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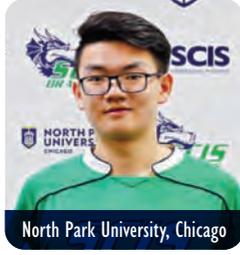
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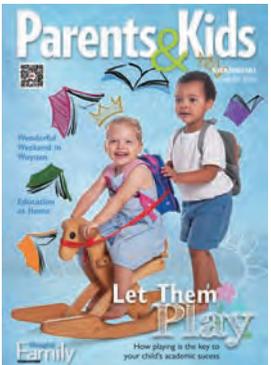


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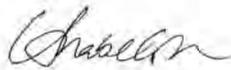
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Shanghai is a city where there are plenty of options available to parents. But how do you select the right school for your child? Whether an international or a bilingual institution, our School Directory arms parents with the knowledge to make an informed decision. This issue outlines the steps that you can take to make a thoughtful choice, and it includes questions that you might want to ask when going through the process. After all, selecting a school should also incorporate your own academic expectations and reflect the values of your family.

Choosing a school is not easy and we hope we can make your family's decision as stress-free as possible. But excelling doesn't always equate to high academic performance. In this edition we will also be introducing extracurricular activities. For parents looking for the perfect school, we hope to make the process smoother by giving new tips on selecting the right early education programmes. After all, the first step is the most important one.

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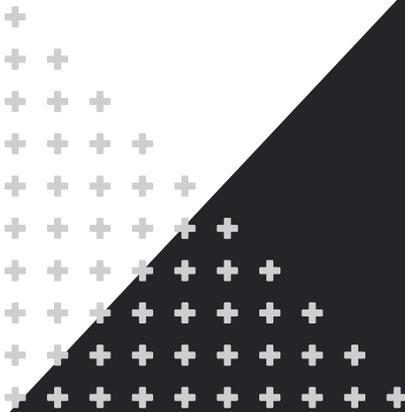
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# Two Sides of a River

*Which side to call home? By Anabela Mok*



Shanghai is a diverse and bustling city that is home to 26.32 million people.

Although there has been plenty of talk in the expatriate circle comparing the two sides of the Huangpu River to Manhattan and New Jersey, there is more than just two neighbourhoods to this vibrant city.

### Xuhui District

Xuhui is one of the larger districts of Shanghai that is culturally significant. You can find cutting edge architecture just steps away from idyllic streets with charming European-style homes. There are plenty of boutique shops and artisan grocers which makes it very attractive for westerners to relax and hang out.

Xujiahui area in the center of Xuhui District is a bustling commercial business district that's home to Grand Gateway Plaza, St. Ignatius Cathedral, and Xujiahui Observatory. Another bustling business district is on Middle



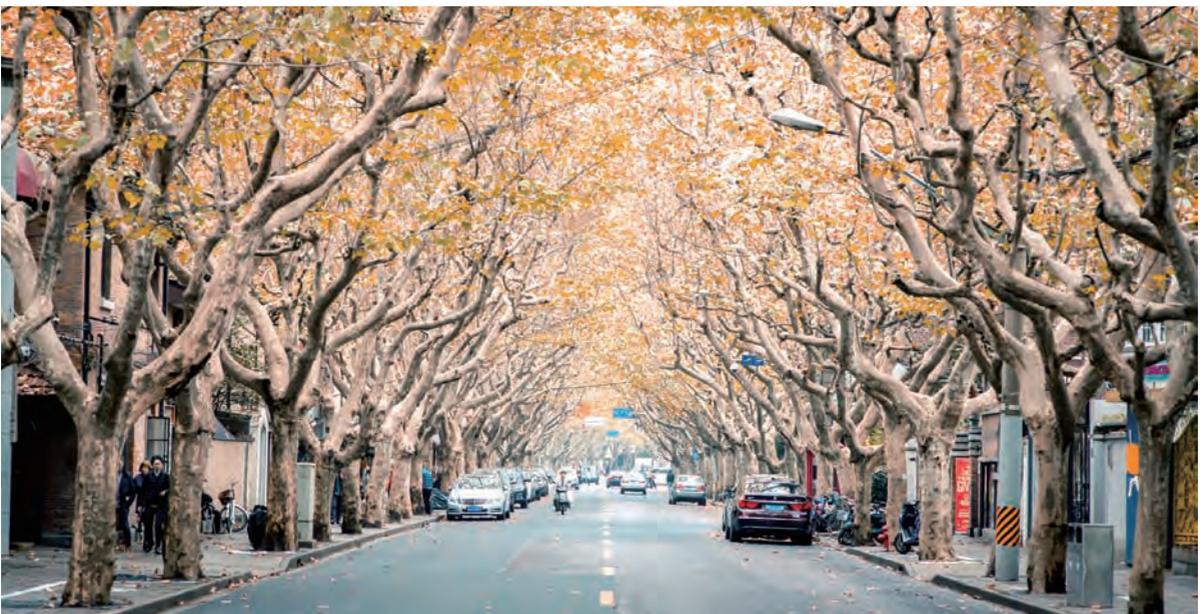
Huaihai Road, which has mall IAPM and within close walking distance to Xintiandi in Huangpu District. On the eastern side of Xuhui District, you can find a vibrant art and culture scene at the West Bund. With beautiful riverside views of the Huangpu River and home to Long Art Museum, Shanghai Center of Photography, and Yuz Museum, this is also an up and coming neighborhood that is rising in popularity.

**For living:** For many foreign families, popular neighbourhoods to

reside in run from Changle Road and Huashan Road going south towards Hongqiao Road, alongside Hengshan Road. There is a mix of old lane houses and newer high storied apartment compounds. This district is accessible to major metro lines with notable metro stops of Xujiahui, South Shaanxi Road, Changshu Road, and Zhaojiabang Road.

### Jing'an District

Jing'an District is the area surrounding Jing'an Temple. Here you can find modern high-rise apart-



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ments and British-style old villas and lane houses. West Nanjing Road is one of the major commercial streets that runs through the district that is home to many international offices. Although Jing'an District is considered one of the smaller districts in Puxi, it is a lively spot to be in. And its central location is also one of the reasons why real estate property pricing here is quite high.

Some highlights of Jing'an include the commercial area of Kerry Center, the Jing'an sculpture park, Natural History Museum, and the quiet idyllic neighbourhoods surrounding Suzhou Creek. Many families also reside in this district due to the proximity to entertainment and dining hot spots, plus you can find many kid-friendly activities in this area

**For living:** Living in Jing'an District is quite popular among the expa-

triate community, especially the area north of Jing'an Temple and in the area near Suzhou Creek. You will see many school buses from many international schools running through the area during pick up and drop off times. Apartments in Jing'an are mainly modern high rises and you can find serviced apartments as an option for accommodation if you have just arrived in town.

Another area to consider as an alternative near Jing'an is Putuo District (in the Changshou Road area, near Haifang Road).

### Huangpu District

Huangpu District is a culturally diverse area that is home to some of the city's famous landmarks, the Bund and Xintiandi. Sprawling from Bundside to Middle Huaihai Road (where it borders Xuhui District), the area is full of glitzy shopping department stores and

fancy dining options. But that's not all. Here you will find a great mix of foreign-styled architecture, old shikumen-styled residences, and modern buildings.

Cultural highlights of this area include People's Park. You can spend days enjoying every facet the park has to offer, including its many museums. Towards the eastern side of the district, you will find yourself in the up and coming area of South Bund. This is projected to be another financial zone with many skyscrapers filling the skyline. If you are looking for quirky and fun, Tianzifang is an old shikumen neighbourhood turned boutique shopping area. There are plenty of restaurants and tourists in this area.

**For living:** You can find attractive housing in Huangpu District. Whether you want to live along the Bund for the beautiful river view or stay closer inland, the choice is yours to make. The Bund has plenty of newly built luxury housing. However, if you want to stay in a period home or in a lane house, it is also an option. People's Square is a convenient area as it's a massive transportation hub with many metro line connections that will take you to any part of the city. If you want something quieter, you can also consider Dapuqiao Road as it's mainly shorter high rises with residential neighbourhoods that are also good for families or Huaihai Road near Xintiandi with its luxury compounds.

### Yangpu District

North of Huangpu District and directly above Hongkou District is Yangpu District. It is home to two of Shanghai's best universi-





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**For living:** Many foreigners enjoy living in this area because of its proximity to the Hongqiao economic hub and international schools such as Yew Chung, SUIS and SCIS. In Hongqiao there is the Gubei neighbourhood where many Asian expatriates live, so there are plenty of specialty shops for Korean and Japanese groceries especially if you are looking for a particular ingredient. Hongmei Road is also famous for its entertainment street, also known as *laowaijie*, which is an entertainment hub full of western restaurants and pubs for a relaxing night out.

ties, Fudan University and Tongji University. You will find many international students and teachers living in this area. The two bustling spots are Wujiachang, which is where most university faculty and students reside. And Daxue Road, which is where many students enjoy hanging out.

Expat families will enjoy living here as it is a quite relaxed and easy-going neighbourhood, albeit a bit more localised. If you are looking for schools, the French and German school opened a campus here last year, so this will be a convenient commute for families with children enrolled there.

### Changning District

Changning District stretches from downtown Shanghai to the suburbs. You can expect bustling areas around the central business district surrounding Zhongshan Park and also the popular neigh-

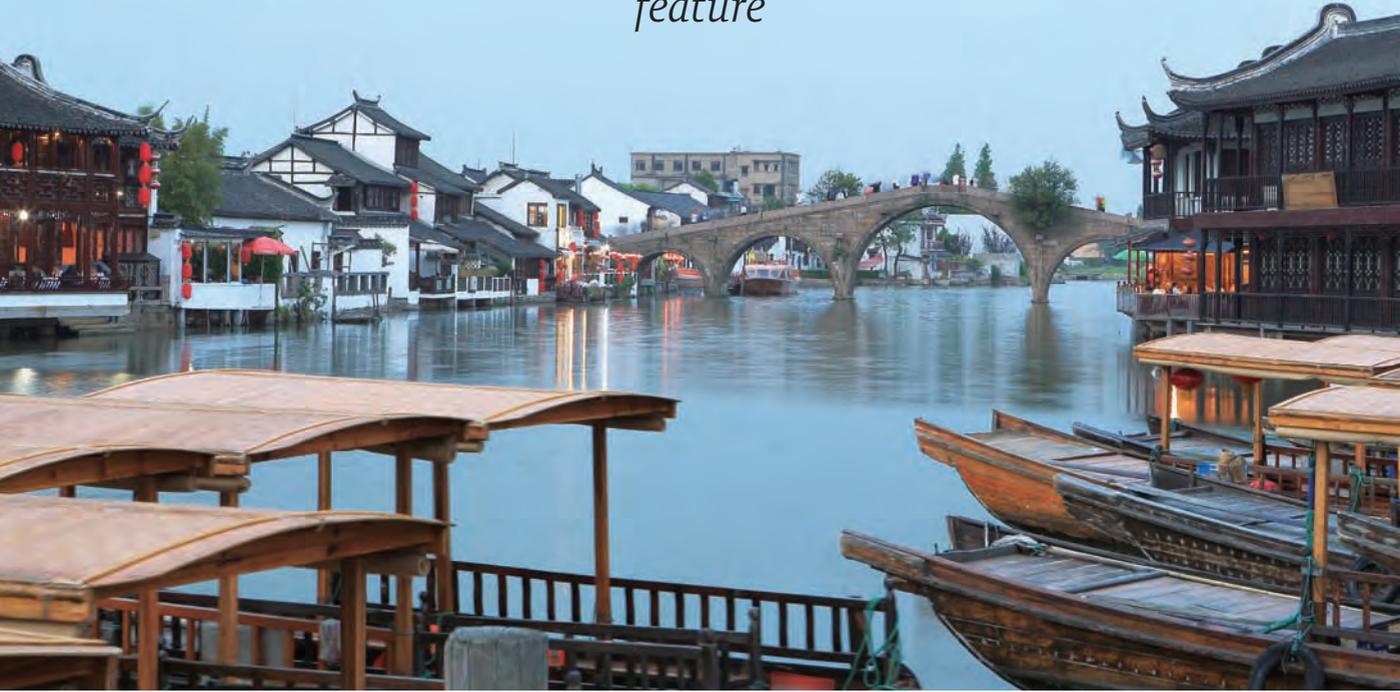
bourhood Gubei. Changning District is also home to Changfeng Park, which also has an underwater aquarium. And, moving southward within the district, it also includes another part of Hongqiao Town (which overlays with Minhang District), which is home to the Hongqiao International Airport and the bustling Hongqiao economic hub. In Hongqiao you can find The Shanghai Zoo and plenty

### Minhang District

Minhang is where a lot of international schools and universities set up their campus. Here you can find many residential neighbourhoods, as well as the site of many factories and production facilities.

**For living:** As an expat, you may consider residing near and around Hongmei Road or in Huacao Town since it is in close proximity to the international schools.





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### **Qingpu District**

Located in the western part of Shanghai, it spans from East Xujing (next to the Hongqiao International Airport) to Zhujiajiao watertown and Dianshan Lake. This is a great option for housing. It is quieter than in-city living, but it's easy to get to city centre via metro line 2 or 17.

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### **Pudong New Area**

On the opposite side of Puxi on the eastern side of the Huangpu River is Pudong New Area. This area is massive and it comprises everything from a world-recognized financial district, industrial zones and free trading zone, Waigaoqiao. It has a wildlife zoo, fruit picking farms, and Disneyland! This sprawling space has plenty of residential areas for you to choose from.

If you need to be in a central location, Lujiazui can be a viable option. It has modern skyscrapers, international shopping, and world-famous hotels. Expats who work in the area can live in one of the large compounds with onsite facilities like swimming pools, club houses, and gyms. Pudong Avenue is also a mix of residential and commercial areas as well as Century Park. Jinqiao and Biyun (also known as Green City) are very popular neighbourhoods for expatriate families. Kangqiao is also a great neighbourhood as it is home to many international schools. **SF**



# International School Curriculums at a Glance

*Learn the lingo of high school curriculum. By Abbie Pumarejo*

When choosing an international school for your child, families should consider the bigger picture and whether they will be returning home or if another international move is in their future. To help parents in selecting the appropriate curriculum for their child, here is a quick guide.

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- This European-based diploma certification is recognized worldwide.

## Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement (AP) is a program developed and administered by the College Board, the organization responsible for the SAT (formerly known as the Scholastic Aptitude Test), allowing students to obtain college credits while still in high school.

- AP classes give students the experience of an introductory level college class that qualifies learners for more advanced classes upon entrance to North American colleges.
- Nearly all American and Canadian universities accept AP scores for credit. Again, it is important to do research, as each university will have different policies about credit transfers.
- It is not a two-year requirement compared to the IB Diploma programme or A-Levels.
- It is an American-based diploma certification recognized mainly in the USA and select universities worldwide.

## IGCSE

The International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) is a British curriculum which prepares students for the IB and A-Level examinations. English language is the heart of the curriculum, ensuring students' ability to communicate fluently in the world's most widely spoken language.

- The IGCSE programme is a precursor to A-Level, AP, and IB certification, and is completed in the first two years of high school.
- It is an exam-based curriculum that tests the knowledge of individual subjects, awarding one IGCSE qualification for each successful subject exam.
- There are three types of board exams for the IGCSE: Cambridge IGCSE, Pearson Edexcel International GCSE and Oxford AQA. They all take place during different times of the year.

## A-Levels

A-Level exams are subject-based qualifications achieved as part of the General Certificate of Education (GCE) offered in the UK curriculum courseware. This is particularly relevant for students in secondary schools.

