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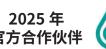
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editor's note

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We hope you enjoy this issue of our an<mark>nual School Directory and wish</mark> you the best of luck on your family's education journey.





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Lynn Yen, Executive Editor





Holding Hands, Setting Boundaries Parenting Your Teen Through Modern Dating

As children navigate teenage dating, parents walk a delicate line between guidance and respecting independence. By Khushboo Khanna



or many parents, the prospect of discussing puberty, sex, and relationships with their teenagers can feel like navigating a minefield. When is the right time to start? How much information is too much? And how can we ensure our children feel comfortable enough to come to us with their questions and concerns? For mothers Nishtha, Eve, and Edda fostering open communication has been a cornerstone of their parenting approach, albeit with their own unique nuances.



Nishtha Mehta: Weaving Wellbeing into the Conversation Nishtha Mehta, an Innovative Leaders coach and facilitator

based in Shanghai for two decades and mother to 14-year-old son Aryan, believes in "commit[ting] to the uncomfortable" in parenting, fostering growth through open dialogue. When it comes to sensitive topics like puberty and relationships, she finds that a direct, formal approach isn't the most effective with her son. "One off sitdown serious talks is not what works for us." she explains. "What seems to be working is taking the 'wellbeing' angle. Aryan, like any other teenager is discovering the joy of growth spurts and eager to eat better, exercise, look smart, perform better... So, when he brings up self-improvement and wellbeing topic, I also naturally bring up topics related to sex, changes in body/emotions, consent, respect, in that context. Context helps." She rates their current level of openness at a 6, observing that "Recently, I observed that when we are with close family friends... lot of these topics flow more naturally. More open conversation and point of view comes from him. So why not change the setting of just parent and child to more natural setting with other role models that seems to work for the child? I plan to continue on this approach."



Eve Wee-Ang: Naming it Directly and Dispelling the "Eww!" Factor

Eve Wee-Ang, the editor, host, and writer of Parents & Kids and mother to a 17-year-old daughter and a 15-year-

old son, champions a frank and unambiguous approach to discussing sensitive subjects. "Since my kids were young, I've never believed in using euphemisms for genitalia and sex. I name them as it is: This is your vagina; this is your penis. Replacing them with cute words feels disrespectful and dishonouring our body parts." This directness extends to answering their questions without hesitation. "I never turned my kids away or shushed them whenever they asked sex-related questions. They are curious, as they should be. The funny thing is, before you can get too descriptive, they go 'ewww!!!!' and run for their lives. It's a great teaching opportunity because if they don't hear it from us, guess where they will find out?" Eve reports a perfect 10 when it comes to openness in their conversations, a testament to her willingness to share her own experiences, including past mistakes. "I hope my kids know they can come to me about anything, and I will be honest with them about my life experiences, which include my past mistakes and the lessons I've learned. I tell them that despite what I've learned, I will still be making mistakes until I die, and guess what? So will you. I think being open about my humanity gives my kids permission to be human, too."



Edda Joyce Garcia: Creating a Non-Judgmental Space

Edda Joyce Garcia, who runs the bespoke space styling agency ESTILO and is mother

to an 8-year-old daughter, emphasizes the importance of creating a safe and non-judgmental environment for open dialogue. "In my approach to parenting, I really value honesty, openness, and building trust - especially when it comes to important topics like body changes and growing up. Parenting is all about fostering trust and open communication – making sure my daughter feels supported, informed, and never ashamed of the natural transitions she'll go through." She rates their current level of candor at an 8, attributing it to "creating a space without judgment, being a good listener, and reassuring her that no topic is ever off-limits." Edda believes this foundation of trust is crucial as her daughter approaches her teenage vears.

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Navigating the Digital Landscape

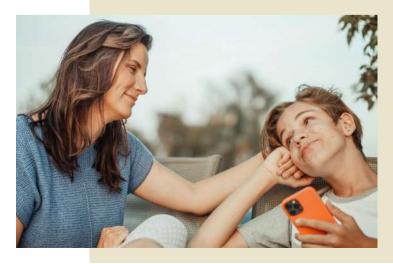
The omnipresence of social media and free rein internet adds another layer of complexity to teenage sexuality, relationships, and dating. Parents grapple with how to guide their children in this virtual world, where curated images and fleeting trends can heavily influence perceptions of relationships and self-worth.



