 1:8 (Pre-K), 1:8 to 1:9 (kindergarten), 1:9 to 1:10 (elementary)

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

After-school activities: Art, Spanish, fun math, basketball, ukulele, drums, kung fu, science, ballet, tap dance, taekwondo, cooking, yoga, roller skating, soccer, music and movement, magic, and more

Special needs programs offered? Yes

School facilities: Gym and dance studio, large outdoor space, multi-purpose field, library, art studio and student kitchen, IQ Air filters in every classroom, and IQ Air Perfect 16 throughout the school

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time nurse

Contact: 9-1 Jiangtai Xilu, Lido, Chaoyang District (6437 3344 ext 100, admissions@3einternatio

Word from a Parent:

"Around our second year in Beijing, we learned about 3e through word-of-mouth. Our choice was mainly based on the offering of a dual immersion curriculum where our children can experience a North American academic environment. We were also very attracted by the small class sizes, where children can receive more individual consideration and teachers can practice techniques and experiment what is not traditionally achievable in more crowded learning environments. Now after more than a year and a half at 3e, we notice the outcome of its teaching philosophy in our children. We see measurable improvement in their learning outcomes as well as progress in their social skills. Our children like to experiment, problem-solve, involve and be involved with their community. Our children's collective aptitude in learning literacy and numeracy in two languages with such an ease reassures us that we made the best decision for our family's needs."

- The Krumscheids (Germany and Canada), parents of Nuri (age 4) and Kian (age 6)

nalschool.org) www.3einternationalschool.org
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Beijing Collegiate Academy (BCA)

常春藤国际学校

Beijing Collegiate Academy is an international bilingual school offering Canadian and Chinese curricula aimed at educating future global leaders. The faculty consists of certified Canadian and Chinese teachers providing students with the necessary skills to become fluent in English and Chinese and understanding of world cultures at east of Chaoyang Park campus. The school will eventually cater to kindergarten to Grade 12 students, but currently enrolls students up to Grade 4.

Founding date: 2012

Age of students: 5-10

School type: International bilingual day school

Grades offered: Kindergarten to Grade 4

Total area: 34,000sqm

Number of students: Estimated maximum capacity of 1,000

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? In the process

Accreditations: Candidate for British Columbia Ministry of Education

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee (non-refundable): RMB 2,000

- New student fee (non-refundable): RMB 5,000

- Kindergarten: RMB 142,000

- Grades 1-2: RMB 173,200

- Grades 3-4: RMB 175,300

- Lunch: RMB 5,000 per year

- Bus fee: RMB 10,000-15,000 per year depending on route

Lunch offered: Western and Chinese options

Primary teaching languages English (70 percent of day) and Chinese (30 percent of day)

Class size: Maximum 25

Teacher-student ratio: 1:8

School hours: 8.30am-4.50pm (regular hours), 3.50-4.50pm (after-school activities)

After-school activities: Drama, dance, taekwondo, tennis, art, piano, and more

School facilities: SmartBoard technology in all classrooms, a library, a cafeteria, soccer fields, music rooms, and a primary school playground, and more

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time doctor

Contacts: 10 Upper East Side, Dongfeng Nanlu, Chaoyang District (5681 2555, admissions@bj.ccaschools.cn) www.ccaschools.cn 朝阳区东风南路东10号





The British School of Beijing, Sanlitun (BSB)

北京英国学校

The British School of Beijing, Sanlitun is located in the heart of the embassy district in the leafy streets of Sanlitun. It specializes in early years and primary education with two campuses within walking distance of each other. 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. The "High Performance Learning" approach ensures all students are given the opportunities, motivation, and support to achieve their very best. Students are enabled to become internationally-minded, confident, and independent individuals.

Founding date: 2003-2004

Age range: 1-11

School type: International school

Grades offered: Pre-Nursery to Year 6

Number of students: Maximum 600

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Tuition fees* (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 1,600
- Pre-Nursery and Nursery: RMB 107,449 (half-day), RMB 161,189 (full day)
- Reception: RMB 173,865
- Years 1-2: RMB 193,512
- Year 3: RMB 206,588
- Years 4-6: RMB 209,659
- Refundable security deposit: RMB 16,000
- Transportation: RMB 8,100-11,700
- Compulsory uniform: Costs vary
- Lunch: RMB 30 per day

**Three percent annual discount available if fees are paid upfront for the full year before the start of the academic year*

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

Nationality of students: Over 55 nationalities represented, including UK, US, Australia,

Germany, and Hong Kong

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Chinese and German

Average class size: Maximum 22

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:3 (Pre-Nursery) to 1:11 (Year 6)

School hours: 8.30am-3.30pm

After-school activities: A range of creative, sporting, music, and language activities such as cooking, singing, ukulele, table tennis, German, sewing, basketball, climbing wall, drama, sketching, football, creative writing, and construction

Extra help offered: English as an Additional Language (EAL)

School facilities: Classrooms with interactive whiteboards, ICT suite, laptop, and iPad trolleys for use in classrooms, music room with designated individual practice rooms, library, outdoor playgrounds, astro turf football pitch, indoor gymnasium, and an indoor urban sports center featuring a climbing wall and ball pool

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, two full-time nurses

Contact: www.britishschool.org.cn, sltadmissions@britishschool.org.cn

• Primary Campus: 5 Xiliujie, Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (8532 3088) 朝阳区三里屯路西街5号

Word from a Parent:

"We chose BSB Sanlitun after touring many schools in Beijing. The Sanlitun location is a huge bonus, helping us stay in touch with our children's education by attending performances and events. Also, the children do not waste hours on school buses in Beijing traffic. Both boys are keen to get to school every morning. They have developed confidence and skills in a warm and comfy educational environment. Family values are the foundation. Basics are solid, with high-performance learning techniques and teaching staff. We enjoy fantastic communication with daily emails from teachers explaining exactly what the boys have studied each day. The level of homework is appropriate and relevant. Access to the global classroom scheme has broadened their horizons with online debate and discussion with children from partner schools around the globe. Adam and Jerome love their schoolmates and teachers. They have made great progress personally and educationally, and are extremely happy at BSB Sanlitun."

- Andy and Emma Portch (UK),
parents of Jerome (Year 2) and
Adam (Year 6)

- Early Years Campus: 7 Beixiaojie, Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (8532 5320) 朝阳区三里屯路北小街7号

Children's International Bilingual Academy (CIBA)

爱嘉励儿童双语培训学校

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

Founding date: 2002

Age range: 18 months to 7 years

School type: International bilingual school

Grades offered: Pre-Nursery to Year 2

Number of students: 80

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees* (2015-2016 academic year):

- Application fee (non-refundable): RMB 1,500
- Pre-Nursery: RMB 55,000
- Nursery: RMB 60,000
- Foundation Stage 1: RMB 65,000
- Reception: RMB 67,500
- Years 1-2: RMB 72,000
- Transportation fee: RMB 30-70 per day depending on distance
- Lunch fee: RMB 35 per day

**Fees for all grades include ABC Music and Mommy and Me dance classes.*

Lunch offered: Western and Chinese options

Nationality of students: US, Germany, Sweden, Australia, China, UK, and more

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

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

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

School hours: 8.30am-5.30pm

After-school activities: English oral class, dance, English singing class, piano, and Chinese art

Extra help offered? CSL, ESL and support

School facilities: Music room, activity room, play area, library, dancing room, playground,

Word from a Parent:

"My husband and I are teachers at an international school and have three children. My eldest daughter Michelle attended CIBA four years ago. The teachers are very responsible. My daughter always had fun there, so we decided to send our son Beau to CIBA too. He attended CIBA for one and half years. He always cried at first, but the teachers were patient and learned what his favorite toys were very quickly. After two weeks, my son happily said goodbye to me as I dropped him off. My youngest daughter Katherine has attended CIBA since September and is happy at school. My husband and I no longer worry and CIBA gives us a big discount!"

- Carly Shekhar (US), mother of Michelle (age 6), Beau (4), and Katherine (2)

garden, sand pit, a large trampoline, and climbing equipment

School nurse or doctor available? No, but teachers are trained in emergency first aid

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Daystar Academy

启明星双语学校

Daystar Academy is a non-profit school that offers a balanced, bilingual Chinese-English education, with students spending half their day in each language environment. The school aims to develop world citizens who can channel their bilingualism and strong academic performance, with creativity and critical thinking to serve their communities. Kindergarten students are immersed in half-day English and half-day Chinese Montessori curriculum, and are also offered pull-out classes in music, physical education, and performing arts. Elementary students study Columbia University's Teacher Reading and Writing Project for English language arts, using the US Common Core as the standard, and follow China's National Curriculum for Chinese and math. Science and performing arts are taught in English while music, art and physical education are taught in Chinese.

Founding date: 2002

Age range: 22 months-12 years

School type: Private school

Grades offered: Toddler to Grade 6

Total area: 20,000sqm

Number of students: 260

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: IB candidacy in progress

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 2,000
- Toddler: RMB 45,000 (half-day), RMB 63,000 (full day)
- Kindergarten: RMB 95,000-105,000 (full day)
- Elementary: RMB 120,000
- Transportation: RMB 8,700-15,000
- Capital levy fee (one-time) for elementary students: RMB 30,000

Lunch offered: Wholesome, non-GMO meals sourced from local farms and prepared by in-house staff. Chinese and Western food served.

Nationality of students: 17 nationalities represented, including China, US, and France

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Average class size: 25 (kindergarten), 20 (elementary)

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:8 (kindergarten), 1:20 (elementary Chinese classes), 1:10 (elementary English classes)

School hours: 8.10am-3.40pm

After-school activities: Many classes offered, including soccer, ballet, gymnastics, cooking, music, Lego robotics, and music

Extra help offered? Specialized ESL and CSL programs available

Scholarship offered? Yes, based on financial need

Word from a Parent:

"After visiting Daystar Academy, we knew we had found what we were looking for: the right size, the 'right' fees, the right uniform (yes, it does make a difference), and last but not least, the only truly bilingual curriculum. After three years at Daystar, the objectives we had set for our daughters have not only been met, but exceeded beyond our expectations. Although they were raised in a French-speaking environment, our daughters now master English and Chinese perfectly. The international environment of the school has also helped broaden their vision of the world, making them feel at ease and accepting of wherever they go."

- Isabelle Justo (France), mother of Hortense (Grade 3) and Léonore (Grade 1)

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

School nurse or doctor available? Yes

Contact: 2 Shunbai Lu, Chaoyang District (5603 9446, 6433 7366 ext 8009, admissions@daystarchina.cn) www.daystarchina.cn 朝阳区顺白路2号

House of Knowledge International School and Kindergarten (HoK) 好思之家国际学校和幼儿园

House of Knowledge (HoK) believes that tomorrow's leaders need an excellent foundation cultivated in an environment that is both caring and challenging, where children can thrive and develop. HoK's unique curriculum trains students to acquire critical thinking and collaboration skills by teaching them how to "learn to learn." HoK Elementary school also has a German program and an English program that engage students in active learning and feature a multi-sensory approach where children are "ready to learn" for life.

Founding date: 2007

Age range: 1-11

School type: International nursery, kindergarten, preschool and elementary school

Grades offered: Kindergarten, nursery, preschool, Grades 1-2

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

Number of students: Over 100

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Undergoing accreditation process

Accreditations: Undergoing WASC accreditation process

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Toddler (12-20 months): RMB 30,050 (half-day, two days per week), RMB 42,290 (half-day, three days per week), RMB 66,780 (half-day, five days per week)
- Nursery (20 months-3 years): RMB 86,810 (half-day), RMB 102,400 (full day)
- Kindergarten (3-5 years): RMB 133,560 (full day)
- Preschool (4-6 years): RMB 136,680 (full day)
- Elementary Grades 1-2*: RMB 168,760
- Elementary Grades 3-5: RMB 178,660
- Lunch fee: RMB 6,800 per year

*Twenty percent discount for elementary is available if registration and full payment are completed no later than April 1, 2015.

Lunch offered: Breakfast, a morning fruit snack, lunch, and an afternoon snack are prepared daily by the school's in-house cooks using high-quality ingredients such as Wondermilk, sugar-free yogurt, meats from a German butcher, fresh breads from a local German bakery, and (when possible) organic fruits and vegetables from local organic farms.

Nationality of students: More than 10 nationalities

Primary teaching language: English or German

Other languages taught: Chinese

Average class size: 9 (toddler), 16 (nursery), 20 (kindergarten, preschool, and elementary)

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:4 (kindergarten), 1:10 (elementary)

School hours: 8am-3.45pm

After-school activities: Super Science, dance, soccer, kung fu, swimming, Chinese traditional dancing, yoga, piano, Crazy Crafts, magic lessons, Chinese culture, and more (see website for current listings)

School facilities: Multi-level classrooms, under-floor heating, reading room, in-house chef, swimming pool, art stations, parents' corner, outdoor playground and kids kitchen, indoor gym, art room, building stations, and more

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, staff are also certified in first aid

Contact: info@hokschoools.com, www.hokschoools.com

• Quanfa Campus: North gate of Quanfa Gardens, 18 Maquanying, Shunbai Lu, Chaoyang

Word from a Parent:

"When we arrived in Beijing in 2011, we searched for a warm and heartfelt kindergarten that could also give a good education to our very shy 3-year-old daughter Enja. We found this at HoK. With the help of the teachers, Enja rapidly progressed. During her first year at HoK, through interesting and exciting project-based learning, she earned a wealth of knowledge, and started speaking English and Chinese pretty quickly. In preschool, Enja joined the English Starfall literacy program and has started successfully this year in HoK first grade. Our daughter has developed into an open and self-confident 6-year-old who is enjoying every single day at HoK. We are really happy and grateful she attends this school."

- Aminah Strien (Germany),
mother of Enja (age 6.5)

District (6431 8452, qf@hokschoools.com) 朝阳区顺白路马泉营路18号泉发花园北门

• Chaoyang Park Campus: Victoria Gardens, 15 Chaoyang Gongyuan Xilu, Chaoyang District (6538 2624, vg@hokschoools.com) 朝阳区朝阳公园西路15号维多利亚花园



THE INTERNATIONAL MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF BEIJING

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Since 1990, The International Montessori School of Beijing has remained committed to its mission to bring out the best in each and every child.

Here you will find some of Beijing's most experienced international school teachers, each dedicated to providing students with a strong academic foundation, while instilling a life-long enthusiasm for learning and a sense of responsibility, integrity and confidence.

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The International Montessori School of Beijing (MSB)

北京蒙台梭利国际学校

An affiliate member of the American Montessori Society (AMS), MSB has been teaching preschool and elementary students for 25 years. The school is also affiliated with the International Montessori Teaching Institute (IMTI), which provides ongoing professional training and development to all MSB lead teachers and assistant teachers and assistant teachers.

Founding date: 1990

Age range: 1.5-12

School type: International school

Grades offered: Nursery-Grade 6

Total area: 10,000sqm

Number of students: 365

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: AMS

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 2,000
- Placement deposit (fully refundable): RMB 20,000
- Nursery (ages 1.5-3): RMB 98,000 (half-day), RMB 147,000 (full day)
- Kindergarten (ages 3-5): RMB 105,000 (half-day), RMB 153,000 (full day)
- Reception (age 5): RMB 172,000
- Elementary (ages 6-12): RMB 177,000
- Transportation fee: RMB 9,900-14,900 per year
- Lunch fee: RMB 6,300 per year

Lunch offered: Catered by Culinary Capers; the menu changes monthly and alternates between Chinese and Western dishes.

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

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Average class size: Maximum 24

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:4, 1:6, or 1:8 depending on student's age

School hours: 8.30am-3.45pm

After-school activities: Language clubs, football, baking, wushu, swimming, dancing, scuba diving, and more

School facilities: The MSB campus features 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 indoor ball court and stage, as well as two playing fields, two basketball courts, a running track, a sandbox, and four playgrounds. MSB also

Word from a Parent:

"My daughter has flourished at MSB. In her eight years here, she has become a compassionate and socially-aware person, while receiving an excellent bilingual education. It's easy to be impressed by large schools; the key is to look beyond the bricks and mortar. MSB is a small school, but this is an advantage. Here, children receive great individual attention and are immersed in a supportive environment where character development is as important as academics. After all, school is not just about sitting at a desk, being spoon-fed information; it's also about the joy of learning."

- Kwei Chee Lam (Hong Kong),
mother of Jing Jing Yang (age 11)

features a state-of-the-art air filtration system in each of its buildings and air curtains over all main doors, ensuring clean air for all.

School nurse or doctor available? Yes

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Russian Children's Education Center (RCEC)

教育中心

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

Founding date: January 2011

Age range: 3-12

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

Total area: 650sqm

Number of students: 150

Is the school registered with the Ministry of Education? No

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Kindergarten: RMB 6,600 per month (full day), RMB 4,800 per month (half-day)
- Grade school: RMB 34,000 per year
- Lunch fee: Included in the price of tuition for

preschool and kindergarten

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

Primary teaching language: Russian

Average class size: 20

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:10

School hours: 8am-6pm

After-school activities: Music, art, English, and Chinese

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

School nurse or doctor available? No

Contact: Rm 101-102, 1/F, Bldg 2, Qiumadu,

Word from a Parent:

"When it came to choosing a kindergarten, we were quite picky. There is a wide choice of educational facilities and programs in Beijing and it can be really hard to make a decision. When we faced this dilemma, we listened to feedback from our friends and finally chose Smeshariki Kindergarten. For the past year, we have been happy members of the Smeshariki family and our daughter goes to school with a great pleasure. We receive weekly reports from the teachers about what has been taught, which is really nice. We would like to praise the staff for their professionalism."

- The Jafarovs (Russia),
parents of Seldzhan (age 5)

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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

Beijing No. 55 High School is a city-level key school. Upon the approval of the Chinese Foreign Ministry and Beijing Municipal Government in 1975, the school was opened to foreign students. In 1994, the International Baccalaureate Organization approved the school to become its first Chinese member. Soon, the school became widely acknowledged as one of the most exemplary schools in the Asian-Pacific region. On the basis of its quality education and teaching resources, dual-course system, and various activities against a multi-cultural backdrop, the school has provided students with a variety of extra-curricular courses suited to each individual's age, gender, capabilities, and language skills, enabling them to become active, creative, caring and responsible global citizens.