- A-Levels are required for university entrance, and conditional acceptance by UK post-secondary institutes are based on students' grades.
- Students can expect to take three A-Levels in order to obtain offers from various universities, and most pick courses based on their desired degree.
- Many of the higher-level degree subjects do require specific A-Levels for acceptance to the programme, so it is important to research university requirements before starting the programme. 



# Paying for School Fees

*Parents financially plan for education.* By Lynn Yen

Sound financial planning is important for any person, but it becomes especially so once you have dependants, your lovely kids. Those cute, small humans require money, and one of the biggest expenses can be education.

If you have your eyes on a private international school, be ready to pay up. The school fees in Shanghai are among the most expensive in the world, with average yearly prices for pre-kindergarten or nursery at 165,055 RMB (US\$25,300), increasing up to 281,110 RMB (US\$43,000) for the final years of high school.

Of course international schools aren't the only option for education. There are fee paying bilingual schools, which fall in the 100,000 to 200,000 RMB range, and local public schools with international curriculum departments, which cost below 100,000 RMB. Some families even opt for home schooling.

I talked to three Shanghai families with young kids to see how they approach financial planning and paying for school fees.

There was a time when receiving expat benefits was more commonplace. This all-inclusive relocation

package, paid by big multinational employers, includes school fees on top of housing and medical insurance. A smaller portion of the international community is on this package now. Of the three families I talked to, one is an entrepreneur, and two out of three don't receive funds from their employer to pay for education.

For Pav, her husband's company gave them a price range for school fees. She hadn't thought about school fees until her first child was getting old enough to attend school, and counts her family lucky that the company agreed to cover school fees, including pre-

kindergarten. With the recent birth of her second child, she'll be having that conversation again.

She and her husband have always saved for the lifestyle they wanted, and that future included multiple kids, plus their schooling costs. Upon the arrival of kids, Pav and her husband chose to enrol in life insurance. Their family utilize financial planners at St. James Place to help with expat status and investments in the UK, and Standard Chartered out of Singapore for Asia-based investments.

The family has lived in Shanghai for over four years, and foresee themselves staying another three to five years. Pav says that if they were to move anywhere else in Asia, where she grew up, a school package would be a big deciding factor. If her financial situation changed to a point where the family's saving ability would take a hit from paying for school fees, Pav would consider other options such as changing schools.

Paty, another parent, has been in Shanghai for six years and hopes her husband's employer, a small import company, can contribute to education fees in the future for her three-year-old. She said she would discuss with the company before having a second kid. Like Pav, Paty also didn't think about school fees as a big expense until her daughter was born.

Planning for the next few years, Paty thinks a British international school would be great for elementary school and beyond, but she is also looking into public schools and their international departments for her daughter, prioritising

language as well as cost.

The family doesn't have plans to move, but is unsure how long their Shanghai journey will end up running.

In addition to budgeting and saving every month, Paty has income from property abroad the family could tap into for covering primary and secondary school fees if needed. With the economic impact of COVID-19, she knows the situation could be worse. She suggests to expecting parents that they speak to their employer about an education package.

Greg, founder and executive of a food and beverage company, has known since early on that he would settle in China and raise a family. He has lived here since 2008, and therefore knew the high living costs of Shanghai, including the price range of international school fees. Greg started saving early for the life he envisioned,

long before his daughter entered the picture. He considers himself financially literate, and does his own finances and investments. School fees are something his family plans to pay for out of pocket, and are now incorporated as a line item in their budget.

Still, he was shocked by the intensity of pre-kindergarten admissions. His daughter is two years old, but Greg found the research, school visits, cost, and competitive admission application process to be comparable to getting into college.

A determining factor in financial planning is how long families see themselves living in Shanghai. Another major factor is whether or not employers cover school fees. With an early, clear idea of the future, it's easier to estimate cost of living and to plan for a desired type of lifestyle for both parents and kids. **SF**



# Protect Your Children from Sports Injuries

Learn how to prevent, identify, and treat sports injuries from a **Columbia Kaiyi Clinic** physician.



There's no denying that physical exercise is beneficial to children, but it can also cause injuries. Parents can help children enjoy physical exercise while avoiding injury. To address this challenge, Dr Kyle Xiong, a rehab physician from Shanghai Bainuo and Yihui Clinics and a father of two daughters, offers real-life suggestions on how to avoid injury during physical exercise.

## What are the main causes of post-exercise injuries?

### **Cause 1: Lack of basic sporting knowledge, irregular exercise methods, lack of muscle tone**

If children do not have enough technique in certain sports, and do insufficient exercise, then these

wrong techniques put an added load on a certain parts of the body. When the load exceeds the limits that their bodies can handle, different kinds of injuries will occur.

### **Cause 2: No injury prevention training nor proper warm-up before the exercise**

Children don't know how to properly warm up and protect themselves from injury, and therefore lack the awareness and ability to protect themselves. If there isn't a proper warm-up beforehand, injuries are bound to occur.

### **Cause 3: Personal reasons, ill-fitting clothing, unprofessional venue and equipment**

Each child has a different physical condition, like tight muscles, weak

joints, or especially scoliosis, which can easily lead to injury during exercise. In addition to their own physical conditions, ill-fitting clothing and unprofessional venue and equipment can all cause injuries.

**The doctor suggests:** Teach children the correct way of exercising, increase exercise time to strengthen muscle tone and pay attention to warm-ups. Warm-up exercises are especially necessary before high-intensity sports with running, jumping, and some other competitive sports.

## When these signs occur, it's most likely a sports injury

**Scenario 1: After exercise, the child's muscles are in constant and intense pain**

It's probably a pulled muscle. Muscle pull is a relatively common sports injury. If you do not warm-up before exercising or if you exercise too much, this may lead to different degrees of muscle pull. In its early stages, the injury will lead to swelling and pain in the joint area, preventing the patient from moving as usual.

**Scenario 2: After exercise, the child's joint area continues to have severe pain, and can't move as usual**

This is most likely a partial sprain or even dislocation. Exercise may lead to sprains or even dislocated joints with sudden and improper movements. Such injuries will cause pain and swelling symptoms in certain areas.

**The doctor suggests:** Usually, muscle soreness and pain caused by general non-sports injury won't last very long. Just let the child rest for a while. If the child is in severe pain or pain lasts longer than three days, which is commonly referred to as the "golden 72 hours", then parents must pay attention and bring the child to the hospital ASAP.

**"Growing pain" and "sports pain" are really different**

Because children and adolescents have a high tolerance for sports injury, it is easy to ignore or misdiagnose an injury. Due to the lack of awareness of sports injuries, it is very easy to mistake the pain as "growing pain" and be ignored by parents when children complain about their joint pain. But in fact, it is easy to tell the difference

between "growing pain" and "sports pain". "Growing pain" is mostly due to children's relatively large amount of physical activity and fast-growing bones and joints. The pain of a sports injury however, usually only appears on one side of the leg during walking and other movement, and the pain is alleviated while at rest.

**The doctor suggests:** When the child complains about pain, the parents should encourage him or her to point out the degree, frequency, and duration of pain, so that parents can make a prejudice and decide if the child should go to the hospital for further examination and treatment.

**How can parents immediately deal with a sports injury?**

When children have sports injuries, make sure they receive proper treatment to prevent further aggravation, and minimize the damage. The mainstream treatment of sports injuries is the "POLICE" principle.

"P" refers to Protection. Stop the child from moving immediately to protect the injured part from further injury.

"OL" refers to the Optimal Loading. Early strength stimulation during treatment and rehabilitation must use the appropriate weight load for recovery.

"I" refers to Ice, which is usually applied within 72 hours in the early stages of injury to reduce swelling and pain. Remember,

don't use hot stuff!

"C" refers to Compression. In the event of injury, the affected area needs to be wrapped up as soon as possible for professional medical treatment as well as to reduce swelling and bleeding.

"E" refers to Elevation, which is conducive to the deswelling of the injured area.

**The doctor suggests:** The "POLICE" principle is the general treatment for acute injuries, which need to be taken seriously and treated differently than other kinds of sports injuries. In addition to these treatments, it is very important that the injured person should be sent for professional medical treatment and rehabilitation as soon as possible.

Let's hope all children can enjoy sports freely without getting injuries.

**Dr Xiong and physiotherapists Columbia Kaiyi Clinic**

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# How to be Prepared for an Emergency

We spoke to experts at **ParkwayHealth** and asked them how we could best be prepped for a medical emergency.



**W**hen was the last time you took a first aid course? Yep...I thought so. Unless mandated by your company you probably haven't been to one for ages. The thing about first aid is you always hope and pray you never need it. If you do though, it needs to be a gut reaction, something you can do while the adrenaline is pumping, which is especially the case when it's one of your children that is hurt. So, what do you need to know? And when should you zoom straight to the hospital.

First, remember that prevention remains the best cure.

Get routine medical and preventive care from a family doctor. Getting necessary immunisations and treating minor illnesses before they get serious and can minimise visits to the emergency depart-

ment. Learn how to recognise emergency warning signs.

Some warning signs of a medical emergency include (but are not limited to) difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, chest or upper abdominal pain or pressure, fainting, sudden dizziness, weakness or change in vision, confusion or change in mental status, sudden severe pain, bleeding that won't stop, severe or persistent vomiting, coughing up or vomiting blood, suicidal or homicidal feelings.

## Know where to get help

In Shanghai, the emergency numbers you must know are:

*120 - Ambulance*

*110 - Police*

*119 - Fire Brigade*

And, you should know the number of a 24-hour hospital. It is a good idea to keep these numbers in a practical place, such as posted to

your fridge and in your mobile phone contacts.

## ICE contact

Save a number in your phone under ICE or In Case of Emergency, this can be your spouse, your best friend or someone you trust. For your children make sure your number is saved in their phone under this as well as 'Mum' or 'Dad' to ensure you're the first person called if you're not on the scene.

## Have enough cash on hand

Most hospitals in Shanghai now take Alipay or WeChat Pay but have cash just in case. In local hospitals (which you might have to go to if they are closest in a real emergency) you need to pay a fee before you are seen, and it's best to have enough cash to cover it. Have a few hundred RMB stashed in your wallet or phone case at all times, and have the option to eas-



ily draw out more.

### **In an emergency situation**

Get the patient to the closest emergency room.

Ambulances in Shanghai are run by the Shanghai Medical First Aid Centre (also called the Shanghai Ambulance Center). Medical transport vehicles are based throughout the city and there is a 24-hour dispatch centre. People using the ambulance service must pay the driver in RMB cash upon arrival at the hospital. In general, you can request the ambulance to take you to a specific hospital. To call an ambulance, dial 120 and provide the call centre with your information. It is best to have someone who speaks Chinese with you.

Often, taking a cab or getting your driver to take you to an E.R. might be better than calling an ambu-

lance, considering the time it takes an ambulance to arrive at your location and then drive you to the Emergency Room – it's also generally cheaper.

Never move anyone who is unconscious or has struck their head or been injured in a car crash.

It is recommended to keep the injured person still until help arrives unless he or she is in danger. In case of injury, wait for the ambulance to arrive at your location.

### **Learn what to do until help arrives**

First aid skills are important, especially when dealing with children. Knowledge of CPR, what to do when someone is choking, or how to manage shock or handle fractures until emergency help arrives is very valuable. Consider

first aid training for your ayi, driver, and yourself.

When treating burns, just use cold water. Don't use ice or butter or petroleum jelly or toothpaste. If burns blister, are large (bigger than the palm of the victim's hand) or deep, get immediate medical help.

If a person has a cut, hold a clean towel (not tissue or kitchen roll) to the cut and try to stop the bleeding, if there is a foreign object, like glass, in the wound, do not remove it.

Emergencies are not ideal, but they do happen. The best thing you can do is use your common sense and book yourself to take a first aid course.

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# Dulwich College Shanghai Students Share Their Passion for Service and Sustainability

Children are innately hardwired to care about the world around them and take action to solve problems that they see. At Dulwich College Shanghai, Living Worldwise is about more than teaching global citizenship. We see it as our responsibility to empower our students with the skills and disposition to tackle problems head on, to enable leadership, and to foster the spirit of ingenuity that will allow them to shape the world of tomorrow. Some of our students share the projects they have spearheaded to make a positive difference in the world.



**“Curtis, Y11**  
*A team of Dulwich College Shanghai Puxi students put forward an idea for the Dulwich pioneering spirit grant. Our idea was to introduce ‘Farm Bot’ on campus: an off the grid ‘robot farmer’ which sows, waters and observes crops as they grow, remotely notifying us when they are ready for harvest. The older students in our team set up the technology and were able to teach the Year 7s about sustainable agriculture, so everyone gained something.”*



**“Zoe, Y11**  
*Over the years, the use of palm oil has done huge damage to rainforests around the world. At Dulwich College Shanghai Puxi, we are committed to sustainability, so I started a campaign to remove palm oil from our restaurant. I met with the restaurant staff, and proposed some alternatives to using palm oil for cooking. Eventually, they agreed to use substitutes which were more sustainable. We now have a palm oil free menu in our restaurant.”*



**“Winnie, Y13**  
*The Peace Centre (TPC) is a home for orphaned children situated in Southwest Uganda. With a vast number who are double orphans with no immediate family, most of the children are behind in school because they have not been able to afford the fees. Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong has a long standing relationship with TPC. Our service trip to Africa to support TCP was truly an unforgettable experience. The community welcomed us into their culture, and from singing together, reading to them as they made us friendship bracelets or walking them to school, I will treasure those friendships forever.”*



**“Coco, Y12**  
*Design has always been close to my heart, and upcycled clothing is a way to combine my passions for fashion and sustainability. Over the last few months I have designed and produced a range of apparel from materials that would normally be thrown away. It’s been a real team effort with students involved in procuring materials and producing the clothes. I will be exhibiting my upcycled fashion show at this year’s Eco Warriors Summit and hope to highlight how easy it is for my fellow students to make a difference.”*

Student agency is a core tenet of the Dulwich educational philosophy and we strongly believe that authentic global citizenship is enabled when we empower our students to take action on the causes they are passionate about. We are excited to see what new ideas can be formed when our students feel valued and supported to stand up and make a difference.



# Preparing for College

*Starting the college conversation.* By Lynn Yen

For those under age 18, you have probably been told that your full time job is being a student. A big project in this decades-long job is applying for, getting into, and graduating from college. It's the achievement most teenagers work towards their whole secondary school career, and it can be daunting. The topic of college is seemingly on the tip of every educator and parent's tongue. Preparing for college is a big decision in the life of students. So how should you approach it?

Patrick Love, a college counsellor at Concordia International School Shanghai, answered our questions

about preparing for college. Here is what he had to say about shepherding students through this important phase.

Concordia starts talking to students about higher education once they enter high school. The conversations focus on the student's interests, strengths, and future career goals. Importantly, identifying these can help in selecting majors and colleges. But deciding when to bring the college subject up at home comes down to individual families and students.

*"We touch on it [college planning] with students in 9th and 10th grades.*

*We then go more in depth in 11th and then 12th grades, as students begin to accumulate the work that will be part of the applications they send into colleges.*

*At Concordia, in the annual 1-on-1 reflection and planning meetings that we do starting in grade 9, we have students reflect on their strengths and interests. They can then identify a range of college majors where they might be able to go deeper yet into those areas. Counsellors can then give them some suggestions of colleges that would be strong in the area that they might want to pursue."*

Don't fret if your student doesn't have strongly defined interests or a clear idea on careers, they have time to discover and decide.

