

# Mandarin Language Arts Program

## Forest Grove Elementary



# History of the Program

- Burnaby Board of Education provides the opportunity for a Mandarin Language Arts Program at the elementary level.
- The program began in Kindergarten and Grade 1 in September 2010. In June 2018, the first Mandarin Language class graduated from Forest Grove Elementary with the majority of students enrolling in accelerated Mandarin courses at Burnaby Mountain Secondary.



## Considerations for Applying to the Mandarin Language Arts Program

- Students have a strong desire to learn another language
- Intended for students who have strong English oral language skills

# Program Overview

- Students will study the regular curriculum in English including English Language Arts, with Mandarin being delivered through a **component** of Language Arts.
- Kindergarten to Grade 3 students will receive approximately 150 minutes per week of instruction in Mandarin.

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- Intermediate students will receive approximately 150-180 minutes of Mandarin Language instruction per week, and will continue to develop oral language skills.
- After grade 7, students may decide to transition to Burnaby Mountain Secondary to take Mandarin in an accelerated pathway as their second language class.

# Mandarin Language and Cultural Goals

- Instruction will be delivered in Mandarin, with written components in Simplified Chinese.
- An understanding of and appreciation for Chinese culture.



## BIG IDEAS

Listening and viewing with intent helps us acquire a new language.

Both verbal and non-verbal cues contribute meaning in language.

Reciprocal communication is possible using high-frequency words and patterns.

Songs and stories help us to acquire language.

Each culture has traditions and ways of celebrating.

## Learning Standards

### Curricular Competencies

*Students are expected to do the following:*

#### Thinking and Communicating:

- Respond to simple commands and instructions

### Content

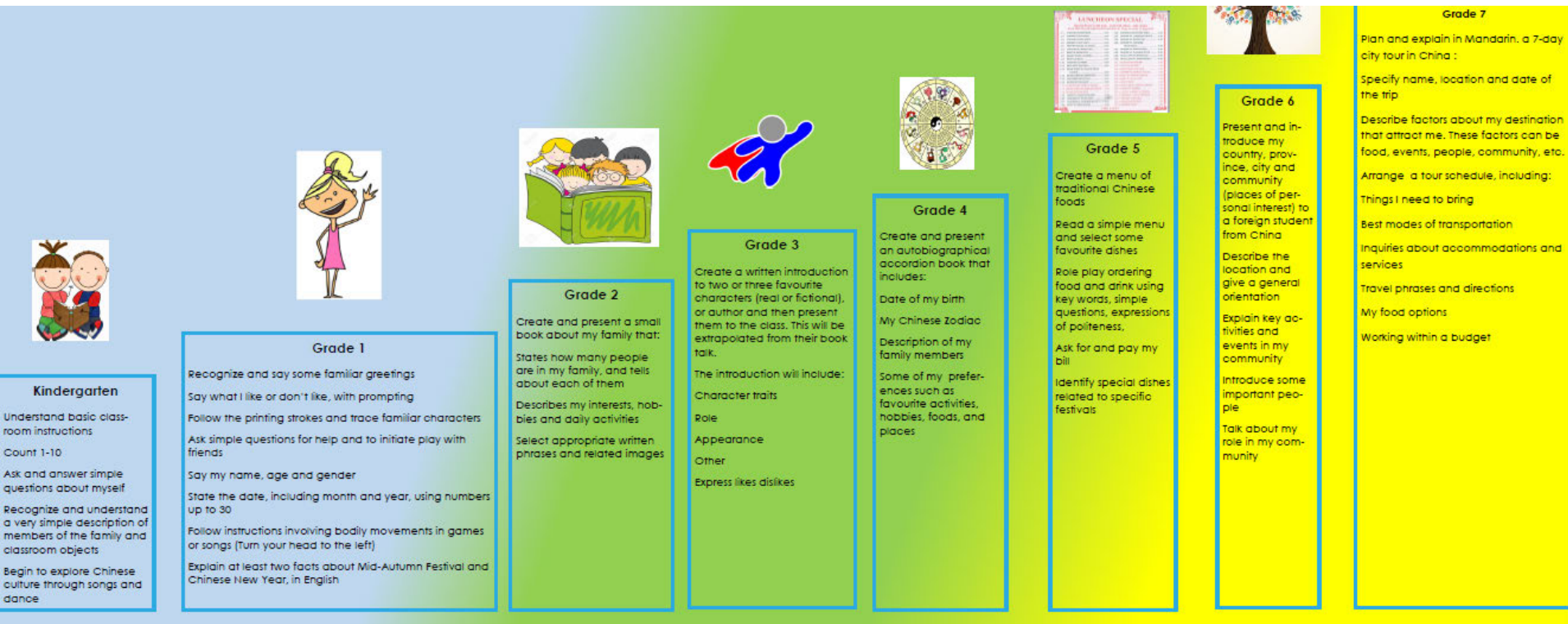
*Students are expected to know the following:*