Founding date: 1975

Age range: 10-17

School type: Local public school

Grades offered: Grades 7-12

Number of students: 600

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: IB

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 2,000
- Junior Middle School (Grades 7-9): RMB 31,600 (Chinese class), RMB 41,600 (English MYP class)
- High School (Grades 10-12): RMB 36,000 (Chinese), RMB 48,600 (DP foundation program and class)
- Deposit for books: RMB 3,000

• Transportation fee: RMB 5,000-6,000 per year

• Lunch fee: RMB 20 per day

Lunch offered: Chinese meals

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

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Average class size: 10-22

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8.30am-3pm

After-school activities: Soccer, basketball, taekwondo, Beijing opera, diabolo, street dance, music, robot building, band, painting, comic club, print, Chinese calligraphy, traditional Chinese painting, tai chi with fans, chess, oil painting, computers, design, crafts, and French

Scholarships offered? Scholarships for outstanding graduates

Word from a Parent:

"No. 55 presents some very unique teaching features and contributes to the success of young learners. Although my son has already transferred schools to continue his education in Guangzhou, he has benefited a lot from his previous years at No. 55. The knowledge and skills that he gained were crucial to his personal development."

- Ring Denzelbane, parent of a former Grade 9 student

School facilities: Playground, indoor basketball gymnasium, indoor badminton gymnasium, indoor taekwondo gymnasium, two libraries, outdoor soccer field, small theater, lecture hall, four chemistry laboratories, four physics laboratories, four biology laboratories, biology classroom with scene, geography classroom, history classroom, three art classrooms, and two music classrooms

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time

Contact: 12 Xinzong Jie, Dongcheng District (6416 9531/9575) www.bj55iss.com 东城区新中街12号

Beijing SMIC School (SMIC)

北京市中芯学校

Beijing SMIC School was founded in 2005 to serve families employed by Semiconductor Manufacturing International Company (SMIC) in Yizhuang. However, this changed when the school opened its doors to non-company employees over the years. The school has a teaching staff of over 200 (of which nearly one quarter are foreigners) serving over 1,500 students from Pre-K to Grade 9 in both English and Chinese. The SMIC English Track is an international-style division within a Chinese private school. The program offers an American-style curriculum taught in English based on US Common Core standards, a diverse after-school program, and a Chinese language program. The school aims to encourage excellence, a sense of honor, community, and joy in its students.

Founding date: 2005

Age range: 3-14

School type: Local private school with an American-style English language division

Grades offered: Kindergarten to Grade 8 (English), pre-kindergarten to Grade 9 (Chinese). Will eventually include high school.

Total area: 29,000sqm

Number of students: Over 1,500

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: Preparing for WASC accreditation

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Test fee: RMB 300
- Chinese Kindergarten: RMB 43,600
- Chinese Grades 1-6: RMB 34,500
- Chinese Grades 6-9: RMB 40,600
- English Kindergarten: RMB 61,800

- English Grades 1-5: RMB 75,500
- English Grades 6-8: RMB 85,200
- Uniform fee: RMB 555
- Transportation: RMB 1,600 per semester (within BDA), RMB 5,000 per semester (Wangjing)

• Daily snacks: RMB 400 per semester

Lunch offered: Chinese or Western options

Nationality of students: China, US, South Korea, Canada, and Japan (more than 17 countries and regions)

Primary teaching languages: Chinese in Chinese track and English in English track

Other languages taught: French and Japanese

Average class size: 18

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:8

School hours: 7.50am-3pm

After-school activities: Fourteen academic electives (French, Japanese, Literature, Science and IT), ten instrumental and choral music electives, drama, Photoshop, band, eight fine arts electives, and 38 sports

Word from a Parent:

"Beijing SMIC School's English Track has grown enormously since my older daughter enrolled four and half years ago. The American curriculum amended with Chinese classes provides the students with bilingual fluency. The school culture and activities expose students to a global perspective and so much more. Both of my girls have been with SMIC English Track since first grade, and I am so grateful that they are happily learning in this warm and caring environment."

- Charlene Zhang, mother of Grace (age 10) and Nicole Ma (age 8)

electives (including inter-school competitions in soccer, basketball, volleyball, badminton, and track and field)

Extra help offered? ESL, CSL, tutoring

School facilities: Solar-powered electronics lab, library, auditorium, lit track and field arena, gym, and air purifiers in every class.

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, two doctors and two nurses on staff

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

Ganeinu 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 be helped to 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

Age range: 18 months-13 years

School type: Montessori integrated Jewish day school

Grades offered: Nursery, kindergarten, and Grades 1-8

Number of students: 45-60

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? No

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee (new students only): RMB 1,600
- Nursery (18 months-3 years): RMB 66,000 (half-day), RMB 82,000 (full day)
- Kindergarten (ages 3-6): RMB 99,000
- Grades 1-2: RMB 120,000
- Grades 3-8 and MAC: RMB 130,000
- Bus: RMB 1,000 per month
- Uniforms: Required for elementary students and sold separately through the school

Lunch offered: Hot lunch every day (no extra cost)

Nationality of students: Israel, US, UK, South Africa, and several European

countries

Primary teaching languages: Hebrew for Jewish studies (40 percent), English for general studies (40 percent), and Chinese language (20 percent). In nursery and kindergarten, native Chinese, English, and Hebrew speakers co-teach

Average class size: 12 (nursery and kindergarten), 4-6 (elementary), 2-4 (middle school)

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:4 (nursery and kindergarten), 1:4 to 1:6 (elementary), 1:2 to 1:4 (middle school)

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

After-school activities: PE, swimming, art, cooking, and yoga

Extra help offered? ESL and HSL as well as extra tutoring available

Scholarships offered? Yes, as well as sibling discounts on tuition

School facilities: Grassy area and outdoor playground, art room, music room, and children's kitchen for cooking and baking classes

School nurse or doctor available? No designated nurse on campus, but the staff is

Word from a Parent:

"After investigating many options, my wife and I chose Ganeinu and we are extremely grateful to have made that choice. The class sizes, high level of education, beautiful facilities, and enrichment opportunities are superior. The school is marked by an open and creative environment that encourages kids to think outside the box, and become independent and innovative thinkers. The staff have a partnership with parents that keeps us part of our children's progress and classroom happenings. My kids love the school so much, they look forward to going even during holidays. Most importantly – and the thing that touches us the most – is that beyond the academic excellence, the school is our family in China. It's a place filled with warmth, caring, and love – a place where we and our kids have always felt welcome and like we belong."

- David Galil (Israel), father of Nami (Grade 7), Itamar (Grade 5) and Michael (kindergarten)

trained in CPR and first aid

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

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

Founding date: 1950

Age range: 12-16

School type: Key public school under the direct leadership of the Ministry of Education

Grades offered: Grades 7-12

Total area: 100,000sqm

Number of students: 205

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

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

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes, but only with a legal guardian living in Beijing for the duration of their time at RDFZ

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Chinese training class: RMB 21,800 per semester
- Regular class: RMB 25,000 per semester
- British A-Level program: RMB 40,000 per semester
- American AP program: RMB 45,000 per semester
- IBDP: RMB 50,000 per semester
- Accommodations: RMB 6,200 per bed per semester (three-person room) or RMB 9,300 per bed per semester (two-person room)

• School uniforms, books, food, student visa fee: RMB 400

• Insurance for foreign students: RMB 600

• After-school activities: Costs vary

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

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

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

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

Average class size: 5-45

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:9

School hours: 8am-4.30pm

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

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

School facilities: Gymnasium, indoor swimming pool, soccer field with a 400m track around it, basketball and volleyball courts, library with regular and electronic reading

Word from a Parent:

"At the beginning of her first semester, we worried whether Katherine could keep up in such a competitive environment. However, our worries wore off when we saw the way teachers from the international department help and encourage their students. Katherine sang at the school welcome party, debated in a public forum, participated in Model UN, made a trip to Finland and Denmark, served as a volunteer translator for football matches, and more. The international department also provided extra tutoring to the students; Katherine studied really hard and received an academic scholarship. Looking back, she seemed the busiest she's ever been but was also happier and more confident. She would willingly help new students adapt to this wonderful school."

- Mother of Katherine Mao
(Grade 11, US)

spaces both for students and teachers and various science laboratories. There is also a large canteen with first-class facilities and a 30,000sqm student dormitory

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

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Saint Paul American School (SPAS)

北京圣保罗美国学校

Saint Paul American School is a private, residential school program dedicated to meeting the educational needs of international students at the middle and high school level. SPAS is guided by the standards, policies, and procedures of the Nacel International School System, which manages international programs all over the world. Located near the Olympic Village Park and partnered with Beijing No. 2 High School Attached to Beijing Normal University. SPAS offers both an American curriculum and intensive study in Chinese language and culture. This arrangement provides a unique dual diploma system fully-accredited by the NCA (North Association on Accreditation and School Improvement). SPAS' inter-cultural program currently serves students from 20 countries around the world.

Founding date: 2007

Age range: 13-18

School type: International school

Grades offered: Grades 7-12

Number of students: 281

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: NCA

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: USD 100 (around RMB 610)
- Grade 7-8: USD 21,013 (around RMB 128,600)
- Grade 9-12: USD 21,666 (around RMB 132,600)
- Uniforms: USD 415 (around RMB 2,500)

Lunch offered: Wide variety of Chinese, Korean, and Western cuisine, as well as other international dishes for breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Nationality of students: China, South Korea, US, Russia, Spain, Mexico, Thailand

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Chinese

Average class size: Maximum 25, minimum 5, average 15

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:10

School hours: 8.15am-5.35pm (regular hours), 6.30-8.30pm (study hall)

After-school activities: Art club, basketball, book club, ping pong, soccer, jazz band, student council, volleyball, and yearbook. Following the regular school day, each student participates in a club or activity of their choice from 3-4pm.

Extra help offered? Student Help Center (daily tutoring) and nightly study hall with two instructors as well as peer tutors

School facilities: Over 30 classrooms, two dormitory buildings, a newly-renovated library, laboratory, computer and technology center, full-sized gymnasium, Olympic-sized swimming pool, cafeteria, outdoor multi-purpose courts, and a soccer field

School nurse or doctor available? Yes

Contact: 18 Guan'aoyuan, Longgang Lu, Qinghe, Haidian District (Admissions Director)

Word from a Parent:

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

- Bob Barron (US),
father of John (age 15)

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Beanstalk International Bilingual School (BIBS)

青苗国际双语学校

Over the past 21 years, BIBS has grown from one campus to eight and from a kindergarten-only curriculum to a full-fledged K-12 school. BIBS boasts a unique program that combines the best of Eastern and Western educational philosophies and seeks to empower its learners to become bilingual, multi-cultural, and globally-minded citizens who are equipped with the knowledge and integrity to function successfully, responsibly and effectively in an ever-evolving global environment.

Founding date: 1993 (Beanstalk International Kindergarten), 2003 (BIBS Elementary School), 2009 (BIBS High School)

Age range: 2-18

School type: International school

Grades offered: K-12

Number of students: 1,500

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: IB, WASC

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 1,200 (BIK - Wanda Campus); RMB 1,600 (BIK and Primary and Senior School)

- BIK: RMB 76,000 (half-day), RMB 120,000 (full day)

- BIK - Wanda Campus: RMB 55,000 (full day)

- Changqingting Kindergarten: RMB 20,400 (full day)

- BIBS (K-12): RMB 168,000

- Transportation: RMB 10,000 per year (optional)

- Uniform: RMB 2,500 (BIBS K-12)

- Capital levy fee: RMB 8,000 (international kindergarten)

- Lunch: RMB 35 per day (optional)

Lunch offered: Nutritionist-approved menu includes vegetarian, Muslim, Chinese and Western options

Nationality of students: Over 35 nationalities including US, China, Canada, South Korea, Japan, and Spain

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Chinese and Spanish

Average class size: Maximum 22

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:7

School hours: 8.30am-4pm (kindergarten and elementary), 8.30am-3.30pm (BIBS Shunyi campus)

After-school activities: Vary depending on campus and grade level but include ballet, gymnastics, tennis, basketball, soccer, dance, drama, music, Model UN, and more

Extra help offered? ESL, CAL, counseling, and learning support

Scholarships offered? Yes

School facilities: Vary according to campus

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, fully-qualified nurse on each campus

Contact: www.bibs.com.cn

- BIBS - Upper East Side Campus (K-6): 6 Dongsihuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5130 7951, ues@bibs.com.cn) 朝阳区东四环北路6号

- BIBS - Shunyi Campus (K-12): 15 Liyuan Jie, Tianzhu, Shunyi District (6456 0618, shunyi@bibs.com.cn) 顺义区天竺镇丽苑街15号

- Beanstalk International Kindergarten (BIK) - Solana Campus: Opening soon (5960 3997 ext 811, solana@bibs.com.cn)

- BIK - Wanda Campus: Bldg 7, Wanda Plaza, 93 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District (5960 3887/3997, wanda@bibs.com.cn) 朝阳区建国路93号万达广场7号楼

- BIK - Wanghu Campus: 51 Wangjing Beilu, Chaoyang District (6478 4166, wanghu@bibs.com.cn) 朝阳区望京北路51号

- BIK - Yangshan Campus: Bldg 7, East Gate A,

Word from a Parent:

"BIBS is a reputed international school that is truly bilingual at heart. The well-structured Mandarin lessons offered have enhanced my son's language skills immensely. He finds the IB curriculum-based lessons very stimulating and his teachers keep him busy and motivated. He also takes part in various sports, drama, and other extracurricular activities. The school is a close-knit community and he has spent his last six years here. This year, he is attending the brand new middle and high school campus in Shunyi. BIBS is helping my son develop into a knowledgeable, open-minded global citizen."

- Priya (India), mother of Pranav Sundararajan (Grade 7)

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- Changqingting Kindergarten: 4 Dongba Nanyijie, Chaoyang District (8537 9659, changqingting@bibs.com.cn) 朝阳区东坝南一街4号





Beijing BISS International School (BISS)

北京BISS国际学校

Beijing BISS International School is a progressive, multi-cultural school, offering International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes to all students nursery to Grade 12 for over 20 years. BISS utilizes "21st century learning" by integrating the classrooms with research-based technology for the application of The Optimal Learning Center, Mother Tongue Programme, and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Programme. Also offered are a variety of extracurricular and field-based education.

Founding date: 1994

Age range: 2-18

School type: International school (nursery, primary and secondary)

Grades offered: Nursery to Grade 12

Total area: 5,000sqm

Number of students: 300

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: First international school to be licensed by the Beijing Education Commission, first international school in Beijing to be authorized by the IBO as an IB World School, CIS, and NCCT in China. Also, a member of EARCOS and ACAMIS.

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Registration fee: RMB 10,000

- Refundable deposit: RMB 18,000-23,000

- Pre-K and Kindergarten: RMB 150,000

- Grades 1-5: RMB 206,000

- Grades 6-8: RMB 225,000

- Grades 9-10: RMB 240,000

- Grades 11-12: RMB 245,000

Lunch offered: Asian and Western food with vegetarian and healthy options

Nationality of students: South Korea, US, UK, Japan, and India (more than 30 countries)

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish

Average class size: 20

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:7

School hours: 8.15am-3.15pm

After-school activities: Sports, performing arts, languages, robotics, graphic design and more (visit website for complete listings).

Special needs programs offered? Yes

Extra help offered? In-class or pullout ESOL Support

Scholarships offered? Case-by-case basis

School facilities: Over 30 classrooms, two libraries, music, drama and art studios, science labs, design and technology lab, multimedia classroom, multi-purpose auditorium, cafeteria, medical clinic, running track, multi-purpose courts, rock-climbing wall, playgrounds, regular access to the Olympic Stadium, Hilton, and Crowne Plaza's swimming pools for sports. Campus-wide Wi-Fi coverage.

School nurse or doctor available? Yes

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Beijing City International School (BCIS)

北京乐成国际学校

Located in Beijing's Central Business District, Beijing City International School (BCIS) lives by its motto: "Empowering and Inspiring through Challenge and Compassion." This non-profit, independent co-educational day school offers an international curriculum under the International Baccalaureate (IB) World School system and offers all three IB programs (Primary Years, Middle Years, and Diploma Programme). Two cornerstones of BCIS education are combining the best elements of East and West, and offering a personalized education experience. BCIS has two campuses covering more than 60,000sqm; the main campus (Grades 1 to 12), and the Early Childhood Center (ECC) campus (Toddler to Kindergarten). Both purpose-built sites are supported by an innovative curriculum built around the IB, which uses an inquiry-based and skills-focused approach to learning. The experienced faculty is made up of teachers from 13 different countries. BCIS is one of the few schools in Beijing licensed to offer a rigorous and well-respected international curriculum to both foreign and Chinese national students.

Founding date: 2005

Age range (2014-2015 academic year): 2-18

School type: IB World School

Grades offered: Toddler-Grade 12

Total area: More than 60,000sqm

Number of students (2014-2015 academic year): 770

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? No. Enrollment opened to local and international students as the school is registered with the Education Committee of Chaoyang District.

Accreditations: CIS, WASC

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 2,000
- New student fee: RMB 5,000
- Toddler-Nursery: RMB 160,500
- Pre-K: RMB 172,500
- Kindergarten: RMB 183,800
- Grades 1-2: RMB 216,700
- Grades 3-5: RMB 216,700
- Grades 6-8: RMB 232,300
- Grades 9-10: RMB 237,600
- Grades 11-12: RMB 246,600
- Lunch: ECC Campus: RMB 4,500 per year (includes snack and lunch); BCIS main campus: RMB 20 per meal (Grade 1), RMB 27 per meal (Grades 2-12)
- Transportation: RMB 10,000 per year

Lunch offered (2014-2015 academic year): International catering company Aramark offers both Chinese and Western meals in the school cafeterias and snack bar. ECC lunch menu works on a two-week rotation, and is eaten family-style in the school common areas.

Nationality of students (2014-2015 academic year): 50 nationalities

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Chinese, Korean and Spanish, as well as school-supported self-taught language programs that meet the requirements of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Organization.

Average class size (2014-2015 academic year): 14 (Toddler and Nursery); 16 (Pre-K and Kindergarten); 22 (Grades 1-12)

Average teacher/student ratio (2014-2015 academic year): 1:6

School hours (2014-2015 academic year): 8.15am-3.30pm

After-school activities (2014-2015 academic year): Dance, chess, calligraphy, rock climbing, cooking, choir, taekwondo, kung fu, Chinese drumming, and more

School facilities: Main campus: over 50 classrooms, sports complex, theater, design and technology lab, green screen studio, science labs, two libraries, two cafeterias, swimming pool, soccer field and more. The

Word from a Parent:

BCIS has been the perfect school for our family. We had been living in Beijing for a while when we transferred them into BCIS, and the effect on them was immediate - both boys thrive at BCIS. We've got one son going to the ECC campus and one son on the main campus. They share the BCIS spirit and routines, and they know each other's friends, yet they're also able to have their own experiences.