Nishtha: Real-Life Examples as a Compass

For Nishtha, guiding her son through the digital realm involves grounding his online experi-

ences in real-world understanding. "My approach has always been real life examples and experience based. No lectures or theory. We discuss news and examples about consequences linked to right and wrong content on social media. Or right and wrong choices. Like case study breakdown. Putting him in the driver's seat for bringing more awareness, and how his choices that will affect both him and his parents, helps him to feel responsible." While acknowledging the inevitability of experimentation, she believes this approach can minimize potential pitfalls. "Also, I set an example for him with my phone being accessible. That sets the tone for him to show me his social media feed, even though he resists time to time. It gives me visibility and ability to guide." She also employs practical measures like password-protected apps and joint agreements on app usage and time limits, reinforcing the concept of shared responsibility.





Eve:

Embracing Curiosity and Open Affection Eve approaches the impact of

social media with curiosity rather than outright restriction. "As my

children grow, I approach everything they do with curiosity and an open mind. I was once anti-social media, but now I get myself into it just to understand the appeal. Now, we send each other memes on Instagram." Instead of solely focusing on the potential negatives of online relationships, Eve emphasizes the importance of modeling healthy relationships within the family. "My husband and I are openly affectionate about our love for each other in front of our kids. This means that when we are upset or have disagreements, we are just as open about it. This gives the kids a semblance of normalcy when it comes to real-life relationships vs. the manufactured reels they see online." This grounding in authentic connection serves as a vital counterpoint to the often-filtered world of social media.



Edda: Balancing Supervision and Trust

Edda takes a balanced approach to her daughter's online interactions, setting boundaries while also

fostering trust. "I am very particular with her screen time, actually. I set boundaries as to when and how long she can be online. Sometimes I watch with her to learn and understand what she is interested in at the present. If I see something inappropriate or nonsensical, I let her know and tell her the reasons she cannot keep watching such. Of course, it is inevitable what she might encounter. I supervise but I do not overpower or control too much. I think it is best not to cage them up from the world's reality. And going back to proper guidance and open communication, I believe with these you can set the right path." She actively uses parental controls and monitors browsing history, but always accompanies these measures with open conversations about online safety and responsible consumption. "Sometimes, I also take the initiative to introduce videos or websites that align with her current interests... so that her feed becomes filled with content that inspires her and nurtures her passions."

Setting Boundaries and Respecting Privacy

Navigating the delicate balance between offering support and respecting a teenager's growing need for privacy is a constant challenge for parents. How do we stay informed without being intrusive? How do we create a safe space for sharing without appearing to pry?



Nishtha: Trust with Visibility

Nishtha admits that finding this balance is "very difficult," but she is optimistic about their progress. "I believe in giving 100% trust

first with clear boundaries. And the knowledge to him that if trust is broken then there are consequences. The goal for me is to have visibility rather than expecting every piece of information. Privacy is not blanket 100%. He can keep details to himself, as long as I am aware of who he is with, where he is, what are the activities involved." This approach emphasizes trust as the foundation, with clear expectations and a degree of parental awareness for safety and guidance.



Eve: The Lighthouse Parent

Eve describes her approach using a powerful metaphor: "I now see myself as a lighthouse in my parenting approach - I am always here shining a light for you whenever

you need me." This encapsulates her philosophy of being a constant source of support without being overbearing. "My kids know that whenever they talk to me, I put everything aside and listen. I then ask them if they need my opinion or me to step in. Usually, all they need is a safe space to air their thoughts and vent their emotions. When needed, I tell them, "This is my opinion, but I am not you, and you know yourself best, so listen to yourself." This approach respects their autonomy while ensuring they have a reliable sounding board.



Edda:

Allowing Space for Decompression

Edda also recognizes the importance of respecting her daughter's need for personal space, especially when dealing with difficult emotions. "Whilst she knows it is okay

for her to talk to me about anything I also allow her to have her own space. If she is angry or sad about something, she has freedom to have a bit of privacy and decompress." This understanding that teenagers need time and space to process their feelings contributes to a more trusting and open relationship in the long run.



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Perspectives on the "Right" Age and Early Relationships

The question of when teenagers should begin dating is a common concern for parents. Is there an ideal age? How do our own experiences shape our views on this for our children?