*"It's actually quite common for students to go to college while being "undecided" about their major. Additionally, one piece of research I've read said that two-thirds of students who think they have a major selected before starting college actually change their minds and pursue something else. Whether a student is sure they know what they are going to do, or have no idea, I think it's important to keep going deeper into current interests, exploring, and further developing skills and knowledge that will help them to be successful in the next step in their lives."*

Outside of what subject to major in, other factors to consider are the unique characteristics of each university such as social life, student body makeup, location, teaching style, and financial costs that make for a better or worse fit.

*"College 'fit' can be a little bit hard to define because it is a little bit different for everyone. Generally speaking, fit is made up of a range of social, academic, and financial factors.*

*We encourage students to visit college campuses and get a feel for the student body. Ideally we want students to feel like they will be appreciated, and that they look forward to spending the next four years with the students on that campus. Academically, students need to find a place that matches their learning preferences and where they will be provided with opportunities that will successfully prepare them for the future. Financially, the schools where a student applies need to fall within the budgetary realities or goals of their family."*

When you start researching schools and their differing application requirements, online resources such as virtual school tours are useful. Additionally, high school counsellors are seasoned in

college admissions and have accumulated a wealth of information.

*"I spend a lot of time talking to college reps about the application procedures they use, and how my students would go about applying. I also keep a spreadsheet that lists all the countries that my students apply to, and websites that contain key information on how to research schools, majors, and application procedures. One resource for US institutions is [bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org). It contains both college and career research tools."*

Applying for college is an important event, but it doesn't have to be overly painful. There are many resources at a student's disposal from family, friends, school teachers and counsellors, online resources, and even college admissions agencies. It's good to keep in mind that there isn't a definitive right or wrong choice or path. So arm yourself with information and give it your best effort. **SF**





# Making the Most of Gap Year

*Learning outside the classroom.  
By Xiyona Gosain*

Taking a gap year was not initially part of my 10-step plan to adulthood, but here I am, living through my “free” year as I gear up for university. For many of us, it is hard to talk about our year without referring to the obstacle that masked us from living ‘normally’. It’s safe to say, if it hadn’t been for COVID-19, I would have bid my farewells to Shanghai and would have probably been crying over my midterms right about now. Although it was a decision forced upon me, I do not regret taking time away from school and would recommend it to every high school senior.

Putting yourself out in the real world before you commit to a specific major allows you to explore your interests. It serves as an internal checklist, making sure you’re studying what you want to. Getting job experience gives you an insight into your desired career

and the bonus of putting it on your resume. Shanghai Family was that platform for me. I was able to expand my current interests through a real-life simulation before entering the job market. While I interned at Shanghai Family, I was able to experience the life of an editor and an illustrator. The time I spent at the office taught me the value of my skills and the importance of socialising with people outside of my comfort zone. I do believe this will benefit me when I attend art school soon. Find something that really resonates with who you are as a person, and that will be the push you need when you’re feeling down.

Now, I would drop everything and travel to Seoul for three months for a study program, had it been any other year. Although I wasn’t able to, I encourage others to not miss out on the opportunity to travel and study abroad. Getting out of

your comfort zone allows you to grow and teaches you independence, which will help you for the rest of your life.

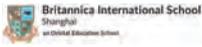
Want to learn to build an app? Or learn a language but never found the time? A gap year is perfect to indulge and explore beyond current interests. It is consequential to keep an open mind and exude self-awareness. Without teachers, counsellors, or essentially school, it is easy to get side-tracked and lose motivation. 2020 taught me the significance of adaptability. It is important to be self-disciplined as each activity one undertakes helps to build you. I recommend getting out of your comfort zone, socialising, and getting experience in your field and work that ignites the passion in you.

It’s ironic as the name, a gap year, isn’t missing out on life but a chance to enhance yourself as an individual. **SF**

# Quick Compare

| Schools   | Area/District     | Age Range  | Tuition  | IB                | AP | A Level | IGCSE | Curriculum   |
|---|-------------------|--|--|-------------------|----|---------|-------|--|
| Britannica International School, Shanghai             | Minhang           | Pre-Nursery to Year 13                           | ¥196,950 - 277,550/year                              |                   |    | ✓       | ✓     | English National Curriculum                                |
| Concordia International School Shanghai               | Pudong            | Preschool to Grade 12                            | ¥195,000 - 270,000/yea                               |                   | ✓  |         |       | American Curriculum  |
| Deutsche Schule Shanghai                              | Yangpu/ Qingpu    | Preschool to Grade 12                            | Kindergarten: ¥136,600/year<br>School: ¥185,000/year |                   |    |         |       | German Curriculum  |
| Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong                       | Pudong            | Toddler to Year 13                               | ¥114,000 - ¥325,000/year                             | ✓                 |    |         | ✓     | English National Curriculum                                |
| Dulwich College Shanghai Puxi                         | Minhang           | Toddler to Year 12 (Year 12 to commence in 2022) | ¥114,000 - ¥325,000/year                             | ✓                 |    |         | ✓     | English National Curriculum                                |
| Harrow International School Shanghai                  | Pudong            | 18 months to 18 years                            | ¥230,000- ¥320,000/year                              |                   |    | ✓       | ✓     | Early Years Foundation Stage & English National Curriculum |
| Lycée Français de Shanghai (Shanghai French School)   | Yangpu/ Qingpu    | Kindergarten to Grade 12                         | ¥100,000 - ¥176,900/year                             |                   |    |         |       | National French Curriculum; 5 language streams             |
| Nord Anglia International School, Pudong              | Pudong            | 2 to 18 years                                    | ¥115,003 - ¥321,497/year                             | ✓                 |    |         | ✓     | Early Years Foundation Stage & English National Curriculum |
| Shanghai American School (SAS)                        | Pudong/ Minhang   | Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12                     | ¥232,000 to ¥293,800/year                            | ✓                 | ✓  |         |       | American Core Curriculum                                   |
| Shanghai Community International School               | Changning/ Pudong | Nursery to Grade 12                              | ¥122,000 - ¥277,500/year                             | PYP, MYP & DP     |    |         |       | International Baccalaureate                                |
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| Shanghai Livingston American School                   | Changning         | Nursery to Grade 12                              | ¥115,600 - ¥191,645/year                             |                   | ✓  |         |       | Common Core aligned California Curriculum                  |
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| The British International School Shanghai (BISS) Puxi | Minhang           | 2 to 18 years                                    | ¥229,968 - ¥321,497/year                             | ✓                 |    |         | ✓     | English National Curriculum                                |
| Wellington College International Shanghai             | Pudong            | Nursery to Year 13                               | ¥242,000 - ¥328,000/year                             | IBDP              |    |         | ✓     | English EYFS curriculum, English National Curriculum       |
| Western International School of Shanghai (WISS)       | Qingpu            | Pre-Nursery to Grade 12                          | ¥164,500 - ¥275,600/year                             | PYP, MYP, DP & CP |    |         |       | International Baccalaureate                                |
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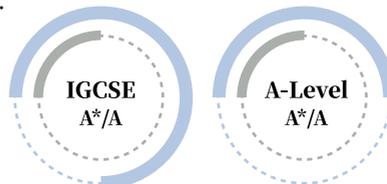
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"We educate the whole child—intellectually, physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. Life success starts with Concordia."



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| <b>Date founded</b>     | 1998   |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Preschool to Grade 12  |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | American Curriculum with Advanced Placement  |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Mandarin, Spanish   |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Academics, Athletics, Fine arts  |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥195,000 - 270,000/year  |
| <b>Description</b>      | Concordia is located in Jinqiao's Green City, one of Shanghai's largest international communities. The school is recognized for its dedication to academic excellence and for providing well-developed sports, fine arts, cultural, and service learning programs. Our graduates go on to attend top colleges and universities around the world. At Concordia, we welcome the whole family and value parent participation. Our ever-growing and vibrant community provides the foundation for the entire family's success. |



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# Deutsche Schule Shanghai

## 上海德国外籍人员子女学校

"This world's largest 'Excellent German School Abroad' with two Eurocampuses in Shanghai provides a welcoming culture and caring environment for our children to endeavor, experience, and discover the world and the universe together."



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| <b>Date founded</b>     | 1995   |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Preschool to Grade 12  |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | German curriculum with international high school diploma   |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | German, Mandarin, English, French, Spanish, Latin  |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Children's holistic personality development, STEM-friendly School  |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | Kindergarten: ¥136,600 per school year<br>School: ¥185,000 per school year   |
| <b>Description</b>      | The Berlin Education Program is a scientifically developed, tried, and tested framework for kindergarten teaching with six educational categories of the Berlin Education Program including health, social and cultural life, mathematics, art, nature, environment, technology, and communication aiming to prepare children as well as possible for all the different challenges they will face when they start school. The school has developed its own methodological curriculum designed to systematically teach children methods for analyzing, shaping, and developing their own learning experience. |



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## Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong 上海德威外籍人员子女学校(浦东)

"Our students have the skills and motivation to make a positive difference in the world."



**Date founded**  
**Grade level**  
**Curriculum**  
**Languages taught**  
**School strengthst**  
**Tuition**  
**Description**

2003

Toddler to Year 13

English National Curriculum, IGCSE, and IB Diploma

English, French, German (from Year 7), Mandarin, Spanish

Academic results, Visual and Performing Arts, STEAM, Sports

¥114,000 - ¥325,000/year

Founded in 2003, Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong is recognised for its outstanding academics based on robust holistic education that prioritises student wellbeing. Dulwich Pudong IB students consistently achieve results significantly above the global average and have alumni matriculated at Oxbridge, Ivy League and other leading universities across the world. Extra-curricular activities range from music, sports, technology as well as opportunities in service, sustainability and leadership. 43 nationalities create a vibrant intercultural environment for students to develop a truly global outlook.



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# Dulwich College Shanghai Puxi

## 上海德威外籍人员子女学校(浦西)

"We provide a truly holistic education that emphasises academic excellence coupled with a rich extracurricular programme. Our students Live Worldwide, and are leaders in sustainability and global citizenship"



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| <b>Date founded</b>     | 2016   |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Toddler to Year 12 (Year 12 to commence in 2022)   |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | English National Curriculum, IGCSE and IB Diploma  |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Mandarin, Spanish   |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Dulwich is academically selective and students are incredibly well supported by highly professional and caring teachers. The College is very green with state-of-the-art play and academic facilities, including an Olympic-size swimming pool and 500 seat theatre.   |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥114,000 – 325,000/year  |
| <b>Description</b>      | Dulwich College Shanghai Puxi offers an international education at its best, catering for families in the west of Shanghai who seek a world-class holistic education. Our curriculum is rigorously designed to ensure academic, physical, social, and emotional growth in each and every student. Our students uphold our College values at all times: Aim High. Work Hard. Be Kind and Respectful. Make a Difference. |



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# Harrow International School Shanghai

## 上海哈罗外籍人员子女学校

"Educational  
Excellence for Life  
and Leadership"



**Date founded**

August 2016

**Grade level**

Harrow Cubs to Year 13 (18 months to 18 years)

**Curriculum**

Early Years follow the English Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum Framework. Pre-Prep and Prep are based on the English National Curriculum, culminating in IGCSE for Year 10 and Year 11; A Level at Sixth Form (Year 12 and Year 13)

**Languages taught**

English, Mandarin, Spanish

**School strengths**

450 years of Harrow heritage, tradition, and global excellence; Mandarin Core Curriculum; Leadership and Service Programme; Academic Excellence: 88% of grades achieved A or A\* in IGCSE 2020, 50% of grades achieved A or A\* in A Level 2020; All school leavers were accepted by their first-choice university including Cambridge University; Unique learning opportunity for children aged between 18 months to 24 months at Harrow Cubs.

**Tuition**

¥230,000-320,000/year

**Description**

A Harrow Shanghai education is based on the same ethos and identity that has characterised a Harrow education in the UK for centuries and here you will find a school where the best of Western and Eastern traditions, history and heritage are seamlessly fused.



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## Getting ahead from the start!

***At Harrow Cubs,***

our approach to learning embraces the immense natural curiosity of children, their limitless imagination and power for learning. We offer a sense of belonging, supportive relationships, a robust curriculum and a safe stimulating environment. All personalised to meet the needs of your child.



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Educational Excellence *for* Life and Leadership



# Lycée Français de Shanghai (Shanghai French School) 上海法国外籍人员子女学校

"Today in Shanghai  
excellence for  
everyone. Tomorrow  
in the world, success  
for all."



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| <b>Date founded</b>     | 1995   |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Kindergarten to Grade 12   |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | National French Curriculum, which leads to the French National Diploma (Baccalauréate) with International Options, enriched by five unique and challenging language streams (General, International American, European English, International Chinese, Oriental Chinese.)  |
| <b>Languages Taught</b> | Three mandatory languages: French, English, and Mandarin; German or Spanish taught from Grade 7. Languages certifications: Cambridge, HSK, DELE, Goethe Institut   |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Academic results, multilingual curriculum, international and diverse community, differentiated learning and student support, international network, diversity of extra-curricular activities   |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥100,000 - 176,900/year  |
| <b>Description</b>      | We are an international non-profit school that welcomes 1,560+ students of 47 nationalities, aged from 3 to 18, on two campuses. We are proud to offer an excellent education combining high academic achievements, multilingual proficiency, numerous arts and sports activities, and differentiated learning adapted to everyone's needs in a truly multicultural environment. We recently built a brand new campus of 58,000 square metres in Yangpu District, shared with the German school. |

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"You want your child to excel. So do we. Visit us today to see how we transform learning."



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| <b>Date founded</b>     | 2002   |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Pre-nursery to Year 13 (2 to 18 years)   |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | Early Years Foundation Stage, English National Curriculum, IGCSE, IB   |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Mandarin, French, German, Korean, Spanish   |
| <b>School strengths</b> | International diversity, STEAM collaboration with MIT, and Juilliard-Nord Anglia Performing Arts Programme, high academic achievement, sports and after-school programmes, strong school community, ACT, YCT and HSK testing   |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥115,003 - 321,497/year  |
| <b>Description</b>      | At NAIS Pudong, we nurture every child to achieve academic success, enabling entry into the world's leading universities. Globally respected curricula are enhanced by collaborations with pre-eminent organisations such as Juilliard, MIT, and UNICEF to ensure that every child develops the skills and mindset needed to thrive in an ever changing world. |



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SHANGHAI AMERICAN SCHOOL

## Shanghai American School (SAS)

### 上海美国外籍人员子女学校

"Since we think  
we can, we can."



**Date founded**

1912

**Grade level**

Pre-K to Grade 12

**Curriculum**

We offer an American core curriculum, high school AP and IB diploma programmes as well as regular coursework.

**Languages taught**

English, French, Mandarin, Spanish

**School strengths**

Top reputation, Extensive course offerings, University-level facilities, World-class educators (SAS faculty stay for an average of 6.3 years), Signature programs (Microcampus, Innovation Institute, TheEleven), 100+ clubs and activities, Welcoming and truly global community

**Tuition**

Pre-K: ¥232,000; Elementary: ¥269,300/year;  
Middle: ¥275,800/year; High: ¥288,300- 293,800/year

**Description**



Shanghai American School, one of Asia's most respected international schools, is the kind of school you wish you would've attended when you were a kid. Our academic curriculum (Pre-K3 to grade 12 and offering both AP Capstone and IB diplomas) helps our students go "from here to anywhere." We also have over 100 award-winning clubs, and trophy-collecting sports teams. And as a non-profit, all our revenue goes back into the school, resulting in two expansive campuses with many facilities that are at university level.



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"To develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring learners who contribute positively to their communities."