- Kerry Driver (US), mother of two BCIS students (kindergarten and Grade 2)

ECC Campus is an eco-friendly facility with 20 spacious classrooms, dining areas, indoor and outdoor play areas, learning kitchens, gymnasium, library, rooftop gardens, and more. Both campuses also contain air-filtering equipment that removes at least 80 percent of harmful PM2.5 particles.

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, there are two nurses on duty in the main campus and one at the ECC campus.

Contact: www.bcis.cn

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• ECC Campus: 11 Dongbai Jie, Chaoyang District (6770 0766, admissions@bcis.cn) 朝阳区东柏街11号



Beijing City International School **BCIS** 2014-2015 Scholarship Program

In an effort to enable more secondary school students in China to experience a rigorous and personalized international education without having to go abroad, Beijing City International School (BCIS) maintains a Scholarship Program. This program is designed to award outstanding students, Chinese and foreign, with financial assistance to aid them in their quest for an international education. So far, 50 students from more than 10 countries have been granted the BCIS scholarship for their excellent all-round development and extraordinary talent. The scholarships awarded have ranged from 25% to 100% of tuition.

To date, most of the BCIS scholarship students have gone on to higher education in universities across the world, including New York University, Harvard University, University of California Berkeley, Imperial College London, the London School of Economics, McGill University, Yonsei University, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and many more. Due to their striking academic performance in the Secondary School of BCIS, many of them were also admitted to these world-renowned universities and colleges with scholarships of various sizes.



A testimony from
Ms. Christine Pak, BCIS
Scholarship Awardee and
Graduate of 2013. Christine
is currently studying at
Harvard University



In Grade 11 I was asked how a scholarship made me feel. My response was that it helped me begin to take a more enthusiastic approach to my work, because I became consciously aware that there was a higher expectation on my performance. It is true that these are the immediate changes that receiving the scholarship had brought to me, but back then I didn't see the full picture yet; I didn't know where exactly I was headed, and couldn't possibly see how the scholarship would influence me as a whole. Now I see that the scholarship helped me in ways that I did not realize and couldn't foresee.

Now, as I navigate through all my projects and homework at Harvard, I sometimes think about all the things that BCIS has taught me, and how it's helping me now. BCIS's way of approaching the IB and teaching its students has most certainly helped me adjust to the rigorous course of study in college with ease, but more importantly I think it's the scholarship that really pushed me into always actively thinking and exploring and eventually brought out the best in myself. The scholarship was like an acknowledgement of my potential, and with such acknowledgement I started to think about a lot of things that generally exist outside the "realm of care" of high school students; The way BCIS encourages its scholars to take a critical approach when considering everything within the scope of the whole world had increased our awareness of our own impact in the world.



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Scholarship Program

Limited spaces for immediate entry.

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地址: 北京市朝阳区百子湾南2路77号. 100022

ECC Campus:

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Tel: +86 10 6770 0766

No.11 Dongbai Street, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100022, P.R. China

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Beijing Concord College of Sino-Canada (BCCSC) 北京中加学校

With the approval of the Beijing Municipal Education Commission, Beijing Concord College of Sino-Canada (BCCSC) was established in the Great Hall of the People on March 26, 1997. BCCSC was the first high school co-operated by Chinese and Canadian education groups and now has 36 classes with over 1,100 students enrolled. BCCSC has the authority to develop an independent curriculum as well as to organize state examinations for graduation courses. Integrating the expertise of two cultures, the school has developed its own unique curriculum with Canadian courses taken in the Chinese high school. Students receive both Chinese and Canadian high school diplomas upon graduation. In 2009, it became the first high school to introduce the AP program and is authorized by the College Board of the US to administer the AP program and exams. The school now offers more than ten AP courses.

Founding date: 1997

Age range: 6-15

School type: Boarding school

Grades offered: Grades 1-12

Number of students: 1,100

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 200
- Primary school: RMB 64,000
- Middle school: RMB 70,000
- High school: RMB 76,000
- High school textbooks: RMB 5,000

Lunch offered: Organic produce, vegetarian options, Chinese, Western, nutritionist-

consulted, and halal meals. Lunch and boarding included in tuition.

Nationality of students: China, Canada, South Korea, Ireland

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Other languages taught: Korean

Average class size: 25

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:5

School hours: 8am-9.10pm

After-school activities: Elective after-school activities offered by student societies

Extra help offered? Language enrichment classes

School facilities: Library, football field, two tennis courts, IT labs, science labs, auditorium, and all classrooms equipped with SmartBoards

Word from a Parent:

"My daughter graduated from BCCSC in August 2004 and entered Sprott College at Carleton University, majoring accounting. She then got her MBA at Carleton. When the world economy was suffering a global crisis, she passed very strict examinations and was employed by KPMG in Shanghai, one of the four world-famous accounting agencies. She owes what she has achieved to her cultivation and education at BCCSC as well as her own efforts. As her mother, I extend my sincere thanks to the school and hope that it can continue molding qualified graduates, making even greater contributions for the development and prosperity of the country."

- Zhang Haier (China),
mother of He Aijia (class of 2004)

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, clinic with three doctors

Contact: Conglin Zhuangyuan, Tongzhou District (8959 8882, admissions@beijingccsc.com) www.ccsc.com.cn 通州区丛林庄园

Beijing Haidian International School

北京市海淀区国际学校

Beijing Haidian International School is the first international boarding school in Haidian District and was derived from the international department of Beijing Haidian Foreign Language Shi Yan School's elementary school, junior high, and senior high, which has 15 years of history. The school now consists of an elementary, a junior high, and a senior high; American branch schools; overseas language training sites; an International Sports College, and more. The fusion of American and Chinese curricula offers students a versatile education, allowing them to graduate with diplomas from both Chinese and American high schools. The school aims to cultivate international talent and global citizens with broad perspectives, knowledge, morals, and a solid foundation in Chinese culture.

Founding date: 2013

Age range: 6-18

School type: International boarding school

Grades offered: Grades 1-12

Total area: 100,000sqm (including school grounds)

Number of students: Over 600

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- Tuition fees: RMB 126,000-150,000 (studying abroad costs extra)
- Accommodation: RMB 4,000-6,000
- Uniform and dorm supplies (e.g. bedding): RMB 7,950 (elementary school), RMB 4,250 (secondary school)
- Book and materials: RMB 3,600 (elementary school), RMB 3,000 (secondary school)
- International Sports College: Tennis training costs RMB 58,000 (elementary school) or RMB 78,000 (secondary school) while golf training costs RMB 68,000 (elementary school) or RMB 118,000 (secondary school). Graduating students have a chance to get

scholarships from the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

- Lunch: RMB 8,900-12,400 per year

Lunch offered: Organic, Chinese, Western and vegetarian options with a focus on health, hygiene, and nutrition.

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

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Other languages taught: Japanese and German

Average class size: 25-30

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:5

School hours: 8am-4.35pm

After-school activities: In the "2+2" project, all primary school students must master two sports and two arts subjects. Piano and swimming are compulsory for graduation. In the "2+1" project, all secondary students must master two sports and one art subject while they're in junior high school. Electives include astronomy, badminton, basketball, calligraphy, fencing, soccer, golf, home economics, orchestra, painting, pottery-making, robotics, science and technology, and more.

Special needs programs offered? Yes

Word from a Parent:

"My son Li Zihe is now in Grade 2 at Beijing Haidian International School. I consider it a great honor for him to study here. Over the past year, Zihe has improved in all aspects of development. We consider happiness, independence, good studying and lifestyle habits, a broad vision, and an open mind are the most important aspects for growth in any child in primary school. Thanks to the school and all his teachers, we can see the transformation of Zihe from a boy to a real little man."

- Li Wenlong (China),
father of Li Zihe (age 7)

Extra help offered? Yes, personalized counseling available

Scholarships offered? Yes

School facilities: Two hundred and sixty classrooms (including computer, art, physics, chemistry, music, and more), international-standard 400m track and field track, soccer field, 18 basketball courts, baseball field, gymnasium, swimming pool, driving range, concert halls, nine multi-purpose lecture halls, 180 piano rooms, observatory, library, school zoo, and more

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, four full-time doctors and five nurses

Contact: 368-2 Hanhe Lu, Haidian District (8846 7301, bjhdiss@163.com) www.bjhdiss.com
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Beijing Huijia Private School

北京市私立汇佳学校

The school was founded in 1993 and introduced the IB program in 1995. As a new-style boarding and commuting school, Huijia has focused on the IB standard-based research as well as bilingual and bicultural education for 21 years. It offers the complete system of IB curriculum (elementary PYP, junior MYP, and DP high school) administered by a professional management team and foreign teachers. Huijia is the first bilingual IB school in mainland China where students of 3-18 years of age learn in a bilingual and bicultural environment. They cultivate good habits and behavior, both of which are the core of Huijia's philosophy of complete education. The school also emphasizes physical education and artistic accomplishment. At Huijia, 2,400 students from 15 countries and regions study in an international environment with different languages, cultures and educational backgrounds to achieve a holistic education.

Founding date: 1993

Age range: 5-18

School type: Private day and boarding school

Grades offered: Kindergarten to Grade 12

Number of students: 2,400

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: IB, AP, GAC

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 400
- Primary: RMB 128,000
- Middle school: RMB 148,000
- High school: RMB 178,000
- Accommodation: RMB 10,600-12,000 per year depending on grade level
- Uniform fee: RMB 1,769-1,945 per year depending on grade level
- Lunch fee: RMB 6,000 per year (primary day school), RMB 13,000 per year (primary

boarding school), RMB 15,000 (middle school), optional for high school

• Insurance: RMB 200

Lunch offered: Organic lunch with produce from Huijia's farm

Nationality of students: 10 percent foreign, 90 percent Chinese

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Average class size: 20-25

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:5

School hours: 8am-4pm (boarding school), 8.40am-4pm (day school)

After-school activities: Piano, computer, swimming, dance, painting, pottery, calligraphy, paper art, seal cutting, fashion design, and more

Extra help offered? Yes

Scholarships offered? Yes, but available for high school students only

School facilities: A health center, dental clinic, science and computer laboratories, 100 piano rooms, an outdoor playground, two

Word from a Parent:

"Celine joined Huijia in Grade 4. Since it was her first time leaving home, we were initially a bit worried. Luckily, she adapted fast and got along with her classmates. Over the past few years, Celine has become more happy, lively, and independent. Her interest in Chinese has increased tremendously and her results have improved a lot. The one-year study tour to the US in Grade 6 also cultivated her interest in English books. Huijia enables students to improve their all-around development in a friendly environment, not just studying for exams. We are thankful to the teachers for their guidance, and for enabling Celine to have a happy and fruitful school life."

- Father of Celine Sim
(Grade 8, Singapore)

inflatable basketball courts, golf practicing court, horsemanship practicing court, two electric drum rooms, three libraries, swimming pool inside and outside, gym, technology square, and agricultural experimental base, three Film Movement stadium construction

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, all full-time

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Beijing International Bilingual Academy (BIBA)

海嘉国际双语学校

Beijing International Bilingual Academy combines International curricula with strong Chinese elements (language and mathematics), taught within a vibrant and creative global environment. BIBA's modern Shunyi Campus continues to expand to meet the strong demands for its unique curriculum. In addition to academics, the school emphasizes development of the whole student via an array of sports, music, performing arts, and other programs.

Founding date: 2006

Age range: 2.5-17

School type: International bilingual school with international and Chinese national-standard curricula

Grades offered: Early Childhood Center 2 to Grade 11 (eventually ECC2 to Grade 12)

Total area: 40,000sqm

Number of students: 900

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: Candidacy status for IB Diploma Programme and WASC

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees* (2015-2016 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 1,600
- ECC (ages 2-4): RMB 90,000 plus RMB 10,000 capital levy fee
- Kindergarten (age 5): RMB 120,000 plus RMB 20,000 capital levy fee
- Elementary School (Grades 1-5): RMB 150,000 plus RMB 20,000 capital levy fee
- Middle School (Grades 6-8): RMB 160,000 plus RMB 20,000 capital levy fee

• High School (Grades 9-12): RMB 160,000 plus RMB 20,000 capital levy fee

• Uniform fee: RMB 2,500

• Transportation fee: RMB 8,000-11,000 per year (depending on route)

• Lunch fee: RMB 26-29 per day

**Sibling discount of 20 percent for second and subsequent children*

Lunch offered: Chinese and Western dishes

Nationality of students: Over 20 nationalities

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Languages taught: English, Chinese, French and Korean

Average class size: Maximum 16-20

Average teacher/student ratio: Varies depending on age of student

School hours: 8.05am-3.40pm (4.40pm for ASA days)

After-school activities: Tennis, football, choir, band, karate, cooking and more (offered four days a week). BIBA is also the Shunyi host school for the International Music Institute of China (IMIC)

Word from a Parent:

"We wanted our kids to have a solid Chinese foundation as well as a strong English education. Of all the schools in Beijing we researched, we found that BIBA offers the best comprehensive bilingual program. For example, BIBA has dual track for Math, while all the specialist classes are taught in English by foreign teachers. For parents who are planning to send the kids abroad eventually but still want to keep a strong traditional Chinese education, we believe that BIBA offers a very compelling program."

- Helen Lo (Hong Kong), mother of
Nicolas (age 11), Jeffrey (age 8)
and Stanley (age 5)

Special needs programs offered? Yes

Extra help offered? Tutoring

Scholarship offered? Yes

School facilities: Cafeterias, a gymnasium, soccer pitches, basketball and volleyball courts, libraries, science labs, dance studios, art, and calligraphy, drama, and music rooms

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time qualified nurses on staff

Contact: Monet Garden, 5 Yumin Lu, Houshayu, Shunyi District (8041 0390, info@bibachina.org) www.bibachina.org
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Beijing New Talent Academy (BNTA)

北京市新英才学校

Beijing New Talent Academy (BNTA) is an international boarding institute comprised of a bilingual kindergarten, primary school, junior high school, high school, 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. The school's high-quality curriculum and experience allow students to keep pace with international education. Through multi-cultural and character-building courses, children will grow into new talents who are benevolent towards others, responsible for society, creative, knowledgeable, global-minded, and confident.

Founding date: May 2008

Age range: 2-18

School type: Boarding school

Grades offered: Kindergarten to Grade 12

Total area: 11,000sqm

Number of students: 2,200

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- Application fee required for new students (contact school for details)
- Kindergarten: RMB 68,000
- Primary school: RMB 80,000
- Secondary school: RMB 86,000
- Cambridge International Centre: RMB 139,000

Lunch offered: Chinese and western meals (cost included in tuition)

Nationality of students: China, US, South Korea, Canada, Russia, Australia

Primary teaching language: Chinese

Other languages taught: English

Average class size: 25

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:3.5

School hours: 8am-12pm, 2.30-4.30pm

After-school activities: Yes, campus activities and distinctive courses

School facilities: Outdoor playground, two indoor basketball courts, swimming pool, library, 56 piano rooms, lecture theater and hall, calligraphy classroom, pottery studio, and specialized English classroom

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time

Contact: 9 Anhua Jie (west of Beijing Capital

Word from a Parent:

"My son was brought up in the US from kindergarten to elementary. Because Chinese language and culture are important to us, we decided to send him to high school in China. Yuexiao's grandmother selected BNTA from among many Beijing schools. When he returned to China in June, he knew only about 300 Chinese characters; by November, he was able to write a 700-word essay with good handwriting and expression. He always mentions Ms. Wang when we talk on the phone. Though he's far from us, he has his grandparents in Beijing and Ms. Wang at school. This makes me very gratified and grateful."

- Jinpei Wu (US),
father of Yuexiao (age 12)

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Beijing Royal School (BRS)

北京王府学校

Located an hour away from downtown Beijing, Beijing Royal School (BRS) lies on a beautiful campus in Changping District equipped with modern facilities. The curriculum combines the strengths of traditional Chinese education and western education. BRS was accredited by the Beijing Municipal Commission of Education in 2003 as a Chinese-foreign cooperatively-run school in Beijing. In the same year, BRS introduced A-Levels. BRS has the widest selection of AP courses in China, which were introduced at the school in 2006. Long-distance video teaching classrooms and a personalized teaching style are some of the features that make BRS unique. The school aims to cultivate elite, global-minded students well-versed in international affairs. Many graduates have gone on to attend excellent universities around the world. In addition to BRS, there's also Beijing Royal Kindergarten (BRK) and Beijing Royal Foreign Language School (primary).

Word from a Parent:

"The reason we chose BRS is because our child can not only develop, but also strengthen her ability to live independently. Upon entering Grade 10, the school opened a college counseling file for every student and tracked their studies. With so many foreign teachers mixing Chinese and western cultures, my child's [development] has been managed. Her self-discipline and independence have improved. At the end of her studies, she got an offer from Emory University."

- Zhao Jinlan (China),
mother of Han Yuchen (age 19)

Founding date: 2003

Age range: 2-18 (the entire BRS campus combines kindergarten, primary school and middle school)

School type: International middle school (BRS only)

Grades offered: Grades 1-12

Total area: 100,000sqm

Number of students: 2,000 across entire campus

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: China Social Organization Evaluation Grade 5A

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Kindergarten (BRK): RMB 4,300 per month
- Primary: RMB 56,000 per year
- Junior high: RMB 80,000 per year
- Senior high: RMB 119,800 per year
- Deposit: RMB 1,000 per month (kindergarten),

RMB 4,500-5,000 per year (primary), RMB 8,800-10,300 per year (junior high), RMB 16,000-17,500 per year (senior high)

Lunch offered: Organic Chinese, Western, and vegetarian options

Nationality of students: US, South Korea, Singapore, Japan, Canada

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Chinese, Spanish, French, German, and Japanese

Average class size: 20

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8am-5.05pm (Mon-Thu), 8am-3.05pm (Fri)

After-school activities: Various clubs and activities offered; see website for latest options.

Special needs programs offered? Yes, available on a case-by-case basis

Scholarships offered? Academic scholarships available for freshmen and outstanding graduates

School facilities: Multimedia classrooms

and satellite classrooms, Cambridge A-Level Standard Digital laboratory, library with 300,000 books, TOEFL iBT center, 1,080-seat simultaneous interpretation auditorium with six available languages, 400-seat meeting hall, running track, soccer field, NBA-standard basketball courts, tennis courts, multi-functional auditorium, taekwondo studio, piano practice rooms, indoor swimming pool, A-level standard dining halls, student dormitories, campus video monitoring system, and more

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time nurse

Contact: 11 Wangfu Jie, Beiqijia Town, Changping District (8178 5511/3785, admission@brs.edu.cn) www.brs.edu.cn
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Beijing Shuren Ribet Private School (BSRPS)

北京市私立树人•瑞贝学校

Beijing Shuren Ribet Private School offers an alternative education solution to those who value an American education as well as Chinese language and culture in a community that nurtures academic, social, physical, and emotional growth. Shuren Ribet provides an international education based on an American curriculum and traditional Chinese values. The lower end of BSRPS teaches a primarily Chinese program, with an increase in the number of courses in English as students move up grades. Students in the American High School receive an American overseas education as they embrace the essence of Chinese culture and literature.