Nishtha:

Fostering Friendships First Nishtha prioritizes the development of healthy friendships over the pressure to date during the teenage years. "I'd rather encour-

age my son to have great girl friend friendships along with boy friend friendships and not get so bogged down with any peer pressure of dating. Not every relationship with a girl/ other gender needs to always be romantic in this teenage phase of life. At this age it's a great opportunity for them to understand and practice what it's like to have great friendships with both genders. It's a beautiful developmental skill overlooked with obsession of dating. And of course in that process, if he discovers that he has stronger liking for a specific girl, I'll be more than happy to support and guide."



EVC: Beyond the Numbers Game

Eve rejects the notion of a specific "appropriate" age for dating, emphasizing the individuality of teen-

agers. "Tve never thought about appropriate or inappropriate age for dating as these are numbers, and teenagers aren't numbers. They are humans with thoughts, feelings, and raging hormones, and some are in challenging circumstances that rob them of love and acceptance." Reflecting on her own early experience of dating at 16, she focuses on the importance of self-awareness within any relationship. "With my children, they are raised to think and take responsibility for themselves. It's wonderful to be in love but always return to yourself. Never abandon yourself."



Edda: Guiding with Experience, Not Control Edda hopes her daughter will feel comfortable exploring friend-

ships with both boys and girls and envisions dating occurring sometime in her teenage years, perhaps around 16. However, she acknowledges the limitations of parental control in this area. "Of course, I know I can't control when she meets someone special or at what point in her life it might happen. My role is to guide her, educate her, and nurture a strong sense of self-respect and responsibility. With that foundation, I'm confident she will grow into a woman she herself will be proud of."



Guiding Through the Dating Phase

As their children venture into the world of dating, parents play a crucial role in providing guidance and support, helping them navigate the complexities of romantic relationships.



Nishtha: Creating a Supportive

Social Ecosystem Nishtha's approach involves creating a broader social environment where her son can observe and interact with healthy

relationships. "My approach and hope is to create scenarios where he can meet and spend time with more role models. We hang out in various social circles with family friends, families, even my work colleagues. When they see healthy and diverse relationships, they start to discover perspectives." She also aims to be approachable and involved in her son's social life. "I want to be that cool mum who is easy to talk to and fun to hang out with. I would also make an effort to get to know his friends, perhaps invite them over regularly, get together with their parents too, do fun things together."



EVE: Core Principles for Healthy Relationships

Eve focuses on imparting fundamental principles for navigating relationships.

Her key pieces of guidance are succinct and powerful: "1. Respect your partner's 'No'. 2. Never abandon yourself." These principles emphasize consent, self-respect, and maintaining one's identity within a relationship.



Edda: An Unforced and Inter-

ested Approach

Edda plans to take a natural and unforced approach, drawing on her own experiences to guide her daughter. "I will share my personal experiences

and let her know she is free to ask me as many questions. I will take unique interest in her personal life but not pry too much. I will also talk to her about the many different scenarios dating can lead to." Her goal is to be a supportive and approachable figure.



Parting Wisdom

As these teenagers navigate the exciting and sometimes turbulent waters of early relationships, the wisdom shared by their mothers offers valuable guidance for fellow parents. Nishtha advises, "Share your own life stories, involve them in your own social circles so they are willing to share too or ask questions or observe. Let's create more points of references for them." Eve cautions against dismissing teenage relationships, stating, "Parents should not downplay or dismiss teenage relationships as 'puppy love' or 'teenage crushes'. To me, every relationship contributes to one's life experiences, and dismissing it devalues one's feelings as unimportant and invalid." Edda emphasizes the counterproductive nature of excessive control: "I would say the more we restrict the more kids repel and keep secrets. Communication, setting expectations, setting boundaries are very important. Let them know they will make mistakes for sure, go through different waves of emotions, and that's all okay."

Ultimately, the most profound advice is often the simplest. When asked what single piece of advice they would offer their children as they begin to date, Nishtha says, "Tell me more about your new friend. I would love to meet her whenever you want." Eve reiterates her core principle: "Never abandon yourself." And Edda echoes this sentiment, urging her daughter "to enjoy the journey – to know that dating isn't always a bed of roses. There will be highs and lows, moments of happiness and lessons in disappointment. But through it all, I would want her to stay true to herself, to know her worth, and to never lose sight of what she deserves." S feature

Star Students of 2025

Congratulations to the Class of 2025! This crop of remarkable graduates has shown dedication and hard work to arrive at this exciting moment in their educational careers. Hear from a few graduates about their reflections on time in Shanghai, how their schools shaped them, and about their plans for the future. We toast to each member of the Class of 2025 and their accomplishments so far. We wish them the best of luck in their futures!