**Date founded**

1996

**Grade level**

Nursery to Grade 12

**Curriculum**

International Baccalaureate - Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme & Diploma Programme

**Languages taught**

Primary Language Programmes: English. Additional Language: Mandarin, French, Spanish, Korean, and Dutch

**School strengths**

Rigorous academic programmes, Authorised IB Continuum World School, Expansive extra-curricular opportunities, Truly international and diverse community, Welcoming atmosphere, Holistic approach to education, Inquiry-based learning, Focus on student well-being, Differentiated learning, Student Support.

**Tuition**

¥122,000 - 277,500/year (all-inclusive)

**Description**



SCIS is an authorised IB Continuum World School with three campus locations spanning across Shanghai. SCIS offers a truly international experience, with an unparalleled community consisting of a diverse mix of outstanding teachers, students, and parents representing over 60 nationalities and cultures. SCIS leverages this unique community to provide a personalised approach to holistic education, ensuring all students have the opportunity to be successful, and develop as life-long learners.



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# Shanghai Livingston American School

## 上海李文斯顿美国外籍人员子女学校

"The mission of Shanghai Livingston American School is to prepare students for academic and personal success."



**Date founded**  
New for 2021

2003  
SLAS has been providing an excellence in education for over 17 years. In 2021 we have upgraded our in-class equipment to further enhance the learning environment for our children. SLAS has added additional technology courses including SolidWorks and Adobe Suite training.

**Grade level**  
**Curriculum**

Nursery to Grade 12  
Common Core aligned California Curriculum with Advanced Placement (AP) accredited by WASC

**Languages taught**  
**School strengths**

English, Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish  
Small class size, Location, Financial aid available, Dedicated service

**Tuition**

Nursery - Pre-K: ¥115,600/year; Kindergarten: ¥141,120/year; Elementary: ¥175,260/year; Middle: ¥185,750/year; High: ¥191,645/year

**Description**

With instruction and activities guided through four core values (proficient communicator, confident individual, creative thinker, compassionate citizen), Shanghai Livingston American School (SLAS) creates an environment of enquiry set against American culture fused with an international perspective, resulting in students receiving an education that prepares them for academic and personal success as global citizens.



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# Soong Ching Ling School International Division 宋庆龄学校国际部

"Give Children the Most Valuable Things."



**Date founded**  
**Grade level**  
**Curriculum**

2008  
Grades 1 to 12  
Our school is grounded in a curriculum that follows the United States Common Core Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards. Accelerated courses offered in high school are the Advanced Placement programme (AP).

**Languages taught**  
**School strengths**

English, Mandarin, French, and Spanish  
Our school is an authorized "AP Capstone Diploma Program" and a designated AP & SAT Test Center by the College Board. The curriculum is supplemented by ongoing relationships with Wake Forest University and UCLA. We offer an expansive extra-curricular programme in a diverse community, and the specific needs of each student is paramount.

**Tuition**  
**Description**

Grades 1 to 5: ¥140,000/year, Grades 6 to 8: ¥180,000/year, Grades 9 to 12: ¥200,000/year  
Soong Ching Ling School seeks to create a respectful and accepting community of diverse cultures, with students coming from 36 countries and regions. The school grooms students to develop their own personalities with a sense of global awareness, all in a global campus environment.



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# The British International School Shanghai (BISS) Puxi

## 上海英国外籍人员子女学校 (浦西校区)

"Our students are the best testimony to our school's success. We take great pride in their achievements and in supporting them all to be the best that they can be."



**Date founded**

2004

**Grade level**

Pre-Nursery to Year 13 (2 years to 18 years)

**Curriculum**

English National Curriculum, IGCSE and IB, and an integrated Shanghai Dutch School

**Languages taught**

English including EAL programme, French, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, German

**School strengths**

Academic results, learning philosophy, sports, more than 140 extra-curricular and professional coaching activities, collaborative partnerships with Juilliard and MIT

**Tuition**

¥229,968 - 321,497/year

**Description**



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The British International School Shanghai boasts academic standards that are second to none and a curriculum as rich as it is broad. The school prides itself on offering students of over 60 different nationalities the opportunity to perform at their very best, both academically as well as in arts and sports. Following the UK national curriculum from Early Years through to (I)GCSE and on to the International Baccalaureate, the British International School Shanghai has a long pedigree of academic excellence that enables our students to enter the finest universities around the world.



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WELLINGTON COLLEGE  
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SHANGHAI

# Wellington College International Shanghai

## 上海惠灵顿外籍人员子女学校

"We aspire for academic excellence within a caring, international community, developing well-rounded individuals with strong values and skills to thrive in a global society."



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| <b>Date founded</b>     | 2014  |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Nursery to Year 13  |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | 3 to 5 years old: English EYFS curriculum; 6 to 14 years old: English National Curriculum; 14 to 16 years old: IGCSE; 16 to 18 years old: IBDP  |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, French, Mandarin, Spanish  |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Academic excellence, Extensive enrichment programme, Global reputation, Daily Mandarin provision, World class facilities  |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥242,000 - ¥328,000/year (2020-2021)  |
| <b>Description</b>      | Opened in August 2014 and located in the New Bund area, Wellington College International Shanghai is a fully co-educational day school with over 1,400 pupils, aged 3 to 18 years old. Consistent with the ethos of its prestigious partner in the UK, the College seeks to develop the 'Wellington Identity' in every child. Wellingtonians are encouraged to be Inspired, Intellectual, Independent, Individual, and Inclusive. Boasting a state-of-the-art campus, Wellington has built a vibrant community where all pupils strive to achieve academic excellence and engage in a comprehensive range of opportunities in music, performing arts, and sports. |



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# Western International School of Shanghai (WISS)

## 上海西华外籍人员子女学校

"WISS cultivates healthy, balanced, confident, and ethical people; challenging students to inquire, wonder, discover, and seize each day."



**Date founded**

2006

**Grade level**

Pre-Nursery to Grade 12

**Curriculum**

International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme including PYP, MYP, DP, CP, IB Curriculum, Caring and diverse community

**Languages taught**

English, Mandarin, German, Korean, Spanish

**School strengths**

Student-teacher ratio: 5:1, ISTA Performing Arts Academy Shanghai hosted at WISS and Stoke City FC Academy at WISS

**Tuition**

¥164,500 - 275,600/year (Early Bird: ¥161,975 - 261,820/year)

**Description**



The Western International School of Shanghai is the only full continuum IB World School in China's mainland offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP), Middle Years Programme (MYP), Diploma Programme (DP) and Career-related Programme (IBCP). Educating young people from across the globe in a caring and inspirational environment since 2006; WISS strives to send compassionate, brave, ethically-minded global citizens into the world. As an IB school, WISS is uniquely placed to promote new perspectives and broaden the minds of the children in our care; deepening their sense of understanding and wonder.



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# Yew Chung International School of Shanghai (YCIS)

## 上海耀中外籍人员子女学校

"We offer an education characterised by a multicultural and bilingual learning environment, with an emphasis on academic excellence, equipping students with the tools necessary for their future success."



**Date founded**  
**Grade level**  
**Curriculum**  
**Languages taught**  
**School strengths**  
**Tuition**  
**Description**

Founded in Hong Kong 1932, established in Shanghai 1993

Kindergarten (K2) to Year 13

Internationalised English National Curriculum, IGCSE, IBDP

English, Mandarin, Spanish (in Secondary school)

Chinese Language & Culture, Placement at top global universities, Academics, Music, Art, Co-Curricular Activities, Sports

¥154,200 - ¥328,500 (2021/2022)

YCIS Shanghai was the first independent international school in Shanghai officially recognised by, and registered with, the Chinese government. It is also the only school in all of Asia to have received the Cambridge Award for Excellence in Education. Renowned for its unique multicultural and bilingual approach to education, YCIS has a special focus on students learning both English and Mandarin at a high level. YCIS has five campuses in prime locations in both Puxi and Pudong, with their new, award-winning Early Childhood Education (Ronghua) Campus having opened in 2018 for children ages 2-5. YCIS students consistently earn Top in World, Top in China, and High Achievement awards on their IGCSE examinations, achieve outstanding IB results, and go on to matriculate at the world's top universities. YCIS's international education develops caring, well-rounded, global citizens.



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## Shanghai Hong Qiao International School (HQIS)

### 上海虹桥国际外籍人员子女学校

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Date founded</b>     | 1997  |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Nursery to High School (18 months to 18 years of age)   |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | Emergent Curriculum (18 months - 3 years of age); IB-PYP Programme (3 - 12 years of age); American Curriculum Standard (12 - 18 years of age); AP (15 - 18 years of age)  |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Mandarin   |
| <b>School strengths</b> | We offer a balanced curriculum for students from nursery to high school based on the IB and AP, supported by personalised college and career counselling.   |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥165,180 - 235,400/year   |
| <b>Description</b>      | HQIS offers a high-quality global education for international students, and it is one of the first IB World Schools in China promoting inquiry-based learning and whole person curriculum with HQIS Three Pillars of Academic Excellence as the capstone to guide students through their journey to excellence. |



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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
上海新加坡外籍人員子女學校

## Shanghai Singapore International School (SSIS)

### 上海新加坡外籍人员子女学校

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Date founded</b>     | 1996  |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | 2-18 years old  |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | Singapore-based curriculum, CLSP, IGCSE, IBDP   |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Mandarin   |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Singapore Math Model Drawing Strategy, STELLAR Literacy Programme, Intensive Support Programme for English Language Learners, Strong Chinese Language & Culture Programme, Niche Sports in Golf & Swimming, STEAM & Coding, University Counselling, Extensive After-School Activities                                       |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥185,000 - ¥280,000/year  |
| <b>Description</b>      | With over 25 years of educational excellence, SSIS creates multiple pathways for our students to be successful in every aspect of their development. In addition to providing a disciplined and rigorous learning environment, we believe in the holistic development of a resourceful, confident, and independent learner. |



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A group of four young children, two boys and two girls, are running happily on a paved path outdoors. They are wearing school uniforms consisting of dark blue sweaters, white shirts, and ties. The boys are wearing dark blue trousers, and the girls are wearing plaid skirts. They are all wearing blue backpacks and holding hands. The background shows green trees and a clear sky.

# Bilingual & Local Schools

Find private bilingual and public local schools with international divisions

# What Differentiates a Bilingual School?

An updated look at bilingual schools. *By Lynn Yen*

The use of two languages, Mandarin and English, for classroom instruction is the bilingual school calling card. But looking beyond language, this type of school in Shanghai is a whole category on its own. One that has undergone recent changes to curriculum and admission policies.

## In the Classroom

A bilingual school, or *shuangyu xuexiao* is a school that offers various national curriculums with teaching instruction done in both Mandarin and in English. So your IB Primary Years Programme science class will be in Mandarin one day and English on another.

Students of all backgrounds take the same classes together. Differing from some public schools with foreign departments that host the foreign curriculum sections in separate classrooms, all students at bilingual schools are mixed together and attend the same classes.

## Types of Curriculum

Both domestic and foreign curriculums are offered at bilingual schools such as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, British Columbia, International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE), and Advanced Level (A-Level) secondary school

curriculums that set students up to attend college abroad.

Bilingual schools also offer the Chinese National Curriculum that prepares students to take the rigorous Chinese college entrance exam, called the *gaokao*, and attend college domestically. Others offer a mix to keep both foreign and domestic higher education open to students by preparing them for all options.

Recently there were changes to private school curriculum requirements for Chinese passport holders. Now, all Chinese nationals regardless of school are required to take the same civics classes that are taught at public school, along with sitting the national education exams at Grade 5 and 9. The curriculum requirements affect up to Grade 9, the cap for mandatory schooling, and don't affect high school.

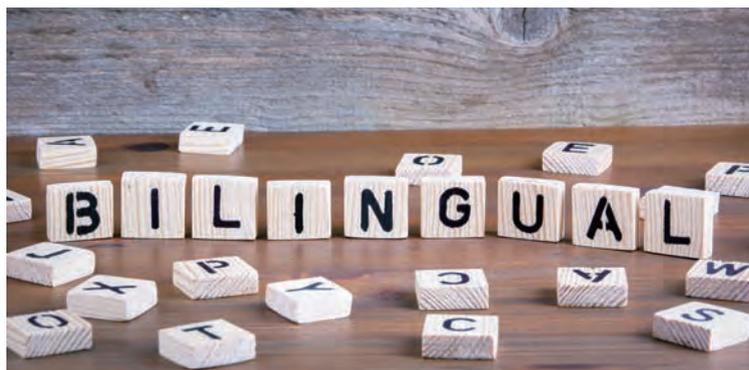
Every school's curriculum varies, so contact the school for details.

## Admissions Process

Bilingual schools are open to Chinese and foreign passport holders alike. These are private schools, so they fall under changes announced in fall 2019 related to private school entrance requirements, which International Schools are exempt from.

For prospective students, when the number of applicants exceeds the number of spots available, applicants are entered into a randomized lottery to determine who gets in. This applies to all, regardless of nationality, and is used during normal admission times for entering elementary school at Grade 1 and middle school at Grade 6.

Though, every school's admissions process varies, so contact the school to learn more details. **SF**



# Quick Compare

| School  | Area/District         | Age Range                              | Tuition   | IB             | AP | A Level | IGCSE | Curriculum  |
|---|-----------------------|--|---|----------------|----|---------|-------|---|
| Huili School Shanghai   | Pudong                | Grades 1 - 12 (Grades 1- 8, 2020-2021) | ¥78,000-¥93,000/semester  | IBDP           |    |         | ✓     | Chinese National Curriculum; international curriculum frameworks                                |
| Living Word Shanghai  | Minhang               | Grades 1 to 12                         | ¥116,000-¥144,000/year  |                | ✓  |         |       | Shanghai National Curriculum; American Curriculum, Instruction Languages                        |
| Nord Anglia Chinese International School Shanghai                           | Minhang               | Grades 1 to 12                         | ¥154,000-¥230,000/year  | IBDP           |    |         |       | Shanghai National Curriculum integrated with international elements                             |
| North America International School  | Minhang               | Foundation - G12                       | ¥128,000-¥178,000/year  |                | ✓  | ✓       | ✓     | Elite Course, Art course, Music Course, PE Course   |
| Shanghai Gold Apple School  | Pudong                | 2 years - Grade 12                     | ¥56,000-¥128,000/year   |                |    |         |       | Chinese Curriculum K12, American Curriculum K12, Cambridge Curriculum K12                       |
| Shanghai Liaoyuan Bilingual School (LYBS)                                   | Minhang               | Grades 1 to 12                         | Bilingual Class: ¥22,000/semester; Integrated Class: ¥52,500/semester; International High School: ¥172,000/year | IB PYP, IB MYP | ✓  |         |       | Chinese National Curriculum, Canadian Ontario High School Curriculum, US High School Curriculum |
| Shanghai Qibao Dwight High School   | Minhang               | Grades 10 to 12                        | ¥164,000/year   | ✓              | ✓  | ✓       | ✓     | Chinese National Curriculum   |
| Shanghai SMIC Private School  | Pudong                | Kindergarten to Grade 12               | ¥26,500 - ¥74,400/semester  |                | ✓  |         |       | Chinese curriculum for Chinese track  |
| Shanghai United International School  | Minhang/Qingpu/Pudong | Grades 1 - 12                          | ¥33,000-200,000/year  | ✓              | ✓  | ✓       |       | UK National Curriculum/BC/Chinese National Curriculum   |
| Shanghai United International School Jiaoke Campus                          | Minhang               | Grades 6-12                            | ¥150,000/year   |                |    |         |       | EMW Stream, BC Stream, Local Stream   |
| The Second Foreign Language School Affiliated to Shanghai Normal University | Pudong                | Grades 1 to 12                         | ¥106,000-¥176,000/year  |                | ✓  | ✓       | ✓     | Compulsory Education Course   |
| Vanke DTD Primary & Middle Schools  | Minhang/Pudong        | Grades 1 to 12                         | ¥60,000-¥76,000/semester  | ✓              | ✓  | ✓       | ✓     | National Curriculum, Bilingual Curriculum   |
| Yew Wah International Education School (Lingang Campus)                     | Pudong                | Grades 1 to 13                         | ¥146,000-¥248,000/year  |                |    | ✓       | ✓     | Integrated Curriculum   |

Information is for reference only, please contact the school directly for detailed prices and policies



美高学校·上海  
LIVING WORD SHANGHAI

## Living Word Shanghai 上海美高双语学校

"Living Word Shanghai cultivates future leaders through our focus on: integrity, good living, and learning habits, and instilling international values."