Founding date: 1993

Age range: 3-18

School type: Private Kindergarten to Grade 9 school (bilingual program), Grades 9-12 (American High School)

Grades offered: Kindergarten to Grade 12

Number of students: Over 500

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: WASC candidate for accreditation

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees* (2015-2016 academic year):

- Kindergarten: RMB 13,580 per semester

- Grades 1-6: RMB 26,400 per semester

- Grades 7-9: RMB 41,500 per semester

- Grades 10-12: RMB 120,900 per semester

*Includes room and board, registration, textbooks, materials, and meals

Lunch offered: Three meals and three snacks per day consisting of a balanced and nutritious Chinese diet with two to three weekly Western options

Nationality of students: 13 nationalities

represented

Primary teaching languages: Chinese (Kindergarten-Grade 9), English (Grades 9-12)

Average class size: 10 (high school), maximum 25 across all grades

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8:00-11:30am, 1:30-5:30pm

After-school activities: Learning support, Roots & Shoots, school publications and yearbook, yoga, theater, art, calligraphy, student government, dance, piano, chess, taekwondo, choir, urheen, table tennis, cooking club, movie club, writing club, and more

Extra help offered? Available upon request

School facilities: Over 50 classrooms, two libraries, three science labs, computer labs, a language lab, a dance studio, two art studios, six piano rooms, three cafeterias, a soccer field, a running track, a gymnasium, a theater, a greenhouse, laundry facilities, student/faculty/staff housing, and more

School nurse or doctor available? Yes

Contact: 1A Xiaopu Nan, Songzhuang Town, Tongzhou District (CH or EN: 8085 6318,

Word from a Parent:

"With the school's help, our daughter has improved a lot. The teachers help students develop good habits and base their learning on their interests. They recognize that each student is different, giving each of them duties in the classroom or school to help them become responsible and cooperative. The international environment provides rich and exciting activities such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, summer and winter camp, and more. Shuren Ribet gives us the opportunity for an international education and we are really lucky to have chosen it for Jiahua's education."

- Jinpeng Zhao and Yongping Zhang,
parents of Jiahua Zhao-Zhang
(Grade 2)

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Beijing Springboard International School (SIBS)

君诚国际双语学校

Springboard International Bilingual School (SIBS) has over 14 years of international educational experience, with 70 percent of the student body representing foreign nationalities. The school uses the American Common Core curriculum, employs American teachers, and is led by an American principal. The bilingual curriculum offers Chinese language and math programs, and the senior high school accepts both foreign and Chinese students. SIBS also uses the Chinese National Curriculum, with graduates receiving a diploma authorized by the Chinese National Board of Education. Over the years, more than 10,000 students have graduated from SIBS; over 90 percent of graduates were accepted by top universities like Peking University and Tsinghua.

Founding date: May 2000

Age range: 3-18

School type: International bilingual school with US and Chinese curricula

Grades offered: Kindergarten to high school

Total area: 11,000sqm

Number of students: Over 450

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-16 academic year):

- Registration fee (one-time): RMB 1,600
- Kindergarten: RMB 60,000 (ages 3-5), RMB 80,000 (ages 5-6). Requires one-time admission fee of RMB 10,000.
- Primary and middle school: RMB 120,000. Requires one-time admission fee of RMB 20,000.
- Senior high school: RMB 100,000
- Transportation: RMB 7,000-12,000
- Uniform: RMB 1,500
- Lunch: RMB 25 per day

Lunch offered: Nutritious international and Chinese options

Nationality of students: Over 18 nationalities and territories represented

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Chinese

Average class size: 15

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8.20am-4.15pm (Tue and Thu), 8.20am-3.30pm (Mon, Wed, and Fri)

After-school activities: Cooking, arts and crafts, calligraphy, chess, yoga, soccer, basketball, Ukrainian egg painting, violin, piano, swimming, poetry, Lego, origami, taekwondo, guitar, choir, dance, and more

Extra help offered? ESL, CSL, additional tutoring support also available

Scholarships offered? Yes

School facilities: Multi-functional classrooms, open library, soccer field, basketball court, playground, and auditorium

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, qualified full-time school nurse

Word from a Parent:

"We send our son to SIBS because of the positive, nurturing environment and educational possibilities the school offers. From the first day we stepped into the school, it was what my wife and I were looking for. We have been pleased with the staff and educational structure of the school. We are in continuous contact with his teacher, and are notified on our son's progress weekly and most of the time daily. There is nothing more important to a parent than piece of mind. I know every day when I send my child to school that he is surrounded by a great staff that supports and educates him in many ways. Not only has the staff and teachers at SIBS earned my complete trust, they have earned my respect and adoration for their selfless devotion to all the children entrusted to their care."

- Jordan Brandt (US),
father of Jaden (Grade 1)

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Beijing World Youth Academy (BWYA)

北京世青国际学校

Locally-grounded and globally aware, Beijing World Youth Academy is an IB World School offering high-quality programs for local and overseas students. BWYA values holistic education and inquiry-based learning, and offers students the opportunity to develop as internationally-minded critical thinkers. The faculty hails from over 15 countries and emphasizes creativity and teamwork using a curriculum that incorporates standards from North America, Europe, and Asia. BWYA has established a strong reputation for its IB Middle Years and Diploma Programmes and now offers a full Primary School program from Kindergarten. The school has a strong track record of preparing students for top universities, including Harvard, Princeton, McGill, UC Berkeley and Stanford, as well as top specialty universities such as RISD, Central St. Martin's and Berklee School of Music.

Founding date: 2001

Age range: 5-18

School type: Independent international school

Grades offered: Kindergarten to Grade 12

Total area: 30,000 sqm

Number of students: 570

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: IB, Chaoyang District "Window School"

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 1,800
- Grades 1-5: RMB 150,000
- Grades 6-9: RMB 160,000
- Grades 10-12: RMB 180,000
- New student fee (includes uniform and school supplies): RMB 2,500
- Textbook deposit: RMB 1,500-3,000

- Transportation fee (optional): RMB 3,500-7,000 per semester

Nationality of students: 50 percent Chinese (including Hong Kong and Taiwan), 20 percent Korean, 10 percent American, remaining 20 percent from over 20 nationalities

Primary teaching language: English

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

Average class size: Maximum 25

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8:20am-3:50pm

After-school activities: Nearly 30 ASAs including Model UN, BWYAtv, Speech and Debate, LEGO Robotics, Chinese calligraphy, and Wolves Athletics sports teams participating in BASSA and ISAC competitions

Scholarships offered? Academic scholarships, merit scholarships, financial aid for qualified enrolled students

Extra help offered? Drop-in study clubs staffed by faculty and intensive ESL support

Word from a Parent:

"I have three daughters at BWYA and the school provides lots of great opportunities to take part in a vast range of activities. Joining a new school can be a daunting experience, but BWYA and the activities they offer meant that my daughters could make new friends quickly. They love playing for the BWYA Wolves sports teams every term and during their three years at BWYA, their English and Chinese have improved a lot. My favorite saying is 'The journey is the reward' and I know my daughters are enjoying their journey at BWYA. My husband and I are very proud."

- Zenith Park (South Korea), mother of Isabella (age 8), Ella (age 12) and Clara (age 13)

in the Primary School

School facilities: SmartBoards and air purifiers in every classroom, Apple computer labs, library, full science labs, art rooms, design and technology workspaces, auditorium, and athletic facilities

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time

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The British School of Beijing, Shunyi (BSB)

北京英国学校

The British School of Beijing, Shunyi is a large international school offering primary through secondary education in one campus. BSB focuses on creating great learning for the leaders of tomorrow by providing a fully-personalized learning experience tailored to the needs of every child, from outstanding support in the early years through to specialized university counseling for the world's top universities. BSB offers an enhanced English National Curriculum and IGCSE examinations up to the age of 16, followed by the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma program. The school also offers an optional German Thuringia Curriculum for Klasse 1-4 for native German speakers. BSB has been in Beijing since 2003 and is owned by the Nord Anglia Education global network of 31 schools.

Founding date: 2003

Age range: 1-18

School type: International school

Grades offered: Pre-Nursery to Year 13

Total area: 21,600sqm

Number of students: 1,500

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: IB Diploma Programme, ISI, COBIS, Nord Anglia Education Group, IAPS

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application Fee: RMB 1,600
- Pre-Nursery: RMB 110,772 (mornings), RMB 166,174 (full day)
- Nursery: RMB 110,772 (mornings), RMB 166,174 (full day)
- Reception: RMB 179,242
- Years 1-2: RMB 199,497
- Year 3: RMB 212,977
- Years 4-6: RMB 216,143

• Years 7-9: RMB 235,199

• Years 10-11: RMB 242,364

• Years 12-13: RMB 254,054

• Security deposit: RMB 16,000

• Lunch: RMB 30 per day (compulsory)

Lunch offered: A range of Asian and western options, a sandwich station, and a salad and fruit bar

Nationality of students: More than 60 nationalities represented

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: German, Mandarin Chinese, French, Dutch, Swedish, Spanish, and Latin

Average class size: Maximum 22 (16 in Nursery)

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:4 to 1:10

School hours: 8.30am-3.30pm

After-school activities: Over 100 activities, including sports, arts, drama, music, photography, dance, and cooking as well as an extensive program of community/charity

Word from a Parent:

"BSB makes us feel that we're not just part of a school, but part of a family. We love the fact that BSB sees our children as individuals. They make the school fit the child, not the child fit the school. Our children have grown amazingly and blossomed in the BSB environment."

- Mr. Minsker, father of a Year 5 and a Year 6 student

work and residential trips

Extra help offered? EAL, SEN

School facilities: Two buildings, a gymnasium, a fitness center, a multi-purpose room, a full regulation size football pitch, four outdoor purpose-built playgrounds (separated by age group), a swimming pool, a dance studio, and a sports dome. There's also a theater, a drama studio, dedicated music rooms, computer music suites, a recording studio, ICT suites, science laboratories, black room, art studios, a SEN room, a Sixth Form study lounge, and a robotics lab.

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, three full-time nurses

Contact: South Side, 9 Anhua Jie, Tianzhu Development Zone, Shunyi District (8047 3558, admissions@britishschool.org.cn) www.britishschool.org.cn/shunyi 顺义区天竺开发区安华街9号南院





Canadian International School of Beijing (CISB)

北京加拿大国际学校

Located on Liangmaqiao Lu, the Canadian International School of Beijing (CISB) offers classes ranging from Montessori Nursery to Grade 12. CISB is a three-program IB World School: Primary Years Program, Middle Years Program and Diploma Program. Graduates obtain a Canadian (New Brunswick) High School Diploma and the opportunity to complete the full IB Diploma. The student body currently represents over 60 nationalities.

Founding date: 2006

Age range: 18 months-18 years

School type: International day school

Grades offered: Nursery to Grade 12

Total area: 38,000sqm

Number of students: 1,100

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: ACAMIS, UNESCO, IB World School

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 1,800
- Montessori Nursery: RMB 85,000 (half-day), RMB 116,600 (full day)
- Pre-K3, Pre-K4, and Kindergarten (full day): RMB 133,900
- Grades 1-5: RMB 175,000
- Grades 6-8: RMB 178,000

- Grades 9-12: RMB 198,000

- Lunch: RMB 27 per day

- Transportation: RMB 9,200-11,300 (round-trip depending on distance)

Lunch offered: Asian and Western set menus

Nationality of students: Over 60 nationalities

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Chinese, French and Korean

Average class size: Maximum 25

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:20

School hours: 8.20am-3.35pm

After-school activities: Athletic, music, drama, community service, and more, plus an extensive after-school paid activity program.

Extra help offered? In-school English as Additional Language Program (EAL) and after-school tutoring programs

School facilities: Ninety classrooms with

Word from a Parent:

"Our family is very happy with CISB and the education our children receive. The teaching staff is kind and dedicated, and the school's facilities are beautiful."

- Ying Mu (US), mother of Tiffany (Grade 6) and Oscar (Grade 4)

SmartBoard technology, one-to-one laptop program (middle and high school), computer labs, two libraries, 3 science laboratories, fine arts and music laboratories, 350-seat lecture theater, 500-seat auditorium, 3 gymnasiums, 25m swimming pool and a wading pool, athletic field, dance studio, full-service cafeteria, supervised outdoor playground, and a medical and dental clinic

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time nurse and health clinic onsite

Contact: 38 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6465 7788, admissions@cis-beijing.com) www.cisb.com.cn 朝阳区亮马桥路38号

Dulwich College Beijing (DCB)

北京德威英国国际学校

Established in 2005, Dulwich College Beijing (DCB) is a British international school for students from 1 to 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 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. All students study compulsory Mandarin up to the end of Year 9, with many continuing with it as an examination subject in the Senior School years. The school's mother-tongue German courses are designed to allow children to return seamlessly to German language schools or universities after a stint in Beijing. DCB was awarded the "Best British International School" in 2011. It is a PSAT, SAT, PLAN and ACT testing center and offers SAT preparation courses in conjunction with an American SAT review company. Strong IBDP results have enabled graduates to enter Oxbridge and Russell group universities in the UK as well as Ivy League and top 50 universities in the US.

Word from a Parent:

"Dulwich brings out the best in my children. They are growing in leaps and bounds through the patient and nurturing care of their teachers. They feel they belong to the school community and look forward to school every day!"

- May Ng (Singapore), mother of
Timothy (age 14), Katelyn (11) and
Samuel (6)

Founding date: 2005

Age range: 1-18

School type: International school based on the English National Curriculum and IBDP program

Grades offered: Early Years to Year 13

Total area: 115,322sqm (Legend Garden Campus), 17,860sqm (Riviera Main Campus)

Number of students: 1,450

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Accreditations: ABRSM, CIS, NCCT, WASC, IB, CIE, International Awards, London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, Edexcel

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Early Years: RMB 74,000-186,500
- Grades 1-12: RMB 186,500-242,000
- Lunch: Approximately RMB 7,000 per year

Lunch offered: Catered by Chartwells with vegetarian, Western, and Chinese options.

The Junior and Senior School use a smartcard payment system.

Nationality of students: Over 45 nationalities

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Chinese, French, Spanish, and German

Average class size: 16-21

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:4 (Early Years), 1:21 (high school)

School hours: 8.30am-3.30pm (Early Years); 8.15am-3.40pm (Junior and Senior School)

After-school activities: Robotics, student press, Model United Nations, movie making, School of Rock, jive dancing, orienteering, cooking, creative writing, numerous sports teams, and more

Special needs programs offered? Gifted and Talented

Extra help offered? Learning Support and EAL

School facilities: Sports facilities include two sports domes, a multi-purpose sports hall, six

tennis courts, a weight room, a football pitch, a rugby pitch, a cricket pitch and a swimming pool. DCB is the only school in Beijing that has a skating rink. The school building houses two large theatres with over 800 seats combined, two black box theaters, spacious music rooms, ICT suites including one dedicated to music, light and airy art rooms, two new libraries, a radio studio, 10 well-equipped science laboratories, four modern design and technology workshops with 3D printers, and well-lit classrooms with SmartBoards.

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, onsite qualified nurses from International SOS Clinic

Contact: www.dulwich-beijing.cn, info@dulwich-beijing.cn

• Legend Garden Campus: 89 Capital Airport Road, Shunyi District (6454 9000) 顺义区首都机场路89号丽京花园7区

• Riviera Main Campus: 1 Xiangjiang Beilu, Jingshun Lu, Chaoyang District (8450 7676) 朝阳区京顺路香江北路1号香江花园



The French International School of Beijing (LFIP)

北京法国国际学校

LFIP is part of a network of 494 French schools established in 135 countries. The teaching conforms to the curriculum set out by the French Ministry of Education. The school's educational goals are based on learning languages from a young age using proven and innovative educational practices: The primary school features French-English and French-Chinese bilingual tracks with additional language classes in English or Chinese. The secondary school has a British and Chinese International Section offering a specialized curriculum with classes delivered in English (British Literature, History, and Geography) and Chinese (Chinese Literature and Mathematics). A new, spacious, and eco-friendly campus will open in 2016 in Shunyi with a projected capacity of 1,500 students and a total area of 37,000sqm, 60 percent of which will be dedicated to green space. The buildings will have a centralized ventilation system that pumps filtered and purified air indoors. The new facilities (e.g. gym, auditorium, and classrooms) will enable LFIP to further develop athletic, artistic, and cultural activities, allowing students to acquire competencies like autonomy, initiative, and open-mindedness.

Founding date: 1965

Age range: 3-18

School type: International school with a French curriculum

Grades offered: Preschool to high school

Total area: 4,500sqm (primary and middle school), 3,000sqm (preschool), 1,000sqm (high school)

Number of students: 950

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: French Ministry of Education

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: EUR 850
- Preschool and primary school: EUR 7,370-

9,210

- Middle school: EUR 8,420-10,630

- High school: EUR 12,970-15,840

- Transportation: EUR 632-1374 per year

- Lunch: EUR 890 per year

Lunch offered: Seasonal and nutritionally-balanced Western meals

Nationality of students: 40 nationalities (65 percent French; 2.5 percent each for Canadian, Belgian, and Swiss)

Primary teaching language: French

Other languages taught: English, Chinese for all levels, Spanish, German, Latin in middle and high school

Average class size: 23

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:10

School hours: 8.30am-3.30pm (preschool and primary), 8am-6pm (secondary school)

Word from a Parent:

"As a French family, when we moved to Beijing it was important for our children to benefit from an international learning environment – not only in French. LFIP gave our children the opportunity to follow a curriculum in three languages: French, English, and Chinese. My daughter in primary school has been following the French-English bilingual track with Chinese as a foreign language and my son in middle school is in the Oriental Section (history elective in Chinese on top of the regular Chinese language course). The teachers are highly-qualified and the school fees are the lowest among the international schools in Beijing. We are now waiting for the opening of the new campus, which will improve our children's comfort even further."