Concordia International School Shanghai

Please share with us why you chose your university and major.

Aviation has always been my passion since a young age. I would build and fly rc airplanes and sit in every aircraft cockpit I could at airshows. In middle and high school, I knew I wanted to design the next big thing in aerospace, be it rockets or new supersonic aircraft. As such, I knew I wanted to pursue aerospace engineering since 5th grade. I chose ERAU for its strong aerospace reputation, hands-on programs, and unmatched hands-on opportunities in next generation aerospace technology.

How has your time in Shanghai/ at your school changed you?

My time at Concordia has taught me that the sky is the limit. Under Dr. Peter Tong's mentorship, I've turned my dreams into reality by exploring aerospace, from intelligent drones to full-scale aviation. This journey also led me to establish Phoenix Squadron, an aerospace program that has deepened my passion and allowed me to give back to the school community. As I look ahead to college, I'm confident that great things–dreams, even–are within reach.

What are you most looking forward to in college?

I'm excited to explore the latest advancements in aerospace, particularly in efficient electric propulsion, hypersonic flight, and ion propulsion. I've been researching these areas and can't wait to contribute to their development as I believe advances in these technologies will bring the next major revolution in the aerospace industry. Additionally, I'm eager to discover Florida and experience more of the U.S. beyond my home state of California.

What is your proudest achievement?

My proudest achievement has been realizing my STEM dream. As a child, I tinkered with old computers and electronics, eventually graduating to building Arduino robots. At Concordia, I am able to push my limits, from building my first drone to creating a 50-drone swarm and winning the VEX Robotics national championship with an incredible team. This journey has shaped my identity as an engineer.



Marcus Chu Nationality

United States **College/University** Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach **Intended Major**





Alannah Sung

Nationality: Chinese (Hong Kong) College/University: NYU Stern Major: Business with a concentration in Marketina

Please share with us why you chose your university and major.

My introduction to Marketing started only in junior year, in the Applied Learning Business & Finance course. We participated in a campaign competition for advertising agency BBDO, and through this project I felt I found a field that I could thrive in – blending both my creative passions and analytical eye. I chose to pursue Marketing at NYU for not only their renowned Stern School of Business, but also for the dynamic and exciting arts scene in NYC, where I can explore my interests in dance and fashion.

How has your time in Shanghai/ at your school changed you?

Being at Concordia opened my world to many opportunities I would not have experienced otherwise. From being in classes like Business to joining the Dance team and planning the MUN conference, each aspect of my experience at Concordia has built my character and allowed me to explore my interests and talents.

What are you most looking forward to in college?

I'm most excited for the community that I'll be a part of. NYU is a place filled with amazing creatives, performers, entrepreneurs, and I can't wait to be a part of this group of brilliant minds. I look forward to how I will grow and what new experiences I will face as I go through college.

What is your proudest achievement?

An achievement I hold closest to my heart is becoming captain of my school's APAC dance team. Dance has been an integral part of my life since a very early age, and it's where I found an outlet for expression and explored my creativity and artistry. I had been a part of the dance team since my freshman year, and our annual APAC dance piece had always been something that I poured a lot of my time and passion into. Taking on a leadership role in the team in my senior year was something I am proud of, and I'm so happy to have been able to help create our performance and support the team.



Alix De Boni Nationality French College/University Imperial College London in London, UK Intended Major Biological Sciences

Shanghai French School

Please share with us why you chose your university and major.

From an early age, I have been fascinated by how life functions, from molecular and cellular processes to the complexities of the human body. I am applying to this university not only for its global reputation but also for its strong English curriculum, real-world applications, and access to scientific institutions.

How has your time in Shanghai/ at your school changed you?

Those seven years at the Shanghai French School gave me a unique global perspective, allowing me to engage with different cultures, adapt to diverse viewpoints, and motivated me in taking a beneficial Chinese course. Academically, I developed rigor and efficiency, continuously challenged and inspired by my peers.

What are you most looking forward to in college?

In college, I am excited to continue my journey in the field of biological sciences, expanding and deepening my knowledge. I am excited about the opportunity to meet new people and engage with a diverse community. I look forward to finding fulfillment in my courses, while discovering a new country, a place I have never travelled to before.

What is your proudest achievement?