**Date founded**

September 2014

**Grade level**

Grades 1 to 12

**Curriculum**

Grade 1 to 9: Shanghai National Curriculum integrated with American Curriculum; Grade 10-12: American High School Curriculum, AP Courses

**Languages taught**

English, Mandarin

**School strengths**

Infusion of multicultural and international elements, Six World Language Program, 17 AP courses, Cognia Accredited

**Tuition**

Primary School: ¥116,000/year; Secondary School: ¥124,000/year; High School: ¥144,000/year

**Description**

Living Word Shanghai offers international quality education in grades 1-12. The school has its own College Application Centre. The aim of the school is to train kids aged 6-18, and to create high-quality bilingual students with an international perspective.



<http://lw-school.org> (Primary School, Middle School)  
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诺德安达双语学校上海闵行区  
NORD ANGLIA  
CHINESE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
SHANGHAI

# Nord Anglia Chinese International School Shanghai

## 上海闵行区诺德安达双语学校

"Learning at NACIS Shanghai will be a creative, challenging and rewarding experience for your child. They will be inspired to be personally, socially and academically ambitious."



**Date founded**

September 2016

**Grade level**

Grades 1 to 12

**Curriculum**

Grade 1 to 9: Shanghai National Curriculum integrated with international elements  
Grade 10 to 12: International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

**Languages taught**

Mandarin, English

**School strengths**

Global Campus - Unique international opportunities, Juilliard-Nord Anglia Performing Arts Programme, The MIT- Nord Anglia STEAM Programme, United Nations UNICEF Student Summit

**Tuition**

Grade 1 to 5: ¥154,000/year; Grade 6 to 9: ¥180,000/year;  
Grade 10 to 12: ¥230,000/year

**Description**

Nord Anglia Chinese International School Shanghai (NACIS) caters to students from age 6 to 18 years and is an authorized IB World School for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. The phase two campus has been officially put into use in September 2020, which can provide advanced educational facilities and diversified teaching environments for 3,770 students. The NACIS curriculum delivers the fundamental learning objectives of the Shanghai National Curriculum integrated with international elements through the medium of Mandarin Chinese and English. Our performing arts programme is developed in collaboration with the Juilliard School and STEAM programme in collaboration with MIT. We draw on the best of Chinese and international learning styles and the experience of leading educators to provide a distinctive global education programme for students.

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# Shanghai Gold Apple School

## 上海市民办金苹果学校

"Responsibility,  
Generosity, Excellence"



|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Date founded</b>     | 2000  |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | 2 years to Grade 12   |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | Chinese Curriculum K12, American Curriculum K12, Cambridge Curriculum K12   |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Spanish, Korean, Mandarin  |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Kindergarten: Bilingual teaching and artistic enlightenment. Primary: Barrier-free spoken English. Learn at least one artistic specialty and achieve supra-national standard in physical fitness. Secondary: Achievement Certificate, Physical Ability Certificate, and Bilingual Speech Certificate. Personalized career planning, university guidance.  |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥56,000-128,000/year  |
| <b>Description</b>      | Shanghai Gold Apple School adheres to the core value of "Responsibility, Generosity, Excellence". With "Respect for differences, build suitable education for students", it aims to be a brand school with "strong personality, excellent features and high degree of internationalization". The school has achieved notable successes, its personalised and featured education has a great influence and popularity in Shanghai and the whole country. |



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# Shanghai Qibao Dwight High School

## 上海七宝德怀特高级中学

"To lay a beautiful foundation for life by igniting the spark of genius in every student."



|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Date founded</b>     | 2014  |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Grades 10 to 12   |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | IB, Cambridge (iGCSE and A-level), AP online, Chinese National Curriculum   |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, French, German  |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Excellent academics and university placement with curricular offerings including more than 36 IBDP courses. All four graduating classes have had student's achieve IBDP 45/45 (6 in total since 2017) and 90% of 2020 graduates were accepted to top-tier global universities. Our network of six Dwight Schools (New York, London, Seoul, Shanghai, Dubai, and Global Online) offer students a wide range of academic choices, enriching extracurricular activities, and cross-campus exchange opportunities unique to Dwight. |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥164,000/year (tuition does not increase for individual students once they enroll)  |
| <b>Description</b>      | Shanghai Qibao Dwight High School, the first independent, Sino-U.S. cooperatively-run high school approved by the Ministry of Education in China, integrates the best of Eastern and Western education. We create a learning environment that fosters the development of innovative, globally-minded leaders.   |



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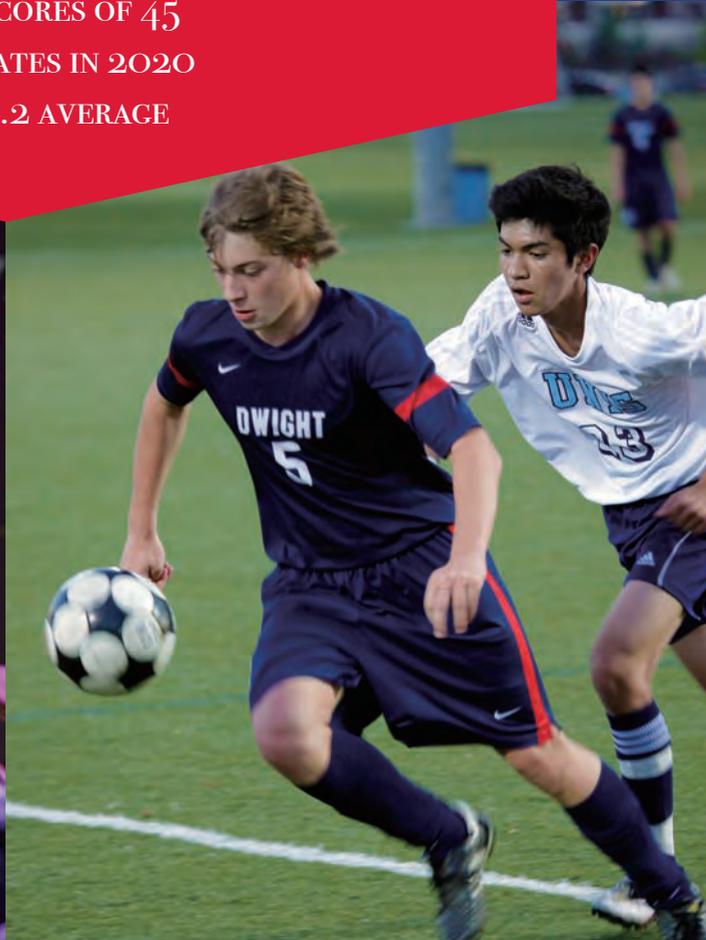


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- 4 GRADUATING CLASSES
- 6 IBDP SCORES OF 45
- 161 GRADUATES IN 2020
- IBDP 38.2 AVERAGE



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A partnership between Qibao High School and Dwight School New York, we are a **highly selective, non-profit, international boarding school** open to all nationalities. We offer a premier International Baccalaureate education with more than 36 IBDP courses, Cambridge A-Levels and the Chinese National Diploma.

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SHANGHAI QIBAO DWIGHT HIGH SCHOOL



# Shanghai Liaoyuan Bilingual School (LYBS)

## 上海市燎原双语学校

"Focusing on Holistic Education to Guide Lifelong Learning!"



**Date founded**

1992

**Grade level**

Grade 1 to Grade 12

**Curriculum**

Chinese National Curriculum with IB PYP/ MYP frameworks; Ontario High School Programme (OSSD - Canada); Common Core plus Next Generation Science Standards with Advanced Placement (AP) options (US); IB Diploma Programme

**Languages taught**

Mandarin, English, Japanese, Spanish

**School strengths**

LYBS is an IB continuum world school offering a dual-track system in a bilingual learning environment supported by a multi-cultural faculty and providing a variety of graduation pathways based on personalized education solutions.

**Tuition**

Bilingual Class: ¥ 22,000/semester; Integrated Class: ¥ 52,500/semester; International High School: ¥ 172,000/year

**Description**



Founded in 1992, LYBS is an IB continuum world school with an uninterrupted history of nearly 30 years, offering high quality education for students aged 6 to 18. Our mission is to provide holistic, bilingual education that supports cultural diversity, beliefs and values, and develops the whole child to become a successful global citizen and lifelong learner.



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# Shanghai SMIC Private School

## 上海市民办中芯学校

"SMIC's heart and soul is a partnership with families and community to provide positive, student-centered education that balances academic excellence with physical, social, and emotional well-being."



**Date founded**

2001

**Grade level**

Kindergarten to Grade 12

**Curriculum**

American-based curriculum with AP courses for SMIC-I; Chinese curriculum for Chinese track

**Languages taught**

English, Mandarin, French, Spanish

**School strengths**

WASC accreditation for SMIC-I, AP courses, bilingual education, athletics, character education

**Tuition**

¥26,500 - ¥74,400/semester (Please refer to the school's website for up-to-date information.)

**Description**



Founded in 2001 by SMIC, China's largest semiconductor company, this school has over 2,300 students from Pre-K to Grade 12, taught by a faculty of over 300, half of whom are experienced foreign teachers. In addition to the bilingual kindergarten programme, Grades K to 12 students may apply to either SMIC-I or the Chinese track upon meeting admissions criteria. We believe in the holistic development of individuals through a variety of curricular and extracurricular activities. In July 2016, the school received a 6-year full accreditation from Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).



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# Shanghai United International School 协和双语学校

"Providing students with high-quality multicultural and holistic international education by integrating the best elements of both East and West."



**Date founded**  
**Grade level**  
**Curriculum**  
**Languages taught**  
**Tuition**

2003  
Grades 1 to 12  
UK National Curriculum/IB/BC/AP/A-Level/Chinese National Curriculum  
English, Mandarin  
Primary: ¥33,000-130,000/year; Junior Secondary: ¥36,000-140,000/year; AP High School: ¥150,000/year; IB High School: ¥140,000-164,000/year; BC High School: ¥150,000/year; A-Level: ¥170,000-200,000/year

**Description**



Based on the philosophy of "East Meets West," Shanghai United International School implemented co-leadership with Chinese and foreign principals, and initiated the practice of team teaching with Chinese and foreign teachers. We offer transdisciplinary, cross-cultural thematic courses, develop exchanges between Chinese and foreign students, and build an open and unique bilingual school culture. Under the guidance of our advanced education concept featuring "diversification, balance, inclusiveness, and innovation," our bilingual schools carry out a holistic education programme, cultivating students into outstanding citizens and leaders.



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# Shanghai United International School Jiaoke Campus

## 上海闵行区协和双语教科学校

"East Meets West"



|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <b>Date founded</b>     | 1998   |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Grades 6-12  |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | EMW Stream, BC Stream, Local Stream  |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | Mandarin and English   |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Supervised and managed by the Shanghai Municipal Education Commission and British Columbia's Ministry of Education, SUIS Jiaoke Campus offers high-quality education adhering to the philosophy of "East Meets West".  |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥150,000/year, (Refer to the school website)   |
| <b>Description</b>      | Founded in 1998, Shanghai United International School Jiaoke Campus, covers the curricula from Grade 6 to 12 and possesses both local curricula and international programme. SUIS Jiaoke Campus is under is under Shanghai Xiehe Education Group. We adhere to the philosophy of "Respecting Differences, Providing Choices, Cultivating Potential, Well-rounded Development", revealing the distinguished features of western education and art education, and making excellent achievements in basic education. We obtained the honor of "Code of Conduct Demonstration School", "Qualified School of Art in Minhang District", "Art Education Research Based School in Shanghai" and "Model School of Education and Research in China Basic Education". |

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# The Second Foreign Language School Affiliated to Shanghai Normal University

## 上海师范大学附属第二外国语学校

"Bilingual, Multicultural,  
Intelligent and Talented  
Chinese facing the  
world with confidence"



|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Date founded</b>     | 2000  |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Grade 1 to Grade 12   |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | Compulsory Chinese Education Course, IGCSE, A-Level, AP   |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | Mandarin and English  |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Based on the premise of respecting the development of students' individuality, making use of scientifically developed courses as our guide, featuring sports, art, science, technology, and bilingualism to promote the diversified development of students.  |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | Primary School: ¥106,000/year; Middle School: ¥114,000/year; High School: ¥176,000/year   |
| <b>Description</b>      | The school is a 12-year modern and high standard international private school. The campus covers an area of nearly 33 acres, with the school buildings covering 200,000 square meters. The school has a primary school, junior high school, domestic high school, and international high school. In line with the core values of "Grow Your Strengths, Be Tolerant, Be Bold," the school explores a listening and dialogue focused learning community. Other highlights include the construction of a beautiful campus, community classroom, five different curriculums, passionate teachers, courteous young people, and wise parents. They give attention to every child's lifelong development, advocating the view of "Great learning and being willing to be a shepherd". Students are able to immerse themselves into a culture with a long tradition, have an international vision, and become a new era of teenagers with independent, unique personalities, who are masters and creators of their futures. |

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# Vanke DTD Primary and Middle Schools

## 万科德英乐中小学

"Develop Global Vision,  
Inspire Unlimited  
Potential,  
To Foster Chinese  
Talents to Stand Out in  
the World."



|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Date founded</b>     | 1996  |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Grades 1 to 12  |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | Chinese National Curriculum, Bilingual Curriculum, IGCSE, A-level, AP, IB   |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Mandarin   |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | Primary: ¥60,000-72,000/semester<br>Junior Secondary: ¥64,000-76,000/semester   |
| <b>Strength</b>         | Strong support system, Small class size, Bilingual environment, K-12 Education system, International high school qualifications   |
| <b>Description</b>      | DTD education is an educational brand owned by Vanke, with the support of Vanke, DTD has been able to develop quickly and now provides a breadth of exceptional K-12 education services to customers. DTD Schools strive to deliver quality education with an international focus in all our school and educational programmes. As of September 2020, DTD Education offers education through 15 schools and kindergartens. DTD currently cares for more than 6,000 students and has the capacity to offer 10,000 places for students to learn at our schools and kindergartens. |



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耀华国际教育学校  
Yew Wah International Education School

# Yew Wah International Education School (Lingang Campus)

上海浦东新区民办沪港学校 (耀华临港校区)

"Heritage and Innovation: 90 Years of Quality Education"



|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Date founded</b>     | 2015  |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Grade 1 to Grade 13   |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | Primary Programme (Grade 1 to 5): Integrated Curriculum; Lower Secondary Programme (Grade 6 to 9): Integrated Curriculum; Upper Secondary (Grade 10 to 13): IGCSE & A Level. YWIES integrates the essence of Eastern and Western education philosophies to create an integrated curriculum to meet the needs of students.   |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | Mandarin, English   |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Holistic Education, Character Education, Lifelong Learning, All-Round English, Overseas Learning, Art and Music.  |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | Primary: ¥146,000/year, Lower Secondary: ¥156,000/year<br>Upper Secondary: ¥248,000/year  |
| <b>Description</b>      | YWIES focuses on bilingual teaching and has considerable experience in teaching English as a second language. YWIES Shanghai Lingang fuses the Chinese National Curriculum and the integrated curriculum to create a unique international curriculum. By providing a comprehensive programme with professional foreign teachers and advanced education philosophies, YWIES has created an authentic international atmosphere and learning environment in the mainland of China. |

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## Huili School Shanghai

### 上海浦东新区民办惠立学校

|                         |   |
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| <b>Date founded</b>     | August 2018   |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Grade 1 - 12 (Grade 1- 8, 2020-2021)  |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | Primary and Junior High: Chinese National Curriculum; High school: IGCSE, IBDP. The overall curricula is a bilingual immersion environment and coupled with the Huili Identities, Values, and Wellington's holistic approach.   |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | Mandarin, English, Spanish  |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Bilingual immersion, holistic education, pastoral care, and well-being programme  |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | Refer to the school's website   |
| <b>Description</b>      | Huili School Shanghai is a member of the Wellington College family of schools. Located in the New Bund area of Pudong, it is a world-class and purpose-built school, equipped with the staff and facilities to provide the very best academic and co-curricular opportunities. The academic team comprises highly skilled international and Chinese leaders and teachers committed to delivering the Huili curriculum's vision of holistic bilingual education. |

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上海诺美学校  
North America International School

## North America International School

### 上海诺美学校

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| <b>Date founded</b>     | 2017  |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Foundation to Grade 12  |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | Dual channel+4 special courses: IGCSE Foundation, American Curriculum & AP, IGCSE & A-Level Curriculum, Elite Course, Art Course, Music Course, PE Course   |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Mandarin   |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Curriculum Integration, Differentiated Instruction, Practical Exploration, Diverse Evaluation   |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | Middle School: ¥128,000/year, High School: ¥178,000/year.   |
| <b>Description</b>      | North America Education Group delivers international curriculum at schools and training centers. NAE has participated in the operation and cooperation of seven international schools and curriculums. The management team has more than 10 years of experience working in international education and have sound functional departments with strict management. NAIS has the qualification of recruiting international teachers, who must meet government requirements for teaching and must secure the proper visa for employment in China. |

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# Easing the Transition to School

*First steps outside the nest. By Anabela Mok*



It may take your child some time to adjust to their new environment at school, especially if it is their first time being away from mummy and daddy. How do you aid your child's transition to school life?