- Anne (France), mother of Maxime (age 13) and Auriane (10)

After-school activities: Dance, basketball, soccer, badminton, taekwondo, judo, table tennis, circus arts, calligraphy, scrapbooking, photography, music, choir, drama and art

Special needs programs offered? Personalized support available for students in need

Extra help offered? French for non-native speakers

Scholarships offered? Scholarships from the French government available for French students only

School facilities: Four libraries, a gymnasium, a multi-purpose room, and majority of classrooms in elementary and ICT labs secondary equipped with SmartBoards

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, one French and one Chinese nurse available

Contact: www.lfip.net.cn, secretariata@lfip.net.cn (admissions enquiries)

- Preschool: 4 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District (6532 7881, secretariatc@lfip.net.cn) 朝阳区三里屯路4号

- Primary and Secondary School: 13 Sanlitun Dongsijie, Chaoyang District (6532 3498, secretariata@lfip.net.cn) 朝阳区三里屯东四街13号

- High School: Chaoyang Community College, 17 Beisanhuan Donglu, Chaoyang Shequ Xueyuan, Chaoyang District (6444 1136, secretariatd@lfip.net.cn) 朝阳区北三环东路17号朝阳社区学院





Harrow International School Beijing

北京哈罗英国学校

Harrow International School Beijing prides itself on high academic standards that are maintained within a close-knit school community, rich extra-curricular activity programs and high-quality pastoral care. All students are assigned a personal tutor who looks after their overall welfare and serves as a liaison between the school and home. High academic standards and leadership skills are promoted school-wide with a range of enrichment activities to help students develop teamwork and creative thinking skills, as well as independence and responsibility. Students graduating from Harrow Beijing have won places at a range of universities across the world, including Princeton, Yale, Oxford and Cambridge.

Word from a Parent:

"I chose Harrow because of its reputation for having the best teachers in Beijing. My three children are very happy there."

- Annabelle Cleeve (UK), mother of Alice (Year 12), William (Year 10), and Edward (Year 6)

Founding date: 2005

Age range: 9 months to 19 years

School type: Co-educational day school

Grades offered: Creche to Sixth Form

Total area: 66,600sqm

Number of students: 750

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: All British examination boards, including Edexcel, CIE, AQA and OCR. Also a member of FOBISIA, ACAMIS and ISAC. Fully accredited by CIS and NEASC.

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Contact Harrow directly to find out more about potentially qualifying as a student.

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 3,500
- Pre-school: RMB 77,400 (half-day), RMB 141,300 (full day)
- Nursery: RMB 141,300
- Reception: RMB 161,500

- Year 1: RMB 191,800

- Year 2: RMB 201,900

- Year 3-5: RMB 203,900

- Year 6-8: RMB 222,200

- Year 9-11: RMB 236,200

- Year 12-13: RMB 249,600

Lunch offered: Wide choice of Western, Asian and vegetarian options with fruit, soup, salads, and a range of desserts

Nationality of students: 39 nationalities

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Mandarin, French, and Spanish

Average class size: Maximum 20 until Year 6, maximum 22 from Year 7-13

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:7

School hours: 8am-3pm, 3-4.15pm for Leadership in Action activities (after-school activities)

After-school activities: Additional modern foreign languages, various academic and art groups, performing arts and music, sports clubs, cookery club, chess, debate, and more

Extra help offered: The Saturday Language and Learning School offers a range of Cambridge ESOL examination courses. It focuses on bettering English-language skills and developing global learners.

School facilities: Geothermal heating and cooling across the campus, three sports fields, a multi-function sports hall, fitness gyms, two swimming pools, a multi-function theater space, two black box theater studios, 13 fully-equipped science laboratories, six large music rooms with many smaller practice rooms, and a 20,000-volume library

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, clinic staffed with two fully-qualified nurses

Contact: 287 Hegezhuang, Cuigezhuang County, Chaoyang District (6444 8900, enquiries@harrowbeijing.cn) www.harrowbeijing.cn 朝阳区崔各庄乡何各庄村 287号



Hope International School (HIS)

北京协力国际学校

Hope International School is a faith-based international school offering an American curriculum with AP courses. All graduates receive an American high school diploma. HIS graduates have received admission and scholarships to schools such as Vanderbilt, Wheaton, Harvey Mudd, and NYU. The school's dual focus on character and academic skills strives to positively impact the lives of its students. HIS is also a testing center for the PSAT, ACT, and AP exams.

Founding date: 2012

Age range: 4-18

School type: International school

Grades offered: Pre-K to Grade 12

Number of students: 230

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? No

Accreditations: Candidate with WASC

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Preschool (K4): RMB 70,000
- Kindergarten (K5): RMB 70,000
- Grades 1-6: RMB 125,000
- Grades 7-8: RMB 140,000
- Grades 9-12: RMB 155,000
- Transportation: RMB 4,500-7,000 per year
- Lunch: RMB 20 per day
- Uniforms: RMB 500-1,000
- Security deposit: RMB 10,000

Lunch offered: Chinese and Korean lunch available. Western lunch is expected to be

added for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Nationality of students: US, Canada, Philippines, South Korea

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Chinese (Spanish to be added for the 2015-2016 academic year)

Average class size: 15

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8.10am-3.10pm

After-school activities: Martial arts, swimming, AP studio art, Chinese calligraphy, gospel choir, creative writing, English language learning, ribbon dance, Model United Nations (MUN), basketball, Chinese chess, horseback riding, volleyball, soccer, badminton, soccer, and more

Extra help offered: ELL and peer tutoring

School facilities: SmartBoards in every class, art and music rooms, an outdoor playground, access to the soccer field, swimming pool, tennis and basketball courts of Crab Island

School nurse or doctor available: Yes,

Word from a Parent:

"I heard that the middle and high school students were volunteering for PE and after-school classes at elementary schools, helping in any way needed. My son joined the group a while ago as a volunteer and started helping elementary kids in swimming class. He has had a really positive experience. Knowledge from experience can be more valuable than knowledge from a book."

- Hanna Song (South Korea), mother of Shin Yoon Seung (Grade 11)

full-time nurse

Contact: Crab Island, Exhibition Hall 4, No. 1, Xiedao Lu, Chaoyang District (5225 3711, 156 1101 0229 moody.alicia@hopeintschool.org, lim.michelle@hopeintschool.org) www.hopeintschoolorg 朝阳区蟹岛路1号蟹岛4号展馆

International School of Beijing (ISB)

北京顺义国际学校

The International School of Beijing (ISB) is an independent, co-educational day school offering an international curriculum for children of expat families. Established in 1980, ISB was the first international school in Beijing and continues to embrace the challenges and rewards of the future of education. The school maintains its reputation for academic excellence as it explores innovative models of teaching and learning. Through a tailored, connected, real-world curriculum known as Learning21@ISB, experienced and passionate teachers provide students with exceptional opportunities to grow as individuals, as scholars, and as contributing members of the community. ISB nurtures confidence and intellectual curiosity through experiential learning and innovative applications of knowledge and skills. For high school students, ISB offers the full IB Diploma Programme or IB Course options in Grades 11 and 12, as well as AP courses in Grades 11 and 12 in Calculus and Chinese.

Word from a Parent:

"We chose ISB for its cutting-edge technologies that create a vibrant learning community. These include its air filtration system in all indoor learning areas, state-of-the-art facilities, and an emphasis on tech infusion in education. ISB offers a diversified platform for our multicultural student body to discover their unique potential through individualized learning opportunities that optimize their skills and talents."

- Ming Xie (Australia), mother of a Grade 9 and a Grade 11 student

Founding date: January 1980

Age range: 3-18

School type: International school

Grades offered: PreK3 to Grade 12

Total area: 133,500sqm

Number of students: Over 1,700

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: ISB is accredited by CIS, NEASC, NCCT, and as an IB World School (since 1991, with full IBDP and IB course options for students in Grades 11 and 12). ISB is also an active member of EARCOS and ACAMIS, and participates in ISAC, APAC, and the Global Online Academy.

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes or a foreign residence permit (subject to applicable legal requirements)

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 1,950
- PreK3 (half-day): RMB 79,050 plus RMB 12,010 capital levy fee
- PreK3/4 (full day): RMB 144,540 plus RMB 12,010 capital levy fee
- Kindergarten: RMB 169,390 plus RMB 14,490 capital levy fee
- Grades 1-5: RMB 169,390 plus RMB 34,720 capital levy fee
- Grades 6-8: RMB 181,760 plus RMB 34,720 capital levy fee
- Grades 9-12: RMB 199,900 plus RMB 34,720 capital levy fee
- Transportation: RMB 9,420-15,270 depending on distance
- Deposit: RMB 30,000
- Lunch: RMB 17-25 per day

Lunch offered: Range of Western, Chinese, and vegetarian meals

Nationality of students: US, South Korea, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, and more

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Chinese, French,

and Spanish

Average class size: 12-22

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:9

School hours: 8.15am-3.25pm

After-school activities: Athletics, choir, orchestra, film, photography, theater, debate club, Model United Nations, service clubs, wushu, arts and crafts, and more

Extra help offered? English (ESOL)

School facilities: Thirty-two acre campus in Shunyi located close to popular residential compounds, with two purpose-built sports domes sitting side-by-side over 8,500sqm. Campus includes four fully-equipped gymnasiums (one with a climbing wall); baseball and softball diamonds; two full-sized turf soccer fields and an aquatics center with a 25m pool with diving boards. Also includes 12 state-of-the-art science labs in Elementary, Middle and High School, a student cooking lab, a dedicated visual arts wing in Middle

School and High School and art studios in Elementary School. The Performing Arts wing consists of a 600-seat theater, black box theater, rehearsal space, and studio stage. The campus also houses 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 Grade 2-12 student with wireless network and internet available throughout the school. A pharmaceutical grade (H-14) air filtration system is effective throughout the campus.

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, available for each school division

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Keystone Academy

北京市鼎石学校

Keystone Academy, which enrolled its inaugural class in the fall of 2014, blends distinctive traditions in Eastern, Western, and international education, creating an academically-outstanding "new world school." It is a unique and exciting option 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 culture and identity woven into the curriculum. It enables character-building and community in a residential setting. Keystone is a day school through Grade 6 with optional boarding in Grades 7 and 8; boarding is 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.

Founding date: 2014

Age range: 5-19

School type: International day and boarding school

Grades offered: Foundation up to Grade 10 in 2015

Total area: 90,000sqm

Number of students: In first year 290 (1,800 when fully enrolled)

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: IB and WASC candidate status

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 2,000
- Primary School day tuition: RMB 220,000
- Middle School day tuition: RMB 250,000
- Middle School boarding tuition: RMB 350,000

Lunch offered: Nutritious Chinese, Western, and vegetarian options

Nationality of students: Three-to-one ratio of Chinese to foreign students

Primary teaching language: Chinese or English depending on the grade

Average class size: 18 (primary), 15 (middle school)

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8am-3.30pm

After-school activities: Sports, music, visual arts, drama, and activities related to traditional Chinese culture

Extra help offered? ESL (English as a Second Language)

Scholarships offered? Yes

School facilities: Three libraries, a performing arts center designed by a Harvard professor of architecture, science and technology labs, art spaces, an athletic field for soccer, three indoor gymnasiums, a 25m swimming pool, a fitness center, indoor and outdoor running tracks, outdoor play spaces for primary school, and two residence halls

School nurse or doctor available? Yes

Contact: 11 Anfu Jie, Houshayu, Shunyi District (8049 6008, admission@keystoneacademy.cn) www.keystoneacademy.cn 顺义区后沙峪安富街11号

Word from a Parent:

"We hope our daughter can grow into someone who is not only deeply connected to her Chinese identity but also a compassionate individual who possesses a global vision and realizes her self-worth. Choosing a truly exceptional international school is a top priority for us and our daughter. Many of the international schools from the city we live in do not aim to provide a wholesome learning experience that fosters every aspect of their students' potential and abilities. In fact, their educational approach is still primarily test-focused; it's just that they have substituted the *gaokao* with the SAT and the TOFEL. We are delighted that Keystone Academy's teaching philosophy aligns with the educational plans we envisioned for our daughter, and we genuinely believe that Keystone matches our vision of what an ideal international school should be. Last but not least, our daughter has shown a strong desire for independence, and is fully committed to accepting new challenges to develop and demonstrate that independence. We respect her wish, and this is why we sent her across the country to be a boarding student at Keystone."

- Mother of Nancy (Grade 9, China)

National Institute of Technology (NIT)

北京爱迪（国际）学校

The National Institute of Technology (NIT) is the result of a cooperation between the Chinese and Australian governments, with investment from the Aidi Education Group. NIT now consists of a bilingual kindergarten, an elementary school, a junior high school and an English-speaking high school. Currently, there are more than 3,200 students from over ten countries and regions, including Australia, US, Canada, the UK, and more. It is currently the international school with the most students in China.

Founding date: 1997

Age range: 2-18

School type: International school

Grades offered: Kindergarten to Grade 12

Number of students: 3,200

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- Kindergarten: RMB 170,000
- Elementary school: RMB 143,000
- Junior high school: RMB 153,000
- High school: RMB 169,500 (WACE), RMB 209,500 (ASE), RMB 199,500 (A-Level)
- Transportation fee: RMB 10,000 per year

Lunch offered: Organic Chinese, western, and vegetarian options. Menu is updated weekly on the website.

Nationality of students: China, Australia,

Canada, US, UK, South Korea

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Average class size: 25

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:4

School hours: 8.40am-4.20pm

After-school activities: Golf, piano, swimming, art, dancing, opera, model airplane, radio, calligraphy, kung fu, chess, singing, Model United Nations, winter and summer camps, and volunteering

Special needs programs offered? Case-by-case basis

Extra help offered? IELTS and TOEFL training courses

School facilities: Regulation-sized 400m racetrack, turf soccer field, golf fields, tennis courts, cricket field, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, swimming pool, gym, fencing hall, taekwondo studio, library, computer room, piano room, lecture hall,

Word from a Parent:

"Education is not simply accumulating knowledge of science or civilization, but an education of the soul. NIT does well with the latter, focusing on cultivating the child's personality, morality and emotions. Students can participate in a variety of events at school. In order to make a harmonious, warm and happy environment for the students' growth, NIT's activities are brimming with concern, passion and respect."

- Yongquan Cui and Xueting Liu (China), parents of Jiazizheng Cui and Jiaziqi Liu

theater, and x-ray security

School nurse or doctor available? Full-time doctor and nurse at on-site clinic

Contact: CBD International Education Park, 7 Louzizhuang Lu, Chaoyang District (8439 0808, jinyumei@aidi.edu.cn) www.nitbj.com.cn 朝阳区楼梓庄路7号爱迪国际教育园区





Western Academy of Beijing (WAB)

北京京西国际学校

The Western Academy of Beijing (WAB) is a leading international IB World School. Founded in 1994, WAB prides itself on its world-class facilities, highly-qualified teachers, global curriculum, warm and supportive environment, and service-oriented culture. WAB provides a learner-centered atmosphere that nurtures a strong sense of community among its 1,500 students with the mission to "Connect, Inspire, Challenge: Make a Difference." WAB students are encouraged to take their place as responsible citizens of the world who can influence their surroundings through careful reflection and positive action.

Founding date: 1994

Age range: 3-18

School type: International school

Grades offered: Nursery-Grade 12

Total area: 110,000sqm

Number of students: 1,500

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: NEASC, CIS, IBO, NCCT

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 2,100
- Early Years: RMB 98,000 (age 3, half-day), RMB 165,000 (ages 3-4, full day)
- Kindergarten to Grade 5: RMB 210,000
- Grades 6-8: RMB 223,000
- Grades 9-10: RMB 245,000
- Grades 11-12: RMB 252,000
- Transportation: Included in tuition fees

Lunch offered: Students purchase snacks and meals with a prepaid SmartCard. Range

of Western, Chinese, and vegetarian options catered by Aramark.

Nationality of students: US, South Korea, Canada, The Netherlands, Australia, and more

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Chinese, French, Spanish and Dutch

Average class size: 14 (early childhood), 22 (elementary through high school)

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:8

School hours: 8.30am-3.30pm

After-school activities: Extensive sports and activities groups including volleyball, soccer, badminton, choir, band, Chinese culture and literature clubs, art, photography, speech and debate clubs, global citizenship project groups, and more

Extra help offered? EAL, learning support and mother tongue language support also available

Scholarships offered? Financial assistance available

Word from a Parent:

"WAB is a community where my children are growing up with an appreciation for their talents and individuality, where they are challenged and supported in their discovery of how the world works, and where they are inspired to make a positive difference."

- Marina Frias-Gavidia (Spain and Venezuela), MS principal and mother of Carolina (age 15) and Alejandro (age 10)

School facilities: Six buildings, four of which provide a self-contained environment for each of the school sections – Early Childhood Center, Elementary School, Middle School, and High School – with the HUB Sports, Arts and Technology Center, serving as a shared resource for middle and high school students. Libraries in each school section, a rock climbing wall, an air-supported dome, indoor pool, and theaters.

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, expat nurse in each school section

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Pakistani Embassy College Beijing (PECB)

北京巴基斯坦大使馆学院

Pakistan Embassy College Beijing (PECB) is a full-time, co-educational, English-language school offering internationally-recognized CIE University of Cambridge, IGCSE/GCE O Levels and International AS and A Level programs. For Pakistani students, PECB offers Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE) approved syllabi for Secondary School Certificate and Higher Secondary School Certificate. PECB caters to children of expat Pakistanis, diplomatic staff posted in Beijing, and the international community. The faculty consists of qualified staff employed from Pakistan and locally. All senior staff hold at least a Master's degree in their respective discipline and teaching qualifications. All staff are experienced in delivering Pakistani and international education, and have been selected from Pakistan's top institutions. In addition, the Ambassador of Pakistan to China serves as the Ex-Officio Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Founding date: 1969

Age range: 4-19

School type: International school

Grades offered: Kindergarten to HSSC (for Pakistani students only); Kindergarten to CIE 'AS'/'A' Level (for Pakistani and non-Pakistani students)

Total area: 2,000sqm

Number of students: 400

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Accorded special permission to establish PECB

Accreditations: Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE) Islamabad

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

Tuition fees (2014-2015 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 500
- Admission fee (one-time): RMB 3,100 (LKG to Class I), RMB 3,600 (Class II to V), RMB

3,900 (Class VI to VIII), RMB 5,300 (O Levels), and RMB 6,400 (A Levels)

- LKG to Class I: RMB 37,200
- Class II-V: RMB 43,200
- Class VI-VIII: RMB 46,800
- Levels: RMB 63,600
- A Levels: RMB 76,800
- Security deposit (refundable): RMB 1,500
- Transportation fee: RMB 700
- Examination fee (annual): RMB 200

Lunch offered: No

Nationality of students: About 58 nationalities

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Urdu and Chinese

Average class size: Maximum 25, minimum 5

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:8

School hours: 8am-1.40pm (Grade LKG to Grade III), 8am-2.50pm (Grade IV to HSSC/O/AS/A Levels)

After-school activities: Martial arts, Arabic,

Word from a Parent:

"Small, affordable and well-organized is what sums up PECB. It is a Cambridge International School with a student population comprising some 56 nationalities. The medium of instruction is English at all levels and the standard of instruction is satisfactory. The school has an international feel and a tolerant atmosphere. A host of co-curricular activities are offered along with social service and cultural exchange programs. I am quite satisfied – not a bad choice at all if you are considering both affordability and international education.