- Common, high-frequency vocabulary, sentence structures, and expressions, including:

# Mandarin Language Arts Curriculum

Program teachers follow our Mandarin Language Arts Curriculum to provide a continuum of learning experiences through Kindergarten to Grade 7. Further information about the Mandarin Language Arts Curriculum for each grade level can be found here <https://forestgrove.burnabyschools.ca/1293-2/>

# Mandarin I Can Aspirations



Through the curriculum students develop Mandarin language skills over their time in the program. Our Mandarin 'I Can' Aspirations highlight the progression of learning from Kindergarten through Grade 7. It should be noted that each individual student will progress at their own pace and time. Some students may demonstrate features from current or preceding grade levels, or stay in one stage for longer than depicted in this graphic. To view the Mandarin I Can Aspirations document in full, please visit <https://forestgrove.burnabyschools.ca/1293-2/>



# Registration Procedures

Registration period opens annually February 1

**For students currently not registered in a Burnaby school (Kindergarten and students new to Burnaby):**

## Step 1

Complete the **Online Preliminary Registration** for your neighborhood catchment school. You will need to register your child for their catchment school first. As of February 1 the Online Preliminary Registration can be found at the following web address <https://burnabyschools.ca/registration/>

## Step 2

In addition to the Online Preliminary Registration and the required documents for new students, the **Online District Language Program Application** needs to be completed. The Online District Language Program Application will be available as of February 1 at the following web address <https://burnabyschools.ca/mandarin-language-program/>

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# Things to note ...

- On the online District Language Application Form, you may apply to more than one program, selecting the programs for which you are applying for in priority order.
- The program is generally filled to capacity at Kindergarten and also at Grade 1.
- Placement is not conducted on a first come first serve basis.
- To determine placement, the district lottery process is followed.

# Placement Categories

## Language Programs Lottery

In early March, District staff will follow the lottery process for all applications received for Early Immersion (Kindergarten and Grade 1), as well as Late Immersion (Grade 6). Through the lottery process, students are placed into Early and Late Immersion Programs. The following are the priority placement categories starting with category 1.

### Category 1.

Siblings of continuing District Language program students who are attending the school where the District Language Program is located and whose residence is in Burnaby.

### Category 2.

Students whose residence is within the Burnaby School District.

### Category 3.

Siblings of continuing students in the district program - residence outside of Burnaby.

### Category 4.

Students who are registered in and attending before and/or after school childcare at a licensed childcare within the Burnaby School District

### Category 5.

Students whose residence is outside of Burnaby.

# Waitlists

As our programs often receive more applications than available space, students unsuccessful in their application will be placed on a waitlist which is reviewed through the following process:

1. Students who were not selected will be placed on a waitlist.
2. If a spot becomes available, a verification email is sent to secretaries and principals indicating specific students to be contacted by the schools.
3. Waitlists are reviewed regularly up until September 30<sup>th</sup>. After that time there will be no further movement during the school year.