## Communicate

You may not know it, but kids understand if you explain. Let them know what happens after drop off and what they can expect to do at school. FOMO (fear of missing out) can also ignite separation anxiety because they may miss spending the day with you. So you can also share with them what you will be doing when they are in school. Keep the conversation open and remember to highlight the positive experiences they can expect.

## Role Play

Use their world of make-believe to role-play the drop off scenario. You can walk away from your child like you are saying bye at drop off and

return to your child by saying "hello, I am back!". In many ways, it's like peek-a-boo. You can also use their favourite dolls to play pretend, such as practice asking to go to the bathroom, or show them how you will hug them when you see them later in the day.

## A Piece of Home

Let them feel they have a choice by allowing them to select a stuffed animal or a toy to bring to school. This will be important if they need some comforting during the middle of the school day when they miss you. This will also groom their behaviour for packing their own school bag when they are older.

## Be Part of Their School Life

If you have photos from the day's activity via the school parent group, share those with your kid. Ask about the names of their new friends, their teachers, and learn about their favourite activity. You

can also use the opportunity to ask about their lunchtime and nap-time. Ask what their teacher did with them that day. Be involved, stay engaged in their life.

## Teacher Relations

Develop a relationship with your child's teacher. Try to do a brief catch up at least once a week to see how your child is developing. Do not be afraid to show up at pick up a few minutes early just to catch up and have a look at the classroom and how your child is adjusting to the new environment. It is also a great opportunity to get some face-time with the other parents or *aji*.

## Step-by-Step

Before sending our child to full-time school, I also enrolled her in daycare so she is able to have a few hours to be with friends in an environment without a parent. As the date got closer to proper school, I also added more days to the nursery so she became adjusted to the Monday to Friday schedule. Good-byes were tough, but it got us started on a routine.

## After School Routine

As a working mum, it is mission impossible to rush out of work to make school pick up, especially if I am coming from across town. But this is one part of the day I cherish more than anything. Having a nice after school routine gives a great positive enforcement that mummy is here to pick up (as promised). Of course there will be some after school activities like dance or music class, which I gladly join if she asks. **SE**



# Parenting in Perspective

*Shanghai dad, Sal Haque, shares his feelings and experiences on trying to be the perfect parent for his young son.*

**M**y kid's six. He wants to play with me, but I can only play Ninja Turtles for so long. I just don't have the energy. I work hard, and I'm tired. Plus, I'm a grown man. So, I kind of want to do grown man stuff, like lay back on my sofa and read (potentially pint-in-hand). When tasked with doing an art project with my kid, all tired and disheveled from work, I naturally thought, "this might suck".

That said, I like to deliver, and hanging out with Nesta (my kid) is actually pretty fun. So, I tried to think of something engaging, stress free, and something I could do at home.

We tried baking brownies. Brownies can be art. I mean...ours weren't. But they could've been. We pretty much wrecked that one straight out the gate. Unlike the TV commercials, where a spot of batter on the nose charms the kid into the arms of his loving parents, my kids' clothes were wrecked, my shirt was wrecked, and my tiny Jing'an kitchen was in shambles. The

"icing on the cake", I mixed-up my Fahrenheit to Celsius conversion, and burned my brownies into a crusty black shell, filled with a gooey inside. I somehow managed to both burn, and under-cook them at the same time. Didn't even know that was possible. We still ate them. No one complained. Respect.

Given my culinary prowess, it was an ambitious move. After getting our "just desserts", we moved on to a more successful endeavor. We threw on some 90's hip hop, pulled out a big piece of poster-paper, and just went to town with markers. Kids like to draw. Kids like drawing even more with their parents. Nesta could've done that all night.

Now, I know when we think of an art project we often want to go all out. Pull out some key learning outcomes and maximize creative output. Fair enough. Our poster project was pretty layman. But it did tick a few boxes. It let us work side-by-side, while giving us both ample space to be comfortable. We had enough space on the paper to expand our ideas and explore our

creativity. It was a joint activity, in that we were both contributing to a single project, and we got to merge our ideas into one, which was pretty cool. There were also no wrong answers.

I encouraged fine motor skills, like colouring inside the lines and stuff. But in terms of actual content, his art is his art. Obviously, we can help our kids refine their ideas, and help them expand on them, but whatever the final output, it's still correct. Or at least not wrong. Like, you can't mess up a poster to the extent of which it's burnt on the outside and raw on the inside. And while rules and step-by-step instructions certainly teach our kids discipline and structure, the rawness of attacking a giant poster-paper with colours and ideas is a joyous, free-form way to interact creatively with your kid. I definitely recommend it. Plus it's an easy clean up. **SF**



# Let Them Play!

*Play-based learning methodologies. By Anabela Mok*



**P**lanning for your child's education takes a lot of time and research. As a mum, I recently went through the process of deciding the best programme for my daughter. With so many top international schools as an option, the decision can be tough. How do you find the right early education programme for your child? Can these programmes provide both a fun environment while focusing on their development skills? When is it too early to begin planning their formative years of development? What should you look for when it comes to selecting an early years education program, and how important is play-based learning?

## **Why play engagement is crucial to learning.**

One education curriculum that is gaining momentum in the early years is play-based learning. This

approach encourages learning in a playful manner. Children can explore, experiment, discover, and solve problems in their own way. This all creates a learning environment where the child initiates learning, and teachers play a supportive role.

## **What is play-based learning?**

Play-based early years programmes focus on open-ended free play. Both have benefits for children's learning. To capitalise on these benefits, an optimum play-based programme will provide opportunities for both free play and guided play. Sensory activities develop motor skills, and opportunities to play freely with other children sets the basic foundation for social development.

Playing supports positive attitudes to learning. These include the development of imagination, curi-

osity, enthusiasm, and persistence. The skills fostered in play cannot be replicated through traditional learning. Research in the field of early childhood has shown that play-based learning holds a higher efficacy in primary school programs.

## **What is the interaction between the teacher and student like?**

Learning from playing encourages the child to explore and discover. And this motivates the child to gain mastery over their environment, promoting focus and concentration, especially sensory play. It also enables the child to adapt to different surroundings and people.

Although the child has the freedom to play with the activities and toys preselected by the teacher, the teacher can pose questions

that encourage problem solving, predicting, and hypothesising. The teacher's role brings the child's awareness to mathematics, science, and literacy concepts, allowing them to engage through tactile exploration.

### How does play translate to secondary learning?

Play-based programmes are helpful in building important literacy skills. Quality play helps a child understand the complexity of language and the learning process. In a private curriculum like Montessori, students choose which activities they are interested in and move at the pace that fits their own learning preferences. Reggio Emilia uses open play and learning by inquiry to allow students to discover and draw conclusions based on their hands-on activities. Even in a state curriculum, quality play is essential in EYFS and Early Learning Goals developed by the United States allowing children to develop the motor and socialisation skills for confidence building.

### Understanding the Montessori philosophy

Montessori is a method of education based on self-directed activity and children are encouraged to learn by touching, feeling and doing. Montessori children are encouraged to move around the classroom and engage with the wide variety of activities available. They choose the activity they want to work on, bring it to a table or mat, explore the materials and make discoveries for themselves.

### Montessori environment

A Montessori classroom is characterized by providing an environment that is tidy and simple. This prepared environment offers the

child opportunities to commit to interesting and freely chosen work, which brings out long periods of concentration that should not be interrupted.

The classroom also integrates children of mixed ages spanning three years. This promotes socialisation, respect, and solidarity among them naturally. When learning in a multi-age classroom, children are not labelled according to their ability, but rather able to learn at their own pace. With learning experiences tailored to them as individuals, they are able to take charge of their learning. This self-direction helps set the foundation for life-long learning.

In this environment, children make creative choices in their learning, while the classroom and the highly trained teacher offer age-appropriate activities to guide the process.

### Deep dive into the Reggio Emilia approach

The Reggio Emilia Philosophy values the child as strong, capable, and resilient. This philosophy

believes children are naturally curious, and uses this element to help children understand the world they live in.

Children in Reggio settings are active constructors of knowledge, who are encouraged to be 'researchers'. Most of the educational experiences within Reggio take the form of projects, where children have opportunities to actively participate, explore, and question things. There is also a very strong emphasis on the social development of children as part of the community and their relationships to other children, their families, and teachers.

### The Reggio environment

A Reggio-inspired environment is open and free-flowing. It allows undisturbed exploration, play, and learning. Outdoor spaces are valued just as highly for education as formal classrooms, and the design of the space should allow children to move freely between the two. Children have access to toys and games, as play is an important element in their development. Also, the open space is conducive to



group projects where they are observed by teachers and the children are allowed to question the topic of interest.

### How do I know if my child is ready for school?

School readiness refers to the knowledge, skills, and behaviours that will help a child participate and succeed at school. Sometimes parents may think that school readiness involves being able to read or write or do basic math before starting school, but it's really about the development of the whole child. It refers to their social and emotional skills, physical skills, communication skills, and cognitive skills. Children are more likely to thrive at school if they have already developed skills, such as getting along with others, following instructions, and

communicating their needs. These skills are often referred to as developmental milestones.

### Some examples of 'school readiness' skills include:

- Play and social skills: Being able to play independently as well as with other children.
- Emotional maturity: Being able to manage their emotions, separate easily from parents or caregivers, focus on tasks, follow direction, and understand rules.
- Communication skills: Being able to talk with and listen to others, speak clearly, communicate needs, understand stories, and begin to identify letters.
- Learning skills: Developing basic number sense, problem-

solving, planning, and sequencing.

- Physical abilities and coordination: For example, being able to grip a pencil, use scissors, confidently run, climb, and play ball.
- Independence: Development of basic skills such as going to the toilet, dressing, and eating lunch independently.

Play is very important, it's how children at this age learn and develop social, emotional, and problem-solving skills. Creative play, including unstructured playtime, can help with social skills and language, as well as motor skills. Play games together which will help kids practice turn-taking, waiting, and coping with not winning. **SE**

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| <b>Date founded</b>     | 2016  |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | 6 months to 6 years   |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | Montessori Curriculum   |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Mandarin   |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Low teacher-student ratio, premium locations, Montessori certified teachers, professional learning environment.   |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥14,600-16,500*12/year (varies by campus)   |
| <b>Description</b>      | Apple Montessori is one of Shanghai's leading international childcare centres focusing on preschool education. Affiliated with the American Montessori Society (AMS), we were one of the first five kindergartens in the city to get the government license. We provide an authentic Montessori education in an immersive bilingual environment. At Apple Montessori, the health and safety of each child is one of our highest priorities. The school's unique class is an infant class (6 months - 18 months), and the teacher-student ratio is as high as 1:1 to ensure optimum conditions. Apple Montessori provides an international learning environment and offers international specialty courses as part of our daily schedule, such as: AI artificial intelligence enlightenment, fencing, taekwondo, Kung fu, basketball, and infant physical fitness courses. |



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## Bright Start Academy 启星学校

"To discover and develop the full potential of all children through learning and play."



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| <b>Date founded</b>     | 2009   |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | 2 to 6 years   |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | American-style kindergarten curriculum, with a foundation in reading   |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Mandarin  |
| <b>School strengths</b> | English Immersion, Reading, Logical thinking, Performing Arts and Liberal Arts   |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥33,810 - 49,000/semester  |
| <b>Description</b>      | Bright Start Academy (BSA) is an American school, using English Immersion Teaching Method, targeting children ages from 2 to 6. BSA has three programs: Kindergarten Program, After-school Programme and Weekend Programme, to meet the needs of families and give our children the best early childhood educations in Shanghai. We are not only learning English, we are learning in English! |



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# Busy Bee Education

## 上海小蜜蜂

"Socialise, Respect, and Listen."



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| <b>Date founded</b>     | September 2010   |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Pre-K to Kindergarten  |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | International  |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English  |
| <b>School strengths</b> | 10+ Years of Experience, Diverse Team, Unique and Innovative English Program, Best Value in Shanghai.  |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥6,000-7,000/month   |
| <b>Description</b>      | Established in the fall of 2010, Busy Bee Education was created to be a leader in providing a quality all-day English preschool program at very competitive prices. Through our programme, children will learn how to socialise, respect each other, and develop good listening skills, which will prepare them for school after preschool. It is through our fun and engaging activities, where the students will develop good habits, which will set them up for future success. |



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"We strive to develop life long learners by encouraging our learners to be curious about the world around them and developing our FGA values as a foundation for innovative thinking and future success!"



**Date founded**

2019

**Grade level**

3-6 years old

**Curriculum**

EYFS content with an Inquiry-Based Learning Framework

**Languages taught**

English, Mandarin

**School strengths**

A supportive house system designed to mentor and nurture each student, as well as develop and track our FGA values in every student to ensure a foundation of success.

**Tuition**

FGA Pujiang Campus: ¥138,000; FGA Xinjiangwan Campus: ¥148,800

**Description**

FGA provides a 3,300-3,900 sqm holistic learning environment that fosters early years bilingual education. Every classroom has both an indoor and outdoor learning area where students can explore their worlds through play-based and project learning. Our curriculum links inquiry with a central idea in every lesson. Supported by our certified CalTech STEM lab, and a bilingual library at the heart of our school, our campus offers state of the art resources to facilitate this unique education that can only be found at FGA.



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## Happy Bridge Kindergarten of Shanghai (HBKS)

### 上海哈比桥治幼儿园

"Give attention to basic development skills; provide an environment for international diversity; encourage the development of three languages".