- Ana Luiza Alencar (Brazil), mother of Caio (14) and Rayssa (10)

Chinese

Extra help offered? Summer classes available on a need basis

School facilities: Dedicated play areas for different age groups, laboratories, library, and athletic facilities

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, doctor available

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Tsinghua International School (THIS)

清华大学附属中学国际部 (含小学初中高中)

Nestled against the Summer Palace (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), Tsinghua International School (THIS) is located within the prestigious Tsinghua University campus. THIS integrates progressive American educational philosophies with Chinese educational perspectives. The primary school curriculum follows the Bank Street Model of education, in which "lively intellectual curiosities turn the world into an exciting laboratory and keep one ever a learner." The secondary school encourages students to explore a wide variety of interests, develop exceptional academic skills and become motivated self-directed learners. The curriculum prepares students for universities in the US, Canada, and other western countries.

Founding date: 2008

Age range: 6-18

School type: International primary and secondary school

Grades offered: Grades 1-12

Total area: 99,000sqm

Number of students: 340

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Accreditations: Candidate school for WASC

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- Non-refundable application fee: RMB 1,000 (cash only)
- Primary (Grades 1-5): RMB 119,100
- Middle school (Grades 6-8): RMB 129,000
- High school (Grades 9-12): RMB 138,000
- Transportation: Varies according to route
- Dormitory (boarding students only): RMB 18,000 per year (RMB 1,000 security deposit

required)

- Lunch: RMB 10-20 per meal

Lunch offered: Chinese, Western and vegetarian options

Nationality of students: US, Canada, South Korea, Japan, Hong Kong

Primary teaching language: English

Other languages taught: Chinese and Spanish

Average class size: Maximum 20 (primary), maximum 25 (secondary)

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:5

School hours: 8am-3.15pm

After-school activities: Sports, Model UN, newspaper club, World Scholars' Cup, Debate Club, and more

Extra help offered? ESL support program for Grades 1-10

School facilities: Library, outdoor playground, Apple Multimedia Lab, PC Lab, iPads in primary school, state-of-the-art science labs in high school, shared full-size stadium, dining hall, multiple auditoriums, access to Tsinghua

Word from a Parent:

"During the school selection process, the admissions office at THIS greatly helped us. Not only did they explain the different types of schools and offer insight into the pros and cons of THIS, they also helped us understand how to better transition to studying in North America in the future. Following Will's enrollment, his homeroom teacher was patient and caring, and the assistant teacher was particularly helpful in communicating with us. We chose THIS for its great resources and high-quality Western education. What we didn't expect and were later pleasantly surprised by was the huge progress Will made with his Chinese study. We know we have made the right choice."

- Erica Fu (New Zealand),
mother of Will (age 6)

University Science Labs, all classrooms equipped with Smartboards

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, shared with Tsinghua High School

Contact: Inside the Tsinghua High School campus, Zhongguancun Beilu, Haidian District (6279 7000, 6277 1477, this@mail.tsinghua.edu.cn) www.this.edu.cn 海淀区中关村北大街清华大学西门北侧清华附中校园内





Yew Chung International School of Beijing (YCIS Beijing)

北京耀中国际学校

Yew Chung International School of Beijing is an international school with a variety of curricula drawn from the best elements of both Eastern and Western education. Its Early Childhood Education (Kindergarten) and Primary sections follow the National Curriculum for England (NCE) alongside a researched-based Chinese Language and Culture Program. Kindergarten and primary classrooms incorporate a co-teaching model with one Western and one Chinese teacher to create a fully immersed bilingual environment; and secondary school students follow Key Stage 3 of the UK National Curriculum, the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB). YCIS Beijing is currently accredited by five accreditation authorities and all YCIS Schools became the first and only schools in China to be awarded the Cambridge Award for Excellence in Education in 2012 by Cambridge International Examinations to honor their consistent years of academic achievement.

Founding date: August 1995

Age range: 2-18

School type: International K-12 school

Grades offered: Kindergarten 2 to Year 13

Total area: 15,850sqm

Number of students: 800

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Accreditations: CIS, NCCT, NEASC, IB, CIE

Tuition fees (2015-2016 academic year):

- Application fee: RMB 2,000
- Kindergarten: RMB 72,500 (K2 half-day), RMB 119,000 (K2 full day), RMB 159,000 (K3), RMB 167,000 (K4)
- Year 1-3: RMB 204,000
- Year 4-6: RMB 209,500
- Year 7-9: RMB 230,500
- Year 10-11: RMB 246,000
- Year 12-13: RMB 253,000
- Transportation: RMB 9,300 (under 10km),

RMB 10,960 (10-20km), RMB 12,700 (20-30km)

• Lunch: RMB 24 per day (ECE-Y3), RMB 25 per day (Y4-6), or RMB 27 per day (Y7-13)

Lunch offered: Cafeteria with four sections (World Kitchen, Salad and Sandwich Bar, Italian Food, and Daily Specials). The Student Cafe offers breakfast, healthy snacks and fruit juices. Vegetarian and vegan options available. Catering by Aramark.

Nationality of students: US, UK, Australia, Canada, Italy, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Japan, Hong Kong, and more

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Other languages taught: Italian, French and Chinese

Average class size: 16-24

Average teacher/student ratio: 1:8 (kindergarten), 1:12 (primary), 1:24 (secondary)

School hours: 8am-3pm

After-school activities: 40 ASAs in

Word from a Parent:

"We chose YCIS Beijing not only for the English and Chinese language immersion, but also for the tight-knit community feeling that the school offers both children and parents."

- Linzie and Ammon Spiller (US),
parents of Elias (age 12) and
Vienna (age 6)

Secondary and 55 ASAs in Primary, including art, drama, music, sports, Model UN, orchestra, interschool sports competitions, and more

Special needs program: Yes, on a case-by-case basis

Extra help offered: English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Scholarships offered: Overall Scholarship, Merit Scholarship and Music Scholarships

School facilities: Primary and Secondary libraries, auditorium, access to Honglinjin Park for football and athletics, Mac computer labs, music room, Student Cafe, cafeteria, rooftop golf course, indoor and outdoor playgrounds, gymnasium, parent room, art rooms, dance studio, and internal PM2.5 fresh-air systems installed in classrooms, offices and corridors

School nurse or doctor available? Yes

Contact: East gate of Honglingjin Park, 5 Houbalishuang, Chaoyang District (8583 3731, enquiry@bj.ycef.com) www.ycis-bj.com 朝阳区后八里庄5号红领巾公园东门

Yew Wah International Education School of Beijing (YWIES)

北京耀华国际教育学校

Yew Wah International Educational School (YWIES) is scheduled to open in 2016 at Yizhuang BP International Education Park (IEP). The school's international curriculum will draw from Yew Chung International Schools' more than 80 years of experience in Hong Kong and mainland China. YWIES aims to provide quality education for Chinese students, with through-train K-12 programs run in an international setting. YWIES will take a holistic approach to education to create a positive, caring, joyful, and appreciative learning environment and nurture whole-person development. The curriculum is designed to make students look beyond the walls of their countries and classrooms, launching them on a journey to become confident and balanced individuals. Yew Wah's unique co-principal and co-teaching models will create a cross-cultural learning environment, allowing students to experience multi-cultural programs in a bilingual environment. The school emphasizes character development, developing understanding of different cultures and respect for diversity. YWIES aims to nurture confident individuals with positive characters and global perspectives as well as a deep understanding of Chinese culture. Since the establishment of the first Yew Wah International Education Centre in Shanghai in 1998, Yew Wah graduates have gone on to be accepted to and received scholarships from renowned universities around the world.

Founding date: 2016

Age range: 2-17

School type: International education school

Grades offered: Kindergarten to Grade 12

Number of students: Maximum 1,600

Is the school accredited by the Ministry of Education? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Tuition fees: To be determined

Lunch offered: Healthy, high-quality meals designed by nutritionists. Cost to be

confirmed.

Nationality of students: Mainly Chinese

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese, with percentage of English to increase with each grade level.

Average class size: Maximum 25

Average teacher/student ratio: To be confirmed

School hours: To be confirmed

After-school activities: To be confirmed

Special needs programs offered? Yes

Extra help offered? Intensive English programs offered

Scholarships offered? To be confirmed

School facilities: Library, gymnasium, sports grounds, multimedia center, and student dormitory

School nurse or doctor available? Yes, full-time qualified nurse who can provide first aid and treatment of minor medical issues.

Contact: Beijing Admissions Office and Showroom, Rm 515, Pullman Hotel, 12 Ronghua Nanlu, BDA, Daxing District (8581 4299, enquiry.bj@ywies.com) www.ywies-bj.com 大兴区亦庄荣华南路12号兴基铂尔曼饭店515室



After-School Sports & Activities

Art Schools

Atelier Created by two French artists, Atelier is a school dedicated to the study of the visual, literary and performing arts. Located in the heart of Sanlitun, Atelier is a space designed for creativity. The center offers high-quality courses led by professionals in their field for children, adolescents, and adults. Current courses include drawing, painting, sculpture, sewing, as well as courses in writing and theater. Atelier also offers courses specifically designed to help students who are preparing a Bachelor of Arts and/or admission to an art school. Atelier courses are taught in French and English; courses taught in Chinese will be offered in the near future. Atelier courses run throughout the year. Rm 202, Building C, Jinxiu Yuan, Xingfucun Zhonglu, Chaoyang District (6416 1614, 132 4018 4908, atelier@atelier.cn.com) www.atelier.cn.com 阿特黎尔·朝阳区朝阳区幸福村中路锦绣园C楼202室

Blue Bridge Education Blue Bridge Education aims to make art accessible for everyone, with programs catering to children from ages 2-12. The centers offer courses in drawing, sculpture, photography, speech and drama, and performance arts. Programs include Art Bug (ages 2-6), Art Lab (ages 7-18), and Art Salon (adults). 1) Rm 753, Tower A, Chaowai SOHO (north of Central Park), 6 Chaowai Dajie, Chaoyang District (5900 0270) eng.bluebridgeedu.com 2) Shop 118, Andersen Garden, Upper East Side, Chaoyang District (5947 2275) eng.bluebridgeedu.com 蓝桥博育国际教育·1) 朝阳区朝阳区朝外大街乙6号朝外SOHO写字楼A座753 (新城国际北侧) 2) 朝阳区阳光上东安徒生花园 118号

MAC Time Community Art Center MAC Time Community Art Center provides art programs for all ages, children and adults. Courses include pre-school art class, little artist's studio, oil painting, pottery program, Chinese Calligraphy and art appreciation. MAC Time also holds holiday art activities, exhibition tour and artist studio tour for members & community. Birthday art party service is available. Tue-Sun 10am-6.30pm. L5-507A, Euro Plaza, 99 Yuxiang Lu, Tianzhu Town, Shunyi District (8046 1820, bj_mactime@yaho.com.cn) www.mactimeart.com.cn 游艺时光小区艺术中心·顺义区天竺镇裕翔路99号欧陆广场L5-507A

UCCA Creative Studio This art center brings a fresh family element to 798. It offers daily classes to young artists ages 2-11, with the goal to not only teach them art but also give them the confidence to approach problems creatively. UCCA, 798 Art District, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District (5780 0202/03) www.creative-studio.cn 朝阳区酒仙桥路4号798艺术区

Basketball

Falcons Basketball Club Based out of Dulwich College Beijing (DCB) and the Western Academy of Beijing (WAB), Falcons Basketball Club is a youth basketball program aimed at ages 6-19. The first hour of each session focuses on fun drills and games to teach and reinforce the fundamentals of basketball: footwork, dribbling, shooting, and situational team play and skills. During the second hour, players are split into teams for half-court and full-court games. The club provides after-school activities, weekend and weekday community programs, and development team programs. (hui.tu@beijingfalconsbasketball.com) www.beijingfalconsbasketball.com 北京菲尔肯斯篮球俱乐部

NBA Yao School Developed by sports superstar Yao Ming in cooperation with NBA China, the NBA Yao School aims to foster teamwork, communication, and leadership

through 13-week youth basketball programs. The school employs coaches from the US and classes are available in English and Chinese. Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat-Sun 9.30am-9pm. Wukesong Hi-Park (inside Wanshida Sports Stadium), Fuxing Lu, Haidian District (400 014 1113, service@nbayaoschool.com) www.nbayaoschool.com NBA 姚明篮球学院·海淀区复兴路五棵松篮球公园 (北京万事达体育中心)

Climbing

O'le Climbing Opened in 2008, O'le Climbing is one of China's longest-running climbing centers. The top-roping and lead climbing wall is 12.5m high and features seven roped climbing stations with numerous routes suitable for novices and experts. The center also has a bouldering wall with 150sqm of verticals, slabs, bulges, and a 45° overhanging wall. The center also offers lessons and birthday packages for kids as well as box climbing, slacklining, and soccer. Directions: If you're coming from Baizwan Lu, turn south on Shimencun Lu and walk around 200m until you see a hotel on your right. There will be a toll booth with a traffic gate; walk around the gate and head down the small road behind it. After about 100m, take the first left; O'le Sports will be on the right-hand side. Mon-Sat 10am-10pm, Sun 10am-8pm. 5 Shimencun Lu, Baizwan Qiao Dong, Dongsihuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District (186 1846 1002, oleclimbing@gmail.com) www.oleclimbing.com 奥莱攀岩·朝阳区朝阳区东四环中路百子湾桥东石门村路5号

Dance

Ballet Pro Dance Studio Taking place every Wednesday at Qijiyuan Diplomatic Residence Compound, Ballet Pro's classes combine well-known ballet syllabi from around the world. These include Royal Academy of Dance (RAD), Russian Vaganova Ballet Academy, and Dance Academy of China. The goal is to provide fun, stimulating, and friendly ballet classes as education dance residency programs around Beijing. Teachers come from RAD, National Ballet of China, and Dance Academy of China. The programs are suited to ages 4.5 to 18 years and cost RMB 2,880 for one year (24 classes). 1) Rm 301, Unit 2, Bldg 6, Zone 1, Qijiyuan Diplomatic Residence Compound, Tiantongyuan, Changping District (, theballetpro@gmail.com) www.theballetpro.com 2) Lido Place Clubhouse, 6 Jiangtai Lu, Chaoyang District (, theballetpro@gmail.com) www.theballetpro.com 3) Qijiyuan Diplomatic Residence Compound Clubhouse, Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (, theballetpro@gmail.com) www.theballetpro.com 1) 昌平区昌平区天通苑1区6号楼2单元301室 2) 朝阳区丽都乡村俱乐部 将台路6号 3) 朝阳区朝阳区建国门外大街齐家园外交公寓会所

Dancing Chez Elle New in Lido, Dancing Chez Elle offers professional, international accredited dance instruction for adults. Dance styles vary from contemporary to Latin, with classes beginning on January 6, 2015. The studio believes that "Everyone Can Dance" and provides a fun, encouraging environment in which students feel comfortable dancing, socializing, and expressing themselves. Temporary location: D Space, 3/F, Fangyuan Nanjie (above April Gourmet), Chaoyang District (8417 6952, dancingchezelle@gmail.com) dancingchezelle.com 朝阳区芳园南街丽都水岸会所3层 (绿叶子超市上面)

DanZ Centre Offering a range of classes in English for kids and teenagers, in styles such as ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop and Latin. RMB 100 for a lesson. 22 classes plus RMB 100 as the admin charge for a semester. The school has both Shunyi and downtown campuses. 1) 2/F, Children's Clubhouse, Yosemite Villas, 4 Yuyang Lu (West Gate of ISB), Chaoyang District (8041 7745/7746) www.danzcentre.com 2) 7 Sanlitun Beixiaojie, Chaoyang District (, www.danzcentre.com) 丹安丝舞蹈培训中心·1) 朝阳区榆阳路4号优山美地别墅儿童俱乐部2层 2) 朝阳区三里屯北小街7号

J-Ballet School Formerly the Western Ballet School, J-Ballet offers instruction in Chinese, Japanese or English to children and adults. Courses are divided into fall (Sept-Dec), spring (Feb-July) and summer (July-Aug) terms. Children's lessons are in six levels (RMB 60-80 per class). Adult classes are RMB 80 each, with packages of 10 lessons for RMB 700 and 20 lessons for RMB 1200. Students get 10% discount on adult classes. 1) 1/F, Bldg D, Jingxiu Yuan, Xingfucun Zhonglu, Chaoyang District (8453 3003; 138 0103 6364 (Ms. Takeda); 138 0113 5877 (Ms. Tang)) www.j-ballet.com 2) Pulse Health Club, Kempinski Hotel, Lufthansa centre, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District (, www.j-ballet.com) J-芭蕾教室·1) 朝阳区幸福村中路锦绣园D座一层西侧 2) 朝阳区

On Pointe Dance Studio On Pointe Dance Studio is an innovative dance school catering mainly to expat children. The school offers a full and varied teaching program that covers ballet, jazz, and tap. The ballet syllabus follows the Royal Academy of Dance syllabi and holds accredited RAD examinations annually. The jazz and tap work that is taught is non-syllabus, focusing on an array of styles from commercial to Broadway. The school focuses on excellence in teaching while encouraging students to achieve their full potential. All instructors are fully-trained and experienced within their own fields. Classes are held at the British School of Beijing's Shunyi campus from Monday to Saturday and at East Lake Villas on Sundays. 1) British School of Beijing (Shunyi Campus), 9 Anhua Jie, Shunyi District (, onpointebeijing@gmail.com) www.onpointebeijing.com 2) East Lake Villas, 35 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Dongcheng District (, onpointebeijing@gmail.com) www.onpointebeijing.com 1) 顺义区顺义区安华街9号南院北京英国学校 2) 东城区东城区东直门外大街35号东湖别墅

Sunshine Dance Studios One of the Europe's largest dance studios, Sunshine Dance Studios offers dance classes led by US and European professionals who have danced for stars like Justin Bieber, Beyonce, Lady Gaga, and more. The school offers street dance courses for beginners to advanced dancers aged 3-12 and will eventually be based near Chaoyang Park. For now, the temporary location is Raydance Studio at Room 5-120 in Sanlitun SOHO. (mail@sunshine-studios.co.uk) sunshine-studios.cn

