

# Dulaney High School

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## China Exchange Program

### Student Application

**Program Description:** Dulaney students and a teacher will spend eight weeks beginning in mid - May to mid - July at First Railway Middle School in Xi'an, China. This two-month stay in Xi'an is part of the Dulaney-China Exchange Program. In February and March, students and a teacher from First Railway, a top performing school in Xi'an, will stay with us.

We are now recruiting students from Dulaney High School. The selected students will be drawn from those currently enrolled in Chinese language course at Dulaney, students willing to study Chinese privately, or students who are native Chinese speakers.

We strongly encourage each participant's family to be a host home for one of our guests from Xi'an during February and March. One of the exchange program's goals is to build friendships not just between the high schools but between our communities.

Our students will live with host families located in Xi'an and with students attending First Railway School. They will attend classes, explore the cities, and travel to various historical and cultural sites such as: The Great Wall, The Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, The Summer Palace, The Temple of Heaven, Terracotta Warriors, and The Muslim Market. The ancient capital city of Xi'an is 5000 years old. Xi'an's cultural heritage is especially rich because it was the terminal of China's ancient "Silk Road" which connected Europe and Asia for trade and cultural exchanges. Students living in Xi'an will travel to Beijing at the end of their stay.

**Eligibility:** Students will be selected on the basis of the following criteria: strong academic performance; interest and aptitude for learning Chinese language, history, and culture; ability to serve as an ambassador for Dulaney, Maryland, and the United States; sensitivity to other people and cultures; maturity, support from family; and successful completion of the application and interview process.

**Application Deadline:** Applications are available from Mrs. Matusky in the DHS library. Please return your completed application to Mrs. Matusky or Mrs. Smith **by October 9, 2009**

**Questions:** There will be an informational meeting for students and their parents on Wednesday, **September 30, 2009 at 7PM in the Satellite Cafeteria.**

**Costs:** We estimate that the student/family's share of the expenses for this program will be approximately \$3600.00. The expenses would be as follows:

- \$2000-2500 for round-trip flight to Xi'an
- \$400 for 3-4 day stay in Beijing
- \$150 for admission to various historical/cultural sites
- Food and lodging would be taken care of by host families or living in dorms

Additional costs to participants could include:

- Visa - \$130
- Passport - \$100
- Vaccinations – cost varies depending on the provider
- Spending money
- Private Chinese lessons

**LANGUAGES:** All students going on the exchange will be expected to study a Chinese course.

**Questions:**

1. Please describe any experience you have had with the study of languages, in particular an experience you have had with Mandarin. (Include years studied, names of schools and teachers, experience at home, with travel, etc.) Who is/are your current language teacher(s)? (Continue on the back if necessary)

2. If you have not already been studying Mandarin, what is your interest in doing so? Are you planning to continue your study of Chinese?

**TRAVEL:** Previous travel experience is not a criterion for eligibility. However, because distance, time, and cultural difference are all significant factors in this exchange, we would like any insight into any time spent way from home.

**Questions:**

1. Please describe any travel you have done with your family in and out of the United States (please include location(s) visited and duration of stay.

2. Please describe any travel you have done without your family. (Include names of programs and lengths of time away from home)

**QUESTIONS:** The following questions are intended to make you reflect upon the experience for which you are applying. Please read all of the questions before beginning to compose your answers. Please answer on a separate piece of paper.

1. Why do you want to participate in this program?
2. Why do you think a two-month stay in China represents a particularly demanding challenge?
3. Why do you feel that you are well qualified to meet this challenge?
4. If your friend were selected for this program, what advice would you give him/her?
5. If accepted into this program, you will be expected to investigate some aspect of Chinese life and culture. What would you choose to research and why?

**HOSTING:**

1. Can your family host one of our guests from Xi'an during February and March 2010. Host families will form a tight network among each other to share ideas, responsibilities, and to plan occasional gatherings. Each host family will plan its own outings with their Chinese guest and establish their own house rules.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

2. If you cannot host one of our guests, can you recommend an interested family? Please list the name, address, and phone number of any potential host family you know.

**REFERENCES:**

Please list two teachers who would be able to serve as a reference for you:

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**(Optional)** If you would like to provide another, non-academic reference ( e.g. employer, adult who has worked with you) please write his/her name, phone number, and connection to you.

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**APPLICANT'S FULL NAME: (as on passport)**

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HOME ADDRESS:

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HOME TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL:

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GUIDANCE COUNSELOR: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST TEACHERS NAMES DURING SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010 (include subject/course)

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S):**

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ADDRESS:

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DAYTIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING PHONE:

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DAYTIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING PHONE:

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**PERSONAL INTERESTS**

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**TRAVEL DOCUMENT PREPARATION**

BIRTH PLACE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(County/City, State, Country)

STUDENT PRESENT COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Do you currently have a valid passport?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If "Yes," when does your passport expire? \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Year)

Name of Alternative Emergency Contact in the US  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

**Signature** of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_