My proudest achievement is having the opportunity to participate in the Asia Pacific Football Championship as the captain of my team because a few have the privilege to participate in such a tournament and travel with their school and teammates. It has been a rewarding experience, and it has thought me to adopt a competitive mindset while fully experiencing the present moment, which is something we often forget during this final year of high school.

Wellington College International Shanghai

Please share with us why you chose your university and major.

Computer Science has been my favourite subject since year 9 and participated in relevant extra-curricular activities such as Hackathon and VEX. As I enjoyed these activities, I got more interested in the subject and eventually wanted to major this subject. Accordingly, I naturally wanted to apply to universities with a good Computer Science department.

How has your time in Shanghai/ at your school changed you?

I believe that the time at Wellington has allowed me to make lots of personal growth, especially with my leadership skills. Though I never thought I would be a future leader, I had many leadership opportunities such as the Secondary Liaison in the Heads of Pupil Leadership Team, from which I not only developed my leadership skills but also crucial social skills like effective communication and teamwork.

What are you most looking forward to in college?

I am looking forward to meeting new people and getting to learn further about the subject of my interest, Computer Science. I am really excited for the new journey ahead of me, but am quite sad that I will be leaving Wellington for college soon.

What is your proudest achievement?

My proudest achievement is initiating and organizing HackWell, one of the biggest pupil-led school events, inviting over 110 younger pupils from various schools across China. I am particularly proud since I recruited and mentored younger pupils to take over and allow HackWell to continue thriving as a legacy even after my graduation.



Halyn K.

Nationality: South Korea & US College/University: offers from UATX, USC Major: Computer Science





German School Shanghai

Please share with us why you chose your university and major.

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I have always been interested in the natural sciences, and I found genetics and neurobiology particularly fascinating during high school. This led me to focus increasingly on medicine when choosing my studies. After graduating from high school, I completed a voluntary social year in the surgical ward at the Thorax Clinic in Heidelberg. This experience made it clear to me that medicine is the right path for me.

How has your time in Shanghai/ at your school changed you?

I particularly remember the "Science Fair" in the German School Shanghai, where we had the freedom and responsibility to plan, conduct, and evaluate our own scientific project. This was a valuable glimpse into research and further strengthened my interest in it.

Additionally, the diverse extracurricular activities and the opportunity to moderate events such as the Christmas market, the graduation ceremony, or interviews

have had a lasting impact on me. They broadened my interests and helped me develop confidence in public speaking. This has been beneficial for me on several occasions: last semester, I had the honor of delivering part of the thank-you speech on behalf of the dissection course to the body donors, and I am involved in the "Working Group on Organ Donation Awareness," where we inform school classes about organ donation.

What are you most looking forward to in college?

First, I aim to successfully complete my first state examination in the summer. I am already looking forward to the clinical phase of my medical studies and plan to do a semester abroad. Currently, I am considering Brown University in the USA, but I am open to other options as well. I also plan to remain flexible regarding my professional future after medical school: at the moment, I find forensic medicine or pathology very exciting, but I am also open to being convinced by other specialties.



Caridee Chau Nationality College/University

Intended Major

Please share with us why you chose your university and major.

Shanghai American School

I chose to study law because of the way it combines reasoning, morality, and lots of other concepts I'm intrigued by. In terms of my university, I really appreciated the tutor system at Oxford, and the college I chose happened to have an ongoing tradition of racing turtles!

How has your time in Shanghai/ at your school changed you?

I've lived in Shanghai my entire life, so seeing the city change around me has helped me realize a lot about myself. As I approach graduation, I've found myself already missing my friends and family, so, if anything, growing up taught me to cherish my loved ones.

What are you most looking forward to in college?

Karaoke nights! Other than that, I'm just excited to explore a new community and meet new people. There's so much of the world that I haven't seen yet, and college is a place where people find lots of eyeopening opportunities and experiences.

What is your proudest achievement?

I'm the proudest of the things I've left behind for other people because I'm confident that these things will persist long after we physically part ways at the end of the school year. At school, it's the small traditions and clubs that I've helped create and outside the classroom, it's everything my friends and I have learned from each other.

Please share with us why you chose your university and major.

I have always gravitated toward the sciences, whether through hands-on workshops as a kid or taking HL sciences in the IB Diploma. I hope to use this opportunity to contribute to oncology research and prepare for veterinary school. Later, I intend to add a businessrelated study to complement my pursuits.