The Conservatory of International Style and Cultural Arts (CISCA) The benefits of learning ballet at an early age aims to nurture young children's instinctive joy of movement with music and freedom of expression to increase self control and co-ordination, discipline, confidence and self esteem. Programs tailored to people who want to develop a hobby as well as who want to prepare for future programs as a professional dancer. 1) Quan Fa Garden Club House, 2 Xiangjiang Beilu, Chaoyang District (8470 5657, 139 1103 2760) 2) 208, Lido Country Club, Lido Place, 6 Jiangtai Lu, Chaoyang District (6438 1677, 137 1643 3908) 1) 朝阳区香江北路2号泉发花园会所 2) 朝阳区将台路6号丽都广场丽都乡村俱乐部C208室

Football (Soccer)

Beijing Kickers German Football Club Beijing Kickers is the first German youth football club in Beijing. Their year-round junior coaching program is intended for boys and girls aged 3-11. Lessons are held in German and English. Through innovative and age-appropriate training methods, experienced coaches will enhance children's soccer skills and focus on moral values, education through sports, communication, enthusiasm and passion. Rm 3053, Bldg 1, 5 Liufang Nanli, Chaoyang District (, info@beijingkickers.com) www.beijingkickers.com 朝阳区柳芳南里甲5号1号楼3053

ClubFootball Established in 2001, ClubFootball coached over 3,000 kids aged

4.5 and over in 2013. Full-time English FA/UEFA qualified coaches deliver programs at 30 venues in Beijing and Tianjin. Programs range from skills courses for beginners to all-girls groups, holiday courses and advanced junior league teams. Call for a free taster session or league tryout. Daily 9am-6pm. Unit A316, Door 3, Zone A1, Bldg 51, Zhaowei Huadeng Plaza, 14 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District (5130 6893/4/5/6, activities@wanguoqunxing.com) www.wanguoqunxing.com 万国群星足球俱乐部·朝阳区酒仙桥路14号兆维华灯大厦51号楼A1区3门A316

Jia You Football Club Jia You Football clubs offers children the opportunity to take their first steps into football. Players Jia You F.C. come from around the world and are led by FA-qualified coach Gary Saunders and his coaching team, whose have over 15 years of football experience in China. From Saturday morning toddler sessions to Sunday Youth League matches, Jia You aims to have something for every age group. Training sessions take place both during the week and on weekends at Dulwich College Beijing's campuses. The club also hosts football camps in Beijing over school holidays. Dulwich College Beijing (Legend Garden Campus), 89 Capital Airport Road, Shunyi District (6454 9019/9127, gary.saunders@dulwich-beijing.cn) www.dulwich-beijing.cn/page.cfm?p=442 顺义区机场高速公路89号北京德威英国国际学校 (丽京花园校园)

Martial Arts

Black Tiger Fight Club Founded in 2006, Black Tiger Fight Club is the only complete MMA training center that caters primarily to expats. The center's coaching team consists of world champions, UFC veteran coaches and fighters, and certified conditioning coaches. With two locations in Beijing, Black Tiger Fighting Club Beijing offers martial arts and fitness classes for women, kids, teens, and adults, including Muay Thai, kickboxing, Brazilian jujitsu, wrestling, boxing, and weekend self-defense workshops. 1) 2/F, 5 Laiguanying Donglu (across from WAB, west of Lane Bridge Villa), Chaoyang District (, info@blacktigerclub.com) www.blacktigerclub.com 2) Sino-Japanese Youth Exchange Center Gymnasium, 40 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District (, info@blacktigerclub.com) www.blacktigerclub.com 1) 朝阳区莱广营东路5号2层 (京西学校对面, 长岛湖桥西侧) 2) 朝阳区亮马桥路40号

Xie's Martial Arts Academy (XMA) Xie's Martial Arts Academy (XMA) was founded in 2005 by Master Xie, a 32nd generation disciple of the Shaolin Temple with a Masters of Education from Beijing Sport University. Xie's Shaolin Kung Fu Style is a unique mixed martial arts system that combines traditional Shaolin Kung Fu, Karate and Western martial art styles. XMA's wide range of self-defense styles creates a well-rounded, disciplined martial art. Age: 3 and above. Classes are offered after school and on weekends. Private classes are available. Venue: Beijing City International School, Western Academy of Beijing, The British School of Beijing (Sanlitun) and International School of Beijing. (xmamasterxie@gmail.com) www.xmabj.com

Misc Sports

Heyrobics Based on the Swedish fitness movement of jympa, Heyrobics was brought to Beijing by one of the founder's sons, Linus Holmsater. Classes are instantly recognizable from the enthusiastic, pink-shirted instructors. Each one-hour session combines strength, running, agility, and cardio. There are three difficulty levels (starter, medium, and intensive) set to eclectic, instructor-designed playlists. Taking places in venues across Liangmaqiao, Sanlitun, and the CBD, programs also include HeyRunning, Core, and Circuit classes. RMB 40 per session (members), RMB 50 for non-members. (info@heyrobics.com) www.heyrobics.com

Multi-Sports Organizations

Flips & Kicks Plus Formerly known as Beijing Sports Plus, Flips & Kicks Plus specializes in providing gymnastics and martial arts coaching to Beijing's international community. Kids can improve their physical condition, co-ordination, concentration, self-esteem and confidence in a stimulating, challenging, safe and fun environment. Programs are taught in English by qualified international staff. (info@flipsandkicksplus.com) www.flipsandkicksplus.com

Imagine From the founder of O'le Music and O'le Afloat. Offers skiing, sailing and other water sports, rollerblading, and music programs such as Trash Bash and Shout! Rock Choir. With a team of skilled international instructors, experienced in their specific fields. The organization hold annual competitions such as International Schools Snowsports Championships China (ISSCC) and Boat Race of International School China (BRISC). (info@imagine-china.com) www.imagine-china.com

Sports Beijing Sports Beijing is a not-for-profit multi-sports organization dedicated to providing high quality sports and activities for junior athletes. Modeled after North American and European community sports organizations, Sports Beijing offers a broad variety of recreational and competitive youth sports programs (over 20 different sports), professionally coached and aimed at developing physical, technical and social skills. Our activities are designed for participants of all backgrounds and abilities. Please visit our website for more details and to register for our courses. Mon-Fri 10am-6pm. 2/F, Lido Country Club, 6 Jiangtai Lu, Chaoyang District (6430 1370) www.sportsbj.org 朝阳区将台路6号丽都乡村俱乐部2层

Swimming

Aqua Warriors Swimming Club Founded in 2011, Aqua Warriors Swimming Club counts more than 300 swimmers among its members. The club regularly cooperates with American and Canadian swim clubs and has held two world-standard training camps in the past. It also organizes annual swim meets in Beijing. Teachers use scientific training methods to enhance students' interest in swimming and improve their performance. (info@aquawarriorsbj.com) 勇者体育俱乐部

Dragon Fire Swim Team Nearly 130 international students receive training in competitive swimming under the tutelage of founder and head coach Kevin Hua. Instruction is offered for kids ages 4-18 at the beginning (able to swim 10m), intermediate and advanced levels. The team has competed in races in Singapore and Hong Kong, and also competes with local Chinese teams. RMB 60-90 per lesson, RMB 1,200-4,500 per season (depends on the level, number of times a week, etc), plus RMB 300 registration fee. Classes held at WAB, CISB, BSB, and DCB. Contact Dragon Fire's Coach Hua to find out about age ranges, detailed schedules, and program fees. (dragonfireswimming@gmail.com) www.dragonfire.com.cn 龙火

Education Services

Capstone Founded in 2003 in Hong Kong by Ronald Po, Capstone focuses on critical thinking and leadership education. As stated on its website, the goal of the organization is to maximize students' chances for admission into top university, develop their leadership and analysis skills, and foster a sense of social responsibility. Capstone's Beijing staff includes graduates from MIT, Stanford, Cornell, UChicago, Harvard, Oxford, and Cambridge. 1) Rm N501, Kerry Center, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District (Beijing@capstoneprep.com) www.capstoneprep.com 2) D4112, Gahood Villa, 5 Yuyang Lu, Shunyi District (Beijing@capstoneprep.com) www.capstoneprep.com 1) 朝阳区光华路1号北京嘉里中心N501室 2) 顺义区瑞阳路5号嘉浩别

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Elliott's Corner A therapy center, offering speech therapy, occupational therapy and psychology services for kids aged 0-18 years of age. Experienced therapists work with children, helping a wide range of issues - from communication and articulation to handwriting to balance and coordination. Elliott's Corner is a division of Olivia's Place, Shanghai's premier pediatric therapy clinic. Mon-Fri 9am-6pm. Rm 19-05, Block 2, Kandu International, 10 Dongsihuan Beilu, Chaoyang District, Chaoyang District (6461 6283, jac@oliviasplace.org) www.oliviasplace.org 胡宝小屋, 朝阳区东四环北路10号瞰都国际2号楼19-05室 (东风北桥东北角)

Hamilton Gregg International Educational Consulting (HGIEC) Consultancy works with students (Chinese and expat) who wish to attend boarding school and university in the US, Canada and the UK. Mr. Gregg has over 15 years of academic advising experience, placing students in the best schools around the world. He is one of the few Independent Educational Consultants in China who belongs to either the Independent Education Consulting Association (www.IECAonline.com) or the Higher Education Consulting Association (www.HECAonline.com), both of which require strict ethical standards to be upheld by members. Shunyi District (135 5204 1603, hsgregg45@gmail.com) www.hamiltongregg.com

Prestige Education Centre (PEC) Now with a brand-new second location in Chaoyangmen, this British preparatory school offers weekend classes to support children's development with the English language. PEC follows the UK curriculum for reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Teachers are qualified professionals trained in the UK. The iPad program allows students to interact with teachers during the week. SSAT and international exam prep classes are also available, with adult and one-to-one classes available during the week. Age range: 4-16. 1) Bldg 9, 5 Guantang Donglu, Chaoyang District (6432 2797, information@pedcentre.com) www.pedcentre.com 2) Rm 318, 2 Chaoyangmen Beidajie, Chaoyang District (6432 2797, information@pedcentre.com) www.pedcentre.com 慧德嘉源, 1) 朝阳区观塘东路5号9号楼 2) 朝阳区朝阳门北大街2号318室

The Edge (Beijing) Now in mainland China, The Edge is Hong Kong's premier educational counseling service. The company provides students and families with insider knowledge of the overseas college and boarding school admissions process, as well as customized and comprehensive educational services. 1) Room 708, Anlian Plaza, No. 38 North Road East Third Ring, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100026, () theedge.com.hk 2) () theedge.com.hk 东三环北路38号安联大厦708

Touchdown! This education consulting firm provides help to Chinese and expat parents in choosing and applying to the US undergraduate programs, private high schools, and boarding schools. Offers extensive training, including essay writing, interviewing, and career planning. Highly experienced and dedicated consultants work directly with parents and students throughout the entire application process. Achieved recognition for successfully coaching applicants to get accepted top US universities. Daily 8.30am-6pm. 15/F, Rm 8, Bldg B, The Gate Building, 19 Zhongguancun Lu, Haidian District (8447 7020/6422) www.touchdown.org.cn 海淀区拓达周华咨询, 海淀区中关村大街19号新中关村大厦B座1508室

Other Schools

American International Academy of Beijing (AIAB) Founded in 2012, AIAB provides a bilingual Montessori-based teaching approach to preschool that also incorporates elements of the Chinese National Curriculum. School facilities include Montessori classrooms,

a dance studio, library, music room, baking room, meeting room, clinic, and outdoor playground. Age range: 18 months-6 years. Tuition fees (2013-2014 academic year): RMB 82,500/11 months (full day); RMB 50,600/11 months (half day); RMB 5,000 per Session (optional summer camp, Session 1: Jul 15-26, Session 2: Jul 29-Aug 9) Bldg 5, 78 Baizhuan Nan'erlu, Chaoyang District (8776 0606, apaacademy@gmail.com) www.aiab.com.cn A 派国际双语幼儿园, 朝阳区百子湾南二路78号院5号楼

Beijing 21st Century Experimental Kindergarten Founded in 1995, Beijing 21st Century Experimental Kindergarten is the only municipal-level, private model kindergarten and early childhood education center in Beijing. With a total investment of more than RMB 100 million in the kindergarten program. Beijing 21st Century now has 18 branches and more than 5,000 students in Beijing. All foreign teachers recruited at the kindergarten's international department are qualified teachers in their home countries; experienced Chinese teachers discuss and present courses in tandem with their expat counterparts. The school helps students develop independence, social skills, courage, and teamwork through experience-based learning, weekly topics, international courses, Chinese culture courses, sports, and arts. Age range: 2-6. Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year): RMB 2,000 (application fee); RMB 114,000 (Nursery); RMB 100,000 (K1-K3) 46 Enjizhuang (within 21st Century International School), Haidian District (5613 5819, yucyibnu@gmail.com) 21.bjkid.com 二十一世纪幼儿园国际园, 海淀区恩济庄46号二十一世纪国际学校内

Beijing 21st Century International School Established in 1993, Beijing 21st Century International School aims to cultivate world citizens while maintaining deep roots in Chinese culture. The school's education system integrates the Primary EP (Elementary Placement) Curriculum, Junior IP

(Intermediate Placement) Curriculum, Senior AP (Advanced Placement) Curriculum. It also offers HSK testing preparation for foreign students. Age range: 6-18. Please call school for exact tuition fees. 46 Enjizhuang, Haidian District (8811 5515/2970/2082, 8813 6671) www.21cis.com.cn 北京市二十一世纪国际学校, 海淀区恩济庄46号

Beijing No. 25 Middle School Originally named Yu Ying School, Beijing No. 25 Middle School was founded by the American Congregational Church in 1864. The Canadian-certified high school program at Beijing No. 25 Middle School was founded in 2005 as one of the earliest establishments approved by the Beijing Municipality. The Canadian curriculum is delivered entirely in English by Canadian-certified teachers. Graduates receive dual diplomas issued by both countries and can choose to enter universities in Canada, the US, or other English-speaking countries. No. 4 also has sister-school relationships with middle schools in Sweden, Korea, Canada, Germany and Japan. Age range: 14-18. Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year): RMB 50,000/year. 55 Dengshikou Dajie, Dongcheng District (8511 5150, guojibu25zhong@126.com) bj25school.edu.com.cn 北京市第二十五中学, 东城区灯市口大街55号

Beijing No. 4 High School Beijing No. 4 High School is a pilot middle school and high school, a member of UNESCO, and one of the oldest key schools in Beijing. Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the school has taught 35,000 Chinese and foreign students. The international division was established in 2002 and currently has more than 200 students from South Korea, Japan, the US, the UK, Canada, and more. The department offers Chinese language courses, diploma courses, and prep courses for higher education. Foreign students who pass HSK level 6 have the option of integrating into the schools Chinese curriculum. Age range: 12-18. Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

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RMB 25,000/semester (tuition); RMB 10,000/semester (accommodations). For other fees (lodging deposit, weekend management fee, insurance, etc.), contact the school. A2 Xihuangchenggen Beitie, Xicheng District (6653 9752, 6617 3886, guojb@bhsf.cn) www.bhsf.cn 北京市第四中学 西城区西皇城根北街申2号

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Beijing Sunny High-Scope Founded in August 2011, Beijing Sunny High-Scope is the flagship school of the Chaoyang District Family Planning Commission. Its campus in Wangjing includes a music classroom, library, sand play area, sports room, gym room, art room, science room, cooking class room, drama and music room, and an outdoor play area. The school aims to create a safe and nurturing environment that promotes "independence, curiosity, decision-making, cooperation, creativity, and problem-solving skills." Age range: 1.5-6. Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year): RMB 300 (one-time application fee); RMB 51,600/year (students under age 3); RMB 45,600/year (ages 3-6); RMB 800 (one-time uniform fee) Bldg 302, Nanhu Xiyuan, Wangjing, Chaoyang District (8476 5558, 130 5135 5188, info@sunnyhs.com) www.sunnyhs.com 高唐国际幼儿园 朝阳区望京香颂南湖西园302楼

Beijing Sweet Angel Kindergarten Beijing Sweet Angel Kindergarten provides equal access to early childhood education for kids with and without special needs. Since its founding in 2001, Sweet Angel has accepted children with a range of special needs, including cerebral palsy, albinism, and autism. The school selects teachers with a background in specialized child care and educational methods for children with special needs, so that they may participate in educational activities with non-special needs children. Special class arrangements, one-on-one education and rehabilitation training is available. Age range: 2-6. Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year): RMB 38,400/year; RMB 600 (uniform fee) Bldg 29, Xingfu Ercun, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District (6415 0507/4181, v_y86118@163.com) www.sweetangel.com.cn 北京幸福天使幼儿园 朝阳区工体北路幸福二村29号

Beijing Telford Bilingual and International Pre-school Part of the Telford Education Institute of Hong Kong. Classes are fully bilingual with one Western and four Chinese teachers in every classroom. All subjects are taught 50% in English and 50% in Chinese. Facilities include a multipurpose auditorium and performing arts center, two piano rooms, two sports fields and a big garden. Ages: 6 months-6 years old. RMB 32,000-35,040 (plus RMB 400-500 per month meal fee). 2 Daluyuan, Dongsanhuan Nanlu (inside R&F City), Chaoyang District, Chaoyang District (5876 6221/7811, beijingtelford@gmail.com) www.telfordeducation.com 北京德福双语国际幼儿园 朝阳区东三环南路大路园2号(富力城)内国贸往南第一个路口

Bella Growth International Kids House Bella Growth provides early childhood education and development based on the Reggio Emilia approach, an Italian preschool model. Bella combines this approach with an American (ESL) preschool phonics curriculum and the best parts of traditional Chinese teaching and learning theories. With parental involvement and community support, students learn by moving, touching, listening, and seeing. Students are encouraged to express themselves and depict their understanding of the world through hundreds of symbolic languages that include drawing, singing, drama, sports, reading and writing. Age range: 2-5. Tuition Fees (2013-2014 Academic Year): RMB 500 (application fee); RMB

39,600/year (tuition). Rm 102, Unit 4, Bldg 4, Yangguang Lijing Xiaoku, 23 Huangsi Dajie, Xicheng District (8223 1635, xhweng.bellaedu@gmail.com) www.bellagrowth.com 北京贝拉成长国际幼儿之家 西城区黄寺大街23号阳光丽景小区南区4号楼4门102号

Fangcaodi International School Fangcaodi is a state-run primary school that has been accepting foreign students for over 40 years. Classes are in Chinese, with the exception of English language classes. The school uses the same textbooks as other Chinese schools in the municipality and places a strong emphasis on math and Chinese. Fee-based after-school activities include badminton, arts and crafts, wushu and rollerblading. Grades: 1 to 6. Price range: RMB 16,000-48,000 plus RMB 20,000 capital levy. 1 Ritan Beilu, Chaoyang District (8563 9140, fcdyy@hotmail.com) www.fcd.com.cn 芳草国际国际学校 朝阳区日坛北路1号