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| <b>Date founded</b>     | September 2010   |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | 2 to 6 years   |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | Integrated curriculum from the United Kingdom and the United States  |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Japanese, Mandarin  |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Spacious facilities, Language learning, Multicultural  |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥15,880/month  |
| <b>Description</b>      | Shanghai Happy Bridge Kindergarten is located in both Changning and Minhang. The kindergartens have beautiful environments and complete facilities. The main focus is on English with an English immersion environment. Teachers are English and American and teach all day. |



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| <b>Date founded</b>     | 1998   |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Baby Class to Kindergarten (18 months to 6 years)  |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | School-based international, thematic, English and Mandarin bilingual Early Years Program   |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Mandarin  |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Bilingualism, After-school clubs, Multiculturalism   |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥9,600 – 17,000/month  |
| <b>Description</b>      | Fortune Kindergarten is unique, with a proud tradition in early childhood education. Our goal is to accomplish bilingualism through an East-meets-West internationally recognised curriculum. Our approach of emphasizing personal and academic student development has been embraced by hundreds of families since the school's founding. Our school culture and curriculum stimulates children in all areas of their development, ensuring they enjoy the process of learning while attaining excellent personal values and academic skills. |



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**Date founded**

Xiwei: 2013, Lingshan: 2005, Greenhills: 2002

**Grade level**

Lingshan & Greenhills: 1.5 to 6 years; Xiwei: 2 to 6 years

**Curriculum**

Montessori Curriculum

**Languages taught**

English, Mandarin

**School strengths**

1:4 -1:6 teacher-student ratio, English programme, Art, Cooking, Music, Dance, Sports programme

**Tuition**

¥68,000 - ¥84,000/semester

**Description**

Hongwen Montessori Academy offers an extensive and meaningful education to our students by implementing the Montessori philosophy. Our mixed-age classes combine Chinese and Western cultures by including teachers and students from both origins. By allowing the child to learn at their own pace, he or she is able to develop independence, motor skills, coordination, concentration, language, art, and sensorial skills. We fulfil our mission with love and responsibility, building an outstanding platform to offer a splendid beginning for children.



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"We provide an outstanding educational environment by discovering and awakening children's emerging potential and carefully cultivating the development of their natural talents and abilities."



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| <b>Date founded</b>     | Xuhui: 2017, Xiushan: 2018   |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | 2 to 6 years   |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | Montessori Curriculum  |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Mandarin  |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Outdoor playground, art room, library, brand new facilities, authentic Montessori programme, 1:4 -1:6 teacher-student ratio  |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥15,000-18,000/month   |
| <b>Description</b>      | Hongwen Montessori Xuhui Campus opened in 2017 and Xiushan Campus opened in 2018. Two campuses are both located at Xujiahui business centre, we represent the Montessori philosophy of "follow the child", with the commitment to create a loving and nurturing environment where children can thrive. Learning areas we foster are practical life, mathematics, language, sensorial, art and culture, and physical education. In each classroom, we have one certified Montessori teacher, a full-time foreign language teacher, and a Mandarin speaking teacher to guide our children to advance through the curriculum at their own pace. |



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| <b>Date founded</b>     | 2007 (Shanghai)   |
| <b>New for 2021</b>     | New campuses to come out soon, i.e. Joy Explorer Academy (0 - 6 years old) and Jiabei Xuhui Nursery (0 - 3 years old), Readers and Writers Programme  |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Toddler PlayNest & PlayClub Programmes: 6 months - entering nursery<br>Bilingual Nursery and Kindergarten: 15 months - 6 years<br>Speech & Drama (Weekend): 2 - 6 years<br>Holiday Programme: 6 months - 6 years  |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | EduDrama® Approach  |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English and/or Mandarin   |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Unique EduDrama® methodology, strong immersion bilingual education programmes, nurturing environment to empower children to be expressive, creative, and confident communicators.   |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | Toddler PlayNest & PlayClub Programmes: 13,000 - 15,000 RMB / term (twice a week, four terms a year); Nursery and Kindergarten Programme, 185,000 - 241,500 RMB / school year; Speech and Drama Programme (once a week, weekend): 26,000 RMB / school year; Holiday Camp Programme, subject to programme length   |
| <b>Description</b>      | A dramatically different learning journey, using Edudrama® as a collaborative process of wonder, curiosity, and self-discovery. Our programmes are based on the ideal learning components of a warm, stimulating environment. We are committed to the holistic development of each child as a unique person and empower every learner to succeed in school and in life. |

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## Little Scholar Academy 德意学堂

"We think about what children and families really need: a good balance of academic skills, social skills, creativity, confidence, and joy. Above all having a joy for learning and life is our major goal."



**Date founded** 2012

**Grade level** 12 months to 6 years

**Curriculum** In our bilingual English and Mandarin learning environment, children get a great balance of academic learning and creative and life skills. We have a strong focus on teaching the academics in a fun, Western style so that our kids learn a lot, but play a lot too! We also do critical thinking and creative, collaborative activities. We have a range of expert teachers who enrich our students' daily lives with their specialist teachings.

**Languages taught** English, Mandarin

**School strengths** Bilingual education. Balance between academic & creative life skills. Students have a joy for life and love of learning.

**Tuition** ¥82,500 - 157,500/year

**Description** LSA is a bilingual preschool and kindergarten where we seek to offer the best for our learners, as if they were our own. Our primary belief is that children should enjoy a safe and comfortable environment in which to develop and grow. We have a strong drive to give our students a well-rounded preschool experience which develops them academically, but also creatively, socially, and emotionally.

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## Little Wonder Academy 德意学堂

"By bringing the much-admired Reggio-Emilia approach to Shanghai, and delivering it in a bilingual setting, we are offering a unique experience that children and families will cherish as they soar successfully into their futures."



**Date founded**

2012

**Grade level**

12 months to 4 years

**Curriculum**

LWA English/Mandarin bilingual programme is inspired by Reggio-Emilia approach. We balance this European-inspired programme with some academic focussed play and learning sessions to explore phonics, early reading, writing, and math skills. The children also have tons of fun in gym class, environment class, cooking class, music together and of course art class.

**Languages taught**

English/Mandarin

**School strengths**

Reggio-Emilia artistic education, strong foundational academic skills, unique facility, strong teaching team. Inspire wonder and joy in our learners.

**Tuition**

¥107,250 - 145,500/year

**Description**

LWA has a strong philosophy based around the six Cs: Care, Creativity, Critical thinking, Collaboration, Communication, and Confidence! Our project-based learning activities give the children a great chance to develop Creativity, Critical thinking skills, and Collaboration. After leaving LWA, they can join our sister school LSA for their 4-6 learning journey where they will strengthen their academic, social, creative, and life skills.

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## Magnolia Kindergarten 玛诺利娅主题幼儿园

"Magnolia Kindergarten is an official licensed kindergarten located in a 100-year-old Manor in People's Square. The certified and experienced team is offering a complete education in a happy, home feeling, and creative environment."



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| <b>Date founded</b>     | 2014   |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | 2 to 6 years, Two's to K levels and TPS to CP levels   |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | Magnolia offers two bilingual sections:<br>English/Mandarin combines British National Curriculum and Chinese Curriculum<br>French/Mandarin Section combines the French National Curriculum and Chinese Curriculum  |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, French, Mandarin  |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Creative activities, monthly field trips, no screens, big class sizes in a cosy, family-like environment. Our English, French, and Mandarin teachers are dedicated full-time to each classroom.  |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥12,500/month for French/Chinese Section<br>¥15,000/month for English/Chinese Section  |
| <b>Description</b>      | Our mission is to contribute to the development of internationally-minded, curious and enthusiastic children. Magnolia Kindergarten is a centre for happiness, high quality education, and discovery. The school size is 3000 sqm. At Magnolia Kindergarten, the positive development of children is in the heart of every moment of the day. Our facilities include two libraries, one children's kitchen, one art and exhibition studio, one carpentry workshop, one large indoor playground, three outdoor playgrounds, one organic garden, one giant slide, and tree top canopy play area. |

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# MYKIDS Academy

"Inspire each individual to reach their fullest potential and shine a brilliant future."



**Date founded** 2020

**Grade level** 18 months to 6 years

**Curriculum** Montessori

**Languages taught** Mandarin, English

**School strengths** Montessori educational community, Prepared environment, Multiple integrated curriculums, Full-time service system, English immersion, Parenting education.

**Tuition** ¥8,800- ¥13,800/month

**Description** MYKIDS serves families with children from age 18 months through 6 years. The complete Montessori programme is enhanced with a special curriculum including English immersion, music, and movement, art and sports. Children and parents have opportunities for many extracurricular activities through our Family Centre and after school programmes. We welcome you and your family to come for a visit and see why your kids should be at MYKIDS!



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## QISI Kindergarten 奇思幼儿园

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| <b>Date founded</b>     | March 2016   |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | 1.5-6 years old  |
|                         | Children (above 18 months age) must be physically healthy (with no chronic infectious diseases) without special learning needs and be able to participate in group activities.   |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | Core Curriculum, Chinese Core Curriculum, Special Course – STEAM, Excellence Project   |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Mandarin  |
| <b>School strengths</b> | STEAM, American Football, Artist Project, Sportsman Project, Explorer Project  |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥14,800/month  |
| <b>Description</b>      | A bilingual nursery school where the ambitions of our founder came true. The school owns wonderful facilities with a highly experienced teaching team. It is a cosy home made from love and delicacy. We are looking forward to meeting you in 2021! |

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奇思幼儿园



## Lucton Nursery School 黄浦莱克顿幼儿园

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| <b>Date founded</b>     | 2020   |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Ladybirds, Nursery, Reception, Year 1  |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | EYFS&China Guideline Link  |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Mandarin  |
| <b>School strengths</b> | British tradition, Chinese heart, International mind. Bringing the best out of every individual. Featured programs: Bilingual reading, STEM, Noble Sports, Scientific Exploration, Performing Art, Drama                                   |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥16,800/month  |
| <b>Description</b>      | Lucton Nursery School has a mutually supportive environment where every Luctonian will develop as a whole person. Here, Luctonians will fulfill their potential and have a shared future built on personal, social, and global well-being. |

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## Soong Ching Ling Kindergarten 宋庆龄幼儿园

"Providing children the foundations for living in an international, changing world. Our balanced curriculum enhances children's academic, social, emotional, and physical development."



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| <b>Date founded</b>     | 1991  |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | 2 to 6 years  |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | E.C.E. Curriculum, Montessori Curriculum  |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Mandarin   |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Bilingual programme, outdoor areas, unique curriculum blend   |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | Half-day Nursery: ¥100,100/year<br>Full-day Nursery: ¥130,000/year<br>Kindergarten: ¥160,000/year   |
| <b>Description</b>      | Our kindergarten was established by the China Welfare Institute in 1991. It is a non-profit kindergarten catering to children from ages 2 to 6. SCLK offers play-based learning activities covering learning objectives for the Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage One recommended by the British National Curriculum, as well as a 2-year Early Years Montessori programme. The aim of our curriculum is to support and extend children's development in all areas: cognition, socialisation, physical development and creativity. |

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# SUNRISE International Kindergarten 徐汇区民办安淇儿幼稚园

"We highly respect the individual readiness of each child, carefully place them in the appropriate level, so they can be challenged and learn at their own pace."



**Date founded**

1994

**Grade level**

Toddlers to K2 level

**Curriculum**

EYFS (Early Years Foundation System) with three prime areas (social/personal/emotional development; communication/language; physical development) associated with four specific areas (literacy; numeracy; arts and understanding the world)

**Languages taught**

English, Mandarin, and French (only for the French section)

**School strengths**

We develop the whole student, giving each an individualised education and supportive learning environment. Kids have the freedom to explore and discover themselves in a diversified and carefully prepared loving environment.

**Tuition**

¥120,000/school year

**Description**

For the last 27 years, we have provided quality education and fun learning experience to young learners. Each class has 15 to 20 students, and is taught with a Chinese and foreign teacher and assistant. We have a team of dedicated and experienced teachers who individually work on each child's development, promoting new perspectives, and broadening their minds, for we are not just a kindergarten, we are a family.



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## The Little Urban Center (LUC) LUC国际儿童中心

"To inspire in your child a love of school. Our students should be confident, engaged, and independent learners."



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| <b>Date founded</b>     | 2012  |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Pre-Nursery to Year One   |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | Innovative inquiry-based curriculum with EYFS framework   |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Mandarin   |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Bilingualism, inquiry-based learning, character education, Art and STEM exploration, Good teacher-student ratio. Multinational community.   |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥168,800/year   |
| <b>Description</b>      | LUC thrives to provide all of our learners with quality learning experiences and we believe that every learner at LUC is unique, and is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured. We built our school on the premise that children learn and develop well in enabling environments, in which their experiences respond to their individual needs and we continually work for a strong partnership between our school and a child's family. |



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# Tiny Tots International Pre-School & Kindergarten

## 上海泰宁外籍人员子女幼儿园

"Tiny Tots is where successful learning begins."



**Date founded** 1997

**Grade level** 1-6 years

**Curriculum** Tiny Tots uses an American curriculum called World of Wonders for 3 to 5-year-olds and Wonders for 5 to 6-year-olds. It is a developmentally appropriate, research-based curriculum providing structure and support to all young learners. The curriculum builds a strong foundation in all the developmental domains. The Nursery classes (2-3 years) use our in-house sequential step curriculum to build a foundation for confident and competent children.

**Languages taught** Tiny Tots is an English immersion school, where all classes are taught in English. Chinese classes are offered in class and as an extra-curricular activity.

**Tuition** 2021-22 School Year: full-day ¥157,800; half-day ¥129,000

**Description** For more than 20 years, Tiny Tots has been an inspiring and caring environment for young children. We have kept our school small to provide children with small class sizes and individual attention. Tiny Tots is a family oriented, diverse and inclusive community of learners. We offer a strong academic program and broad learning opportunities. Tiny Tots remain the only English-language international kindergarten in all of Shanghai.



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## Vanke DTD Kindergarten 万科德英乐幼儿园

"Enlighten the Mind,  
Inspire the Potential,  
Embrace the Future,  
to Foster Chinese  
Talents to Stand Out  
in the World."