How has your time in Shanghai/ at your school changed you?

Growing up in Canada, Shanghai and the SAS community has been vastly different from what I was used to. Living here has truly shown me the value of being around ambitious yet-for the lack of a better word-fun people. I have grown to love a city like Shanghai as it has truly spoiled me with opportunity, energy, and culture.

What are you most looking forward to in college?

I am excited to get closer to what I want to do by focusing more intentionally on the things I care about. At the same time, I also look forward to living independently, shaping my routine and environment, and really just enjoying the college experience while taking on some new challenges.

What is your proudest achievement?

Through challenges—and milestones most people do not know about, I have found myself coming out with more maturity and the ability to maintain the values of who I am. So despite the many things I still need to work on, I am proud of the small circle of lasting relationships I have built, ones full of honesty, love, and sometimes a little push.



Grace Li Nationality College/University Intended Major

Shanghai United International School Pudong Campus



Eva Ye Nationality: Chinese College/University: University of Oxford Major: History



Please share with us why you chose your university and major.

I chose many of my schools because I believe in chasing dreams and a "no regret" mindset. Trying meant risking failure. Not trying meant accepting it. In the same way, studying history had also been a childhood dream and a constant in my life. I study history to understand humanity. Because at its core, history is the story of people. Who we are. Where we came from. No matter the subject or setting, human nature endures as an eternal force, and through history, I gain a way of seeing this world.

How has your time in Shanghai/ at your school changed you?

Growing up in this cosmopolitan metropolis, I found myself chatting with French musical actors and dancing with the Shanghai Ballet. I've always been part of where East meets West—a spirit my school also embodied. Together, they shaped my global perspective and deepened my appreciation for moving between and speaking to these different worlds.

What are you most looking forward to in college?

Breaking through the limits of being a high school student, I look forward to exploring and learning freely. I want to discover new ideas, meet people from different backgrounds, and challenge my assumptions. Whether academically, culturally, or socially, I'm excited to grow beyond what I know and embrace the diversity of the world where my curiosity will lead me.

What is your proudest achievement?

Being voted "Best Smile" for our graduation activity might seem like a simple, lighthearted moment, but to me, it felt like true recognition of who I am. More than just a personality trait, my smile has, over the years, become a quiet belief. It reminds me of even the difficult times, when I didn't feel like smiling, and how it became my strength: a way of choosing hope, of standing back up every time I fall. I'm proud of my smile and the personal philosophy it holds.

The British International School Shanghai Puxi

Please share with us why you chose your university and major.

My exposure to a blend of globally influenced designs and traditional Ancient Chinese styles in Shanghai has fueled my desire to create similarly beautiful designs through architecture. BCIT stood out for its hands on approach, with a wide variety of relevant courses and myriad opportunities for practical design.

How has your time in Shanghai/ at your school changed you?

Having lived in Shanghai for nearly sixteen years, I now call it home. The two international schools I have attended here, NAIS Pudong and BISS Puxi, especially the diversity of my peers and the multiculturalism celebrated in school events, have shaped me into the internationally minded student I am today.

What are you most looking forward to in college?

I'm excited to interact with and get to know a new community of people and places in a radically different city. I will cherish opportunities to make new friends and memories as I grow as an independent adult, as well as opportunities to learn practical and life skills.

What is your proudest achievement?

Completing my final art exhibition, which displayed all my artworks of my two years in the IB Visual Arts course. The work and hours my classmate and I put into curating the artworks, and arranging the space in a way that shows what inspired them exceeded anything I had done earlier.



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health

When Disordered Eating Becomes an Eating Disorder

Am-Sino Healthcare Mental Health Team discuss spotting eating disorders.



ating behaviours exist along a continuum, from healthy to disordered eating. Healthy eating is not always eating healthy foods', but rather making flexible choices that satisfy nutrition without causing anxiety or guilt. Disordered eating may include intense dieting, restrictive intake, or binge eating. When disordered patterns prolong and intensify, they may be considered eating disorders.



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What Characterises Eating Disorders?

Eating disorders are complex mental health conditions that significantly impact a person's physical, emotional, and social well-being. Many different eating disorders exit, each with unique motivation and behaviours. The four most common eating disorders are:

Anorexia Nervosa (AN): persistent food restriction leading to significantly low body weight, accompanied by a distorted body image. Someone with AN may obsess over calories, fast, purge or over-exercise. Despite extreme weight loss and its impact on health, intense fear of gaining weight persists.