German Embassy School (Deutsche Botschaftsschule Peking) The German Embassy School offers instruction in German and uses a curriculum and textbooks that adhere to standards set by the German Board of Education. Approximately 150 students are enrolled in the kindergarten classes, and 560 in the elementary and upper school. Grades: Kindergarten to grade 12. Price range: EUR 7,300-10,100 (plus a EUR 2,600 admission fee, EUR 1000 bus fee). 7.55 am-5.15 pm. 49A Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District (6532 2535, info.dsp@dspeking.net.cn) www.dspeking.net.cn 北京德国使馆学校 朝阳区亮马桥路甲49号

Happy Baby Kindergarten At two separate campuses, Happy Baby offers a Montessori-style curriculum delivered predominantly in Chinese. English classes are provided several times a week. Facilities include playgrounds, a library, and piano, reading, birthday and computer rooms. Currently, around half the students are international students. Special classes for children under 2 accompanied by a parent are offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Note: Enrollment is full for 2009-10 academic year. Ages: 2.5 to 5. Price range: RMB 36,000 (RMB 450 transportation fee). 1) 22 Zhongli Xibahe, Chaoyang District (6462 0449 ext 806) 2) 23 Yiyuan Anhuibeili, Yayuncun, Chaoyang District (6498 1518) 至尊宝宝幼儿园 1) 朝阳区西坝河三里22号楼 2) 朝阳区亚运村安慧北里逸园23号楼

Harvard Star International School Harvard Star International School is a Kindergarten to Grade 6 school that offers a mix of Montessori-based English education and international curriculum. Learning focuses on the overall development of the child by establishing good habits through a program called "Excellence in Education." The school searches for quality books and materials for all subjects, providing students with the materials and worksheets for each topic taken in class. Teaching aids are used to make learning more interesting and projects reinforce what students have learned in class. Assessments are done regularly and weekly assignments are given. Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year): RMB 50,000 (no capital levy fee). Sanshanxin Jinjiayuan, Houshayu, Shunyi District (8042 4781) 哈佛之星国际学校 顺义区后沙峪三山新家园

Highscope International Kindergarten Located on the grounds of the Potter's Wheel Tennis Academy, this school has five clean classrooms with modern facilities, an art room and a dance studio as well as lush green grass and gardens. Their main curriculum is mostly based on the American High Scope program. Games are also used to provide an environment in which the children can develop at their own pace and according to their interests. Each class has a bilingual head teacher, at least one native English speaking teacher and other local teachers. Options include half day or whole day, meals, and a bus service. Daily 7.30 am - 5.30 pm. 1 Langxinzhuang Lu, Chaoyang District (8538

2775, josh.highscope@gmail.com) 朝阳区郎辛庄路1号

Honey Republic An early educational center specializing in "Mommy and Me," language, and art classes. Each class has a maximum of six students. Memberships include private party hosting, kids' photography and weekend activities. For kids ages 6 months to 6 years. Old classes start from RMB 158. Daily, 9am-7.30pm. Upper East Side (to the back of Paris Baguette), Lido, Chaoyang District, Beijing (behind Paris Baguette), Lido, Chaoyang District, Chaoyang District (5130 3145) 朝阳区朝阳区东四环霄云桥东南阳光上东广场底商B-03 (华润万家超市旁)

International Montessori Teaching Institute (IMTI) The International Montessori Teaching Institute (IMTI) provides training for new and experienced teachers. The Early Childhood Montessori Teacher training course is designed for teaching 2 and a half to 6 year olds and is affiliated with the American Montessori Society (AMS) with accreditation by MACTE, therefore it is an internationally recognized qualification. We offer a flexible year-round training schedule designed with Adult learners in mind. It is delivered with Chinese/English bilingual synchronous translations and includes English or Chinese manuals. Our training facilities are well equipped with Montessori materials to ensure 'hands on' experience is delivered. IMTI offers a suite of Professional Development workshops to increase the knowledge and skills of teachers and parents. They include Art, Music and Movement, Infant and Toddlers, Preparing for Chinese New Year and Designing Classroom materials just to new a few. 688 Glory Palace, No.2 Shunfu Road, Renhe Town, Shunyi District (8949 6877 ext 288, snowzhang@imti-china.com) www.imti-china.com 蒙台梭利教学法国际交流中心 顺义区仁和镇顺福路2号御墅688号

Ivy MI Kindergarten Ivy MI Kindergarten offers a quality Chinese-focused program designed to meet the needs of children who will attend Chinese elementary schools. It is designed for Chinese families who would like their children to experience a curriculum inspired by the Harvard-based Multiple Intelligences theory. This program offers a top-notch education for children with an international bent. RMB 33,600 per year (Lijing Campus) RMB 36,998 per year (Tianshi Campus) 1) Lijing Campus, 28 Shilipu Beilu, Chaoyang District (8446 4189, Info-TS@ivyschools.com) http://www.ivyschools.com 2) Tianshi Campus, 52 Beiyuan Lu, Tongzhou District (8159 6406/7, Info-TS@ivyschools.com) http://www.ivyschools.com 艾毅多元智能幼儿园 1) 朝阳区十里堡北路28号 2) 通州区北苑路52号

Jack & Jill Children's Center Jack & Jill Children's Center is a full-day child care and education service provider. The child-focused teaching practices are the cornerstone of a dynamic learning process designed to build up children's curiosity and enthusiasm for knowledge. The curriculum used is designed and implemented by a professional teaching team based on various curricula, including HighScope, Reggio Emilia and Chinese culture. In an environment where children are the "real owners," they will develop in mind, body and spirit as they explore the world around them, develop communication and social skills, and learn to proactively and independently think, judge and solve problems. Rm 105-108, Bldg 1, Chevalier Apt, 2 Shangjialou Lu, Chaoyang District (8436 1861, 139 1188 6574, shuang.p@jacknjill.cn) www.jacknjill.cn 嘉杉嘉华儿童之家 朝阳区尚家楼路2号院裘马都1号楼105-108室

K12 International Academy Asia Targeted at home schoolers, this company offers online home schooling materials and a "professional team" of teachers, counselors and advisers to work with your child on an individualized learning plan. http://www.k12.com/int/asia/ K12 Apple International Kindergarten

(Pingod) Monthly tuition starts at RMB 3,500, with a RMB 5,000 deposit and initial payment of RMB 10,000. Offers some English instruction and limited Montessori curriculum in the afternoons (with an "international" section) and open year round. Baiziwan Nan Er Lu (next to BCIS), Chaoyang District (5876 9605, keearapple@yahoo.cn) http://www.keareducation.com/fen12/Default.asp 苹果幼儿园 朝阳区

Little Seeds Montessori School, The The Little Seeds Montessori School is a small, community-based and bilingual nursery/ kindergarten for children aged 18 months to 6 years. Providing individualized support and teaching in both English and Chinese, the team is composed of an internationally-certified Montessori teacher, a native English teacher, a Chinese teacher, and a daycare teacher. The school applies a self-directed program that aims to foster a child's intellectual, practical, sensorial, and social development through the use of Montessori English and mathematics materials. Mon-Fri 8am-4.30pm. Lake Charm, 28 Panjiayuan Nanli, Chaoyang District (131 4118 8648, 6120 9888 ext 8300 (Teacher An), little.seeds.montessori@gmail.com) 快乐成长蒙台梭利儿童之家 朝阳区潘家园南里28号伊东漪龙台国际公寓

Liuyin Shuyuan Education Center Liuyin Shuyuan offers quality extracurricular academic courses and social courtesy lessons for students ages 10-18 who are preparing to study overseas; this includes Chinese students going abroad and foreign children who have lived in China for an extended period of time. Teachers are experts in their fields and dedicated educators. The center is located in a traditional Chinese courtyard at Houhai; the unique setting is an ideal place to learn and make friends. Subjects include: History, Classical Studies (Ancient Greek, Latin and Philosophy), Debate and Public Speaking, English Literature, French Language and Culture, Chinese and SAT/TOEFL/AP preparatory courses. 34 Daxiang Feng Hutong, Dongcheng District (8328 5662, 134 2624 4452, liuyinshuyuan@gmail.com) www.liuyinshuyuan.org 柳荫书院 东城区后海大翔胡同34号

Mammolina Children's Home-Montessori Kindergarten Located next to the Beijing Riviera compound, Mammolina Children's Home opened in 2005 and offers a strictly Montessori style education to children from 1 to 7 years old. Classes are taught in English and Chinese in "uniquely integrated, open-space classrooms where children learn and thrive following their own natural needs and rhythm, and each child's progress is monitored individually." Mammolina tours its one-on-one assistance and detailed record keeping system that allows detailed tailored focus on each child's interests and progress, as well as its "spacious, carefully prepared child-sized environments," high safety and hygiene standards. Age range: 1-7 years old. Tuition fees (2010-2011 Academic Year): 1-3 years - RMB 96,000 (half day)-124,000 (full day)/year; 3-6 years - RMB 100,200 (half day)-134,000 (full day)/year 36 Maquanying Siq, Xiangjiang Beilu, Chaoyang District (8470 5128, mammolina@163.com) www.montessori.ws 三为园蒙德核利托幼中心 朝阳区香江北路马泉营四区36号

New Garden International Kindergarten Located in Fulicheng just south of the China World Trade Center, New Garden International Kindergarten has both Chinese and native English-speaking teachers on staff and a fun-based, enriching curriculum that will enable your child to flourish in both Chinese and Western education systems. Equipped with a children's kitchen, library, inside and outside play areas, the school offers a warm and peaceful child-centered environment for students to develop and learn. New Garden accepts children from the ages of 2-6, with extracurricular classes available for children up to 12. Age range: 2-6 years old. Tuition fees

(2010-2011 Academic Year): RMB 33,600/year (for all children from ages 2-6) Bldg 61, Area D, Fulicheng (north of Shuangjing Qiao), Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District (5876 1319, mcyo521@163.com) 新园双语幼儿园 朝阳区富力城新园双语幼儿园 东三环双井桥北路富力城D区西门61号楼

Ritz Calilord Academy Ritz Calilord Academy has two campuses throughout Beijing. Each campus is designed as an experimental kindergarten under China's National Educational Project, following the principles of order, cleanliness and beauty. We are true to the children's-natural-growth principle, learning initiatives and self-confidence, simultaneously creating a safe atmosphere full of respect and happiness. Understanding the real needs of children, by providing suitable guidance and support to a life natural growth, we help children to build up good habits and the ability of an integrated personality with emotion quotient development (EQ), also to inspire them passion for excellence in order to achieve their inner self-satisfaction. Tuition: RMB 66,000/School Year 1) 8am-5pm. Modern House, 58 Fuqian Yijie, Shunyi District (5810 1708) 2) 1-10, Bishui Zhuangyuan, Shahe, Changping District (8070 4298/8070 4297) 丽思嘉洛德幼儿园 1) 顺义区府前一街58号水木兰亭 2) 昌平区沙河碧水庄园1-10

Sanlitun Kindergarten This local kindergarten enrolls international students. Instruction is in Chinese and the school places a strong focus on physical exercise. Special classes for children ages 2.5 and accompanied by a parent are offered every week; the standard kindergarten program runs daily. Ages: 2 to 6. Price Range: RMB 500-1000/month (children under 3), RMB 5000-10,000 (plus RMB 450/month childcare fee) (children ages 3-6). 3 Jiqingli, Chaoyangmenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District (6551 0877) 三里屯幼儿园 朝阳区朝阳门外大街吉庆里3号

Side by Side Side by Side provides support for individuals with special needs and learning difficulties through music therapy, learning support, and a daytime special education program. Side by Side's team members are fully qualified and experienced professionals who conduct services in English. Music therapy is also available in German. We also offer community support such as workshops for schools, community groups, parents and other members of the community, arranging vocational training within the community, support with life skills such as basic finances, shopping, cooking, personal hygiene or social skills, support with parenting skills, advocacy, family and school support with transition and/or behaviour issues, support

for those dealing with a new diagnosis and work experience for high school students or new graduates. We also provide support with finding organizations and professionals to assist in the development, diagnosis and assessment of children with special needs, or suspected special needs. Mon-Fri 8am-6pm (after hours by appointment). Capital Paradise 3336, Shunyi District, Shunyi District (8046 3858, info@sidebysidebeijing.com) www.sidebysidebeijing.com 顺义区后沙峪首都公园3336号

Sino Bright School SBS offers an accredited diploma curriculum from British Columbia, Canada taught by B.C.-certified teachers, with the aim of preparing students for higher education in Canada or other Western countries. Founded in 1999, the school previously focused on Chinese students but is now enrolling international students. The school's language of instruction is English, but Chinese language classes are offered. 1) Yihai Huayuan, 129 Nanshuan Xilu, Fengtai District (6553 7171) www.schoolbj.com 2) Cambridge Middle School, Taihu, Tongzhou District (6553 7171) www.schoolbj.com 中加高中学校 1) 丰台区南四环西路129号怡海花园 2) 通州区台湖北京剑桥中学

Smile International Kindergarten (Smile IK) This international, multilingual kindergarten features a three-year program designed to foster students' social, intellectual, emotional, and physical development. The curriculum focuses on practical life skills, sensorial development, and basic knowledge of math, geography, science, art, and music. Foreign languages (English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Italian) are taught by qualified native speakers, and the recently-renovated facilities include two teaching buildings and an outdoor playground. Additional features include extended day care, after school activities, and regular field trips. The kindergarten also hosts birthday parties, seasonal celebrations, and an English summer camp that runs from June to August. Each week of the summer camp explores a different topic and is open to both expats and locals. The school welcomes new students at any point during the year; families can register during the week at Smile IK's main office. Age range: 3-6 years old. Unit 29-30, King's Garden Villa, 18 Xiaoyun Lu, Chaoyang District (6468 1227/1012, 182 0122 3702, smilekg@sina.cn) http://blog.sina.com.cn/u/2695180955 朝阳区霄云路18号京润水上花园别墅29-30号

Sunny Kids Garden International Kindergarten (SKG) SKG offers bilingual nursery, kindergarten and pre-school classes based on the internationally recognized HighScope teaching approach. Professionally

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Sunshine Bilingual Children's Learning Centre This bilingual children's center features both English foreign teachers and Chinese local teachers. Opening on September 3, 2012, the school caters to ages 2-6. School hours are from 8am to 4pm. Tuition fees (2012-2013 academic year): RMB 2,500/month, RMB 500/month for bus fees. Mon-Fri 8am-4pm. Unit D2-101, Kangying Jiayuan (close to Grand Hills), Jingmi Lu, Shunyi District (150 1139 2107 Rommel, 130 3112 5007 Sampa, pengu@yahoo.com) 顺义区顺义区京密路康营家园D2-101

Swedish School Beijing Established in 1994, Swedish School Beijing is open for all Scandinavian students. The teaching language of the school is Swedish with Swedish Curriculum where students work towards "Nationellaproov" while the school is also offering Chinese and English classes. Classes are taught in small groups, so each student can be monitored progressively. There are also after school activities such as sport, dance, cooking and crafts available. Age range: 2-12; tuition fee (2012/13): pre-school 50000-110000RMB, elementary school 120000-130000RMB. Lunch and snacks are included. School bus service is available. Gahood Villa, Xi baixinzhuan, Houshayu, Shunyi District (6456 0826, info@ssbchina.com) www.swedishschool.org.cn 瑞典小学 顺义区后沙峪镇西白辛庄嘉浩别墅

United World College (UWC) of Changshu China Opening in 2015, United World College Changshu China is a boarding school that plans to offer the two-year IBDP program and a one-year pre-IBDP preparatory program. Maximum capacity will be 520 students. UWC Changshu China is part of the United World Colleges founded in 1962

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Young Starters Academy (YSA) Formerly known as Beijing2Fun, Young Starters Academy is a bilingual kindergarten for ages 2-4 that takes a holistic approach to early childhood education. The curriculum makes learning fun; students will learn to exercise empathy, reason, and curiosity, and will not be afraid to solve problems. Young Starters' values program teaches future citizens to care about humanity and the environment. Teachers practice responsive nurturing to build self-confidence in each child. The academy features a small campus for up to 36 students, with low student-to-teacher ratio of 6-1. It practices right brain training, reading, and individualized piano lessons as part of its curriculum. Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year): RMB 7,000/month (full day); RMB 4,900/month (half day). 1) Rm 102, Unit 4, Block 6, Jiuduhui Apartments, Chaoyang District (18600049065, 13522563767, theyoungstarters@gmail.com) www.theyoungstarters.com 2) Rm 101, Unit 5, Block 5, Area 2, Upper East Side Apartments, 6 Dongsihuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (18600049065, 13522563767, theyoungstarters@gmail.com) www.theyoungstarters.com 1) 朝阳区华远九都汇6号楼4单元102室 2) 朝阳区东四环北路6号二区, 阳光上东5号楼5单元101室

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Favorite Teachers

The kids like many teachers, especially the ones who are always on the lookout for students doing well and who reward them with house points. With house points, the children can earn extra fun time in class.

Favorite School Traditions

We especially liked the Summer Fayre and Splash Day as well as musicals such as *Grease*.

Favorite Feature

There is a great atmosphere among kids, parents, and teachers. Besides a high academic level, there are plenty of opportunities for extra activities.

Favorite School Event

International Day, where you get to learn about different countries' cultures and their tasty foods.

Favorite After-School Activities

Aquabears swimming, cross-country, handball, cooking, and puppet making. Once a year, the boys also join the FOBISIA (Federation of British International Schools in Asia) sports tournament.

Would You Recommend BSB to Other Families?

BSB is highly recommended for parents that take academic progress seriously and appreciate a wide range of extracurricular activities. The diverse education environment creates a great basis for developing kids into global citizens. Our kids are simply happy at school and we are happy with their progress.

Favorite Field Trip

The two older ones have been on yearly "residential" [overnight trips]. So far Mick liked his Year 7 residential to Sanya the most and Tim liked his Year 4 residential to Ping Yao. Annelotte was most impressed by the field trip to Blue Zoo Beijing, where they got to see a mermaid in an aquarium.

The Schussel Family

The Schussels have been in Beijing for four years, having previously lived in Moscow for four and a half. Originally from the Netherlands, dad Aakon works for a Dutch company while mom Annamiek has volunteered at Sports Beijing for the last two years. This year, Annamiek plans to explore more of Beijing and teach Dutch to the couple's three children: Mick (age 11), Tim (10), and Annelotte (6), all of whom attend the **British School of Beijing, Shunyi (BSB)**. Annamiek chatted with *beijingkids* about what she and her family like best about their school. *Yvette Ferrari*

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