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| <b>Date founded</b>     | 2017  |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | Nursery Class, Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten  |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | GLLASS Curriculum System: Game, Life Skills, Learning, Art, Science, Sports   |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English, Mandarin   |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥12,800 - 14,000/month  |
| <b>Description</b>      | DTD Education has five private kindergartens and two nurseries. Our mission is to "Inspire the potential, Enlighten the mind, Embrace the future, and foster them to be: Chinese Talents that Stand Out in the World." DTD Early Childhood Education has developed the "GLLASS", (Games, Life Skills, Learning, Art, Science, Sports) system to be the core of our learning activities. We advocate student-centred learning to create an environment in which learning naturally occurs. By immersing our students in project-based learning we are able to spark their interest in learning and develop their core abilities. |



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SHANGHAI 上海

## Harrow Little Lions Early Years Centre, Pudong 哈罗小狮幼教中心

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| <b>Date founded</b>     | 2018   |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | 2 to 3 years   |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | Blending the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum of England and a strong Chinese dimension, children are taught to develop creative thinking and teamwork competences through vibrant, individualised learning programmes that acknowledge every child as unique.   |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | English and Mandarin (Bilingual)   |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | ¥180,000 - 220,000/year  |
| <b>Description</b>      | Little Lions inherited the 450 years of education excellence of Harrow School, London. Our principal and foreign teachers are education experts from the UK. We adopt bilingual teaching in small class sizes, with a balance between academics, art, music, and sport. Pupils have the opportunity to take part in extracurricular activities, which include gymnastics and football. |

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HUILI NURSERY SHANGHAI

## Huilieducation 上海浦东新区民办惠立幼儿园

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| <b>Date founded</b>     | August 2018  |
| <b>Grade level</b>      | 2 to 6 years of age; EY1 (2-3 years old), EY2 (3-4 years old), EY3 (4-5 years old), EY4 (5-6 years old)  |
| <b>Curriculum</b>       | A bespoke framework to promote hands-on, brain-active learning creative, project-themed curricula  |
| <b>Languages taught</b> | Bilingual immersion with a 50/50 exposure to Mandarin and English  |
| <b>School strengths</b> | Bilingual immersion, indoor/outdoor learning spaces, Huilieducation Values and Identity  |
| <b>Tuition</b>          | Refer to the nursery website   |
| <b>Description</b>      | Huilieducation Nursery meets the needs of pupils aged 2-6 years, with a focus on the use of spaces, enhancements, and provocations to promote learning and development across various areas. Located in the New Bund area in Pudong, Huilieducation Nursery represent a marriage of traditional values and evidence-based practice from the UK and China. Using a bilingual curriculum designed to deliver education through purposeful play, promoting recognized areas of learning and development, they offer each child a personalized learning journey. |

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# Around Shanghai

Learn about school options near Shanghai and their respective curriculums



# Secret Suzhou

It's time to rediscover Shanghai's sister city.

By Sam Braybon

At just twenty-five minutes and 40 RMB from either Shanghai or Hongqiao Stations, this is one of the easiest day trips for weekenders out there. And with all trains now using e-tickets you can scan through to your seats in no time at all - don't forget those passports! Suzhou has several arrival stations but aim for the oldest and most central, simply named Suzhou Station.

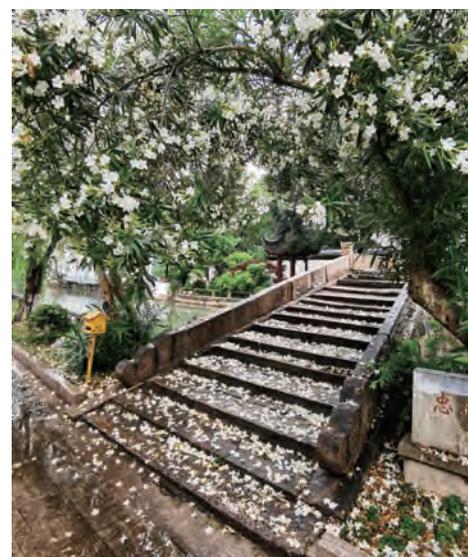
Suzhou's soul lies in the oldest part of town. Look on any map and you'll see the outline of a moat along which a city wall once ran. Hop in a taxi and bypass the congested tourist zones in the north, asking the driver to take you to Fengmen Hengjie in the southern part of the old town where street life rules supreme.

This centuries-old alleyway is a great area in which to get to grips

with Suzhounese food culture. The city's cuisine emphasises gentle, fresh flavours and the variety of produce here is genuinely astounding. Each morning, throngs of locals weave between towering heaps of fresh veggies to select the best of the bunch. See if you can pick out unique local favourites like jitoumi (gorgon fruit), used in seasonal soups, that stallholders sell from their doorways along with other regional specialties like bamboo and jellyfish.

From here cross the canal and head along Baibu Jie on foot. This cobbled street leads through some of the city's quietest and most elegant alleyways, crisscrossed by stone bridges and lined by weeping willows. It also offers a glimpse of the historic Soochow University campus, one of the most elegant in China and home to many handsome historic buildings.

Continue along the canal and you'll quickly see the Twin Pagodas looming into sight. These dramatic towers have stood in place for over a thousand years and are surrounded by a peaceful garden packed with relics from the Buddhist temple that once stood on this site. It's a great place to chill out



for a few moments and well worth the 8RMB ticket to enter.

Next to the pagodas lies one of modern Suzhou's best little treats. Until recently, Shuangta Market was your average *caichang* where locals shopped for groceries, but a 2019 makeover gave it interiors that an art gallery would be jealous of and attracted the city's young hipsters. These days, alongside *ayi* selling veg and seafood, you'll also find buskers, noodle bars, and naturally, a gourmet coffee shop for that much-needed espresso. The people watching is wonderful here and it's the perfect lunch spot if you hit it at the right time.

You are now within strolling distance of Pingjiang Road, Suzhou's scenic tourist area in which it is easy to while away an afternoon in cool cafes and little boutiques. Those looking for a little more adventure, however, should hop in a cab for a short ride towards Yipu or the Garden of Cultivation as it is sometimes known in English.

Perhaps Suzhou's most underrated garden, locating it is part of the fun.



Challenge your kids to navigate the maze of ancient alleyways to the entrance by following the Chinese characters stencilled onto the whitewashed walls as you peek into resident's old courtyards and pass by old wells and bridges. The garden itself is a compact delight, perfectly proportioned and with an open-air teahouse that offers a relaxing and photogenic view back over the pond and huge lilies.

You could head from here back to Suzhou Station and shuttle back to Shanghai in less than half an hour, but why not make a weekend of it?

Hopping in a cab and zipping over to Jinji Lake in twenty minutes will give you a look at the modern side of the city. This immaculate area is home to Suzhou's booming tech scene as well as its swankiest hotels and malls. A glimpse of the vast Gate to the East tower (or Big Pants, as it is more appropriately and amusingly known by locals) that dominates the area will leave you in no doubt that this is a thoroughly modern metropolis that means serious business.

Looking for a little luxury? Well in that case the swish new Park Hyatt is your pick, offering all the mod cons you would expect. Opened in June this year, the interiors here feature fab contemporary takes on traditional Suzhou garden designs elements like beautiful bonsai trees and ponds full of plump koi carp. The Chinese restaurant, Xizhou Hall, is already one of the most sought-after in town, known for its refined take on local classics. China, it has to be said, is not always a place where the old and new sit so easily next to one another but Suzhou seems to have found the recipe to blend the two seamlessly. **SF**





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"Nurturing  
International Leaders,  
Preparing Students for  
a Beautiful Future."



**Date founded**

2014

**Grade level**

K-12

**Curriculum**

Primary School (G1-G6): Integrated Curriculum  
Secondary School (G9-G12): MYP, IBDP, AP, IGCSE, A-Level

**Languages taught**

Mandarin, English

**School strengths**

International Perspective, Leadership, Lifelong Learning, Humane Caring

**Tuition**

¥72,000-120,000/year

**Description**

Kang Chiao is a cross-strait school who has an East China and Taipei campus. The East China Campus was formally introduced to the mainland of China by invitation of the People's Government of Kunshan in 2012. This new school aims to provide an excellent education and a culturally stimulating environment that promotes diversity and inspiration for students. Our students are encouraged to acquire and reinforce skills needed to be active, lifelong learners. KCISEC provides a coherent learning experience from kindergarten to high school by utilising innovative pedagogical methods based on a balanced international curriculum.



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# Sino-Canada School

## 中加枫华国际学校

"Inspiration,  
Exploration, Excellence,  
Elegance"



**Date founded**

2003

**Grade level**

Kindergarten to High School

**Curriculum**

High School: BC Curriculum, A-Level  
Kindergarten to Secondary School: Bilingual education

**Languages taught**

English, French, Mandarin

**Tuition**

Primary School: ¥44,000/year; Secondary School: ¥57,000/year;  
High School: ¥86,000/year

**Description**

Established in 2003, Sino-Canada School is an international school authorised by both the British Columbian and Chinese Education Ministry. To carry out double degree education to all its international students, Sino-Canada school provides the British Columbia high school course and is eligible to issue a high school diploma in both China and British Columbia. The school is located in Wujiang District, Suzhou, and currently has more than 2,400 students aged from three to eighteen. The school is registered with the BC Ministry of Education and is inspected annually. From 2016 to 2019, Sino-Canada's BC programme has continuously obtained full marks in its annual inspection and has already been recognised as a top BC overseas programme in China.



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威雅学校  
WYCOMBE ABBEY SCHOOLS  
INTERNATIONAL

# Wycombe Abbey Schools International

## 威雅学校

"Day and boarding school - every child can excel"



### Date founded

Changzhou Campus: 2012; Hong Kong Campus (Primary): 2019; Hangzhou Campus and Nanjing Campus will open in 2021

### Grade level

Kindergarten to Year 13

### Curriculum

EYFS, Key Stage 1 to 4, IGCSE, A-Level

### Languages taught

English, Mandarin

### School strengths

A holistic education focusing on globally recognised IGCSE and A Level Courses with highly experienced foreign teaching staff in a small class environment. Tutoring system is provided, as well as traditional boarding system. (Changzhou Campus) Kindergarten: ¥110,000/year; Primary: ¥130,000/year; Secondary: ¥137,000 - 158,000/year

### Tuition

### Description



Wycombe Abbey UK is already widely recognised as one of the leading schools in the world and among its sister schools. Wycombe Abbey Schools International in China are fast developing. We are day and boarding schools, accepting pupils aged 3-18. We are an accredited Pearson Edexcel and Cambridge International Examination Centre for IGCSEs and A-Levels. We help prepare pupils to enter leading universities and equip them for success in their future careers.



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*Nanjing Campus:* Tangshan District, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province

## Concord Music

Concord Music is a music school trusted by expat families with 8 years of reputation. We just recently moved to our new site in Wuzhong Lu, in the heart of 'Korea Town' with better facilities! Our teachers are world-class musicians who have graduated from the world's most prestigious conservatories. We offer professional 1-on-1 instrumental lessons, early-years music lessons (18mo-5yr), instrument group classes as well as seasonal instrument and music camps. We also offer performing opportunities for all students with workshops and intensive programs to motivate our students' interests. *Address: Suite 626, 1189 Wuzhong Road; Tel: 5235 7398, email: info@concord-music.com, WeChat: concord\_admission; Website: www.concord-music.com.*

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## ICONX

ICONX offers skateboarding lessons, after-school programmes, and camps from professional instructors with a lifelong background in skateboarding. Their goal is to share their passion for skateboarding and help nurture the growing sport in China. So far they have successfully taught nearly 4,000 multicultural students. ICONX is known for building Shanghai's first indoor skate park, which is renowned amongst schools, parents, and all-ages of skaters. If you or your kids want to learn how to skateboard, get in touch with these guys and you'll be busting out Tony Hawk moves in no time. *Jing'an Skate Park, 151 Kangding Road; Puxi - Poly SunnyWalk Mall, B2,230 Ruiping Road; Pudong - Unit B, 49 Jingyan Road; info@iconx.cn; www.iconx.com.*

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## Oogie Art

For twenty years, Oogie Art has inspired students to reach greater heights of creativity. A global art school with locations in New York, Boston, Busan, and Shanghai, Oogie Art has received widespread recognition for its teaching methods and results. Oogie Art's award-winning programmes and expert teachers nurture young artists in developing the techniques, creative thinking, and artistic confidence to make unique artworks that help them win prestigious art awards, receive college scholarships, and gain acceptance into top art colleges and universities. Classes run during weeknights, weekends, and holiday breaks. *contact@oogieart.cn; Tel: 135 0193 1095; WeChat: oogieart; Tuition: ¥200-300/hour.*

# Glossary

**ACT:** A standardised test for high school achievement used in the United States assessing student learning in English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and Writing. An alternative to the SAT for college applications.

**American Curriculum:** AUS curriculum based on Common Core State Standards for the core subjects English Language Arts, Math, History and Geography, and Sciences.

**Advanced Placement (AP):** These are exams for senior students run by a US-based College Board. AP aims to emulate first year college courses, enabling high school students to earn college credit.

**AP Capstone:** AP diploma programme built on the AP Seminar and AP Research, designed to complement in-depth, discipline specific study provided through the AP courses.

**British Curriculum:** Follows the National Curriculum of England where all learning materials are produced in the UK. It culminates with the IGCSE and A-Level certification in secondary school.

**Council of International Schools (CIS):** The CIS awards schools that ensure high educational standards, and a focus on infusing an international and intercultural perspective into their programmes. It takes one to two years of self-assessment before schools can be accredited.

**CITA:** The Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation is a US-run agency that enforces internationally recognised high educational standards in its schools.

**EAL/EFL/ESL:** These programmes offer assistance for students learning English as a second language, with half or full-day programmes and individual tutoring during non-school hours.

**High Scope Curriculum:** Emphasises a hands-on approach to learning in early childhood education. Eight content areas provide its Key Developmental Indicators.

**IB (PYP) (MYP) (DP):** The International Baccalaureate Programme includes Primary Years, Middle Years, and Diploma Programmes. IB fosters critical thinking, problem solving, research, and writing skills. The DP requires six courses, Theory of Knowledge (philosophy), and a 4,000-word extended essay. The IBDP is accepted in college applications worldwide.

**IGCSE:** The International General Certificate of Secondary Education is taken between the ages of 14 and 16. Students are required to study core topics along with a select number of over 70 optional topics. Typically, qualified students move on to study AP or IB and occasionally A-Levels.

**IPC:** The International Primary Curriculum aims to instill in children a desire to learn by focusing on three aspects of subject matter: knowledge, skill, and understanding.

**Montessori:** Theory of education characterised by freedom within limits, thus facilitating the development of the child's independence. Methods focus on the child's natural learning process, honed by independently working with materials rather than direct instruction.

**NEASC:** The New England Association of Schools and Colleges is a US-based organisation which helps international schools adhere to publicly stated standards and objectives.

**NCCT:** The National Centre for School Curriculum and Textbook Development is a non-governmental agency for schools seeking both international and Chinese accreditation. The NCCT helps to develop and assess school curricula, textbooks, and teaching methods.

**SAT:** An aptitude test used in the US for college applications. A newly revamped SAT released in Spring 2016 includes changes to scoring and testing content. The test comprises three parts: Evidence-based Reading, Writing and Language, Maths, and an optional Essay.

**TOEFL:** Test of English as a Foreign Language assesses English proficiency. International students applying to English speaking universities are required to take the TOEFL exam.

**WASC:** The Western Association of Schools and Colleges is an American organisation that assesses and accredits schools that successfully undergo a six-year accreditation process.

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# School Visit Checklist



Cut out and make several copies to bring along to each school.

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School size: \_\_\_\_\_ Student nationalities: \_\_\_\_\_

**The school offers:**

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air purification system           | <input type="checkbox"/> Competitive sports   | <input type="checkbox"/> Library              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP courses                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer lab         | <input type="checkbox"/> PTA/PTO              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Band/music classes                | <input type="checkbox"/> Counselling services | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe & secure campus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boarding                          | <input type="checkbox"/> ESL/ESOL/EAL         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports fields/courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buses for after-school activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnasium            | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean facilities                  | <input type="checkbox"/> IB Programme         | <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre/auditorium   |

| Your observations:                                   | Notes: |
|--|--------|
| 1. Are students engaged, attentive, and happy?       |        |
| 2. Do students treat others with respect?            |        |
| 3. Do students seem prepared for class?              |        |
| 4. Describe the overall "look & feel" of the school. |        |
| 5. How does your child feel about the school?        |        |

| Questions to ask administrators:                                     | Notes: |
|--|--------|
| 1. What sets your school apart from the others?                      |        |
| 2. What are your academic and behavioural expectations for students? |        |
| 3. Do you have resources for students with learning disabilities?    |        |
| 4. What is your teacher-to-student ratio?                            |        |
| 5. How do you hire teachers?   |        |
| 6. How do you assess teacher performance?                            |        |
| 7. In what ways are parents involved at school?                      |        |

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