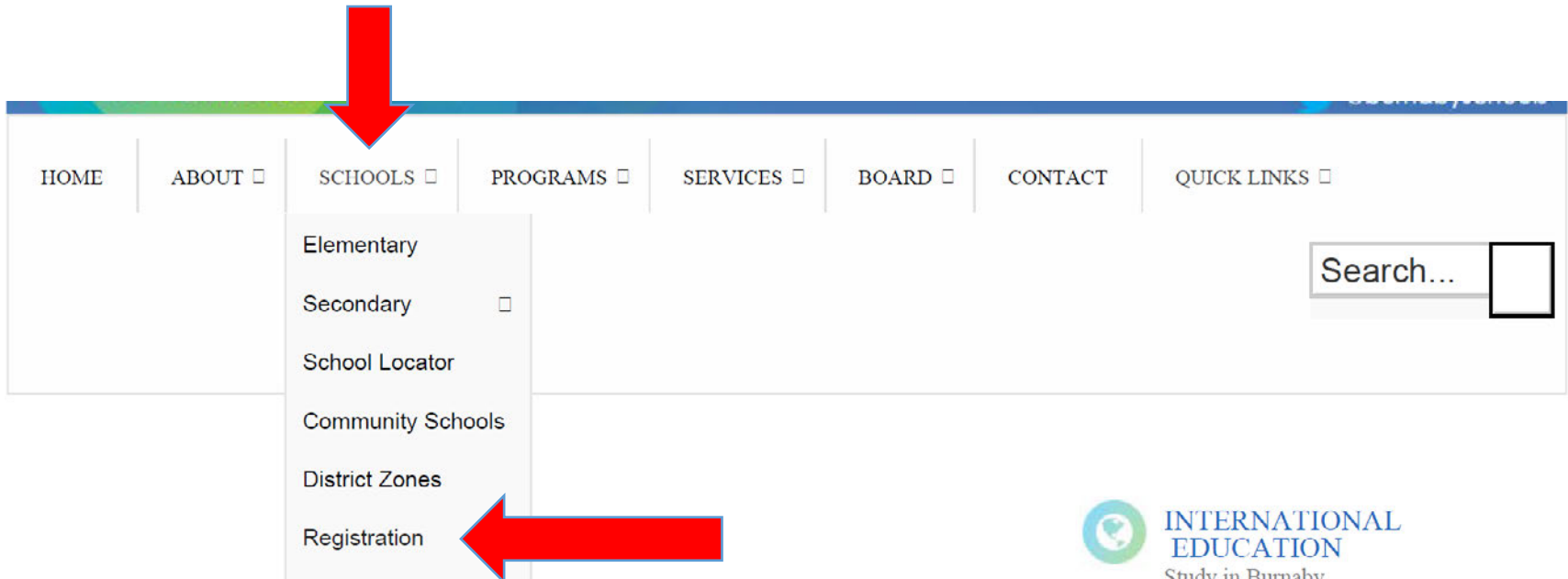
# Timeline

Forest Grove staff will contact successful applicants by spring break.

Unsuccessful contacts will also be contacted by spring break. These applicants will then be placed on a waitlist.

# Registration Info on District Website

<https://burnabyschools.ca/registration/>



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Burnaby Schools website. The 'SCHOOLS' menu item is highlighted with a red arrow pointing down to a dropdown menu. Within this dropdown, the 'Registration' link is highlighted with a red arrow pointing left. The dropdown menu includes the following options: Elementary, Secondary, School Locator, Community Schools, District Zones, and Registration. To the right of the navigation bar is a search box labeled 'Search...'. Below the navigation bar, the page content is divided into three columns. The left column features the heading 'REGISTRATION' and the text 'NEW TO CANADA?'. The middle column contains a list of links: 'INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION Study in Burnaby', 'CONTINUING EDUCATION New Opportunities', and 'BURNABY ONLINE'. The right column is partially visible and contains the text 'SCHOOL ZONES'.

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# Additional information about the Program

For additional information about the Mandarin Language Arts Program curriculum, please visit Forest Grove's information page at:

<https://forestgrove.burnabyschools.ca/1293-2/>

# Additional Registration Questions

If, after reading the presentation materials and information posted on the District Website, you still have questions about the registration process, please email:

[Registration@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:Registration@burnabyschools.ca)