Bulimia Nervosa (BN): Recurrent binge-eating episodes followed by compensatory behaviours (selfinduced vomiting, fasting, excessive exercise, laxatives). It's common for people with BN to struggle with guilt and shame, experiencing mood swings, dizziness and fatigue.

Binge Eating Disorder (BED):

Recurrent episodes of over-eating a large amount of food while feeling a loss of control. Unlike BN, these episodes aren't followed by purging or other compensatory behaviors. Intense shame or distress often accompany these episodes.

Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID): Unlike many eating disorders, ARFID is not driven by concerns about weight. It involves avoiding foods based on the sensory experience of the food or eating environment. More than just "picky eating", ARFID leads to malnutrition and weight loss, often resulting in a dependence on tube feeding or nutritional supplements.

Red Flags for Disordered Eating:

- Food-Related Behaviors: Refusal to eat socially, strict food rules, or logging calories.
- Mood Changes: Anxiety, defensiveness, and negative body talk.
- **Physical Signs:** Weight fluctuation, dizziness, fatigue, hair thinning, frequent stomach complaints, and absent menstruation. Extreme calorie restriction can lead to fainting, chills and low blood pressure.
- Social Withdrawal: Avoiding social events, especially those involving food

Hope

Although overwhelming, it's important to remember that eating disorders are treatable: it's never too early (or too late!) to get help. Effective treatment involves a multidisciplinary team of physicians (GPs and Psychiatrists), mental health professionals and nutritionists, collaborating for recovery.

If you or someone you know shows signs of disordered eating, reach out to us for professional support.



Understanding and Addressing School Bullying: A Guide for Parents

Parkway shares what to do if your child is facing bullying.

School bullying and social exclusion among teenagers are complex issues with lasting psychological impacts. Recognizing the causes, identifying warning signs, and implementing effective strategies are critical steps for parents to protect their children and foster resilience. And healthy and supportive family interaction patterns can foster teenagers' self-identity and competence which prevents your children from bullying.

Root Causes of Bullying

Bullying often stems from a mix of individual and social factors. Teens perceived as different due to appearance, socioeconomic status, or personality traits (e.g., shyness or anxiety) are frequent targets. Group dynamics, such as peer pressure to conform or bystander apathy, further enable bullying. External triggers like poor school supervision, cyberbullying via anonymous platforms, and family interaction patterns (overprotection, overcontrol, neglect, criticism, and family violence) also play roles.

Recognizing the Signs

Physical: Unexplained injuries, frequent headaches/stomachaches, or weight fluctuations.

Emotional: Increased irritability, self-deprecating remarks ("I'm worthless"), or loss of interest in hobbies.

Behavioral: school refusal, sudden decreasing academic performance, or self-harm.

Social: Avoidance of social events

deleted social media accounts, or secretive device use. Prolonged symptoms (over 2 weeks) signal urgent intervention.

Effective Parental Responses

- 1. Open Communication: Create a safe space for dialogue. Use empathetic phrases like, "I've noticed you seem upset. Want to talk?" Avoid blaming language. Validate their feelings: "It's not your fault. Bullying is wrong."
- 2. Collaborate with Schools: Document incidents (dates, witnesses, evidence) and formally request anti-bullying protocols, such as seat changes or counseling. Advocate for school-wide programs like anonymous reporting systems.
- 3. Rebuild Confidence: Engage therapists trained in traumafocused approaches (e.g., expressive arts therapy) to restore self-worth. Role-play assertive responses (e.g., "Stop. I'm leaving.") and encourage extracurricular activities to diversify social networks.
- 4. Long-Term Safeguards: Teach digital safety (privacy settings, evidence preservation) and legal rights under youth protection laws. Discuss healthy relationships to recognize manipulation.

Avoid Pitfalls

Never dismiss the issue ("Just ignore them") or retaliate aggressively, which may escalate risks. Prioritize mental health over mere conflict resolution.

By acting promptly, fostering

resilience, and building systemic support, parents can empower teens to navigate adversity and reclaim their sense of safety and self-worth.

Long-Term Resilience Building

- Narrate strength: Highlight times the child overcame challenges ("Remember how you handled that disagreement?) to reinforce self-efficacy.
- Normalize imperfection: Share age-appropriate stories of your own social struggles to reduce shame.



Selina Lin Licensed Clinical Psychologist





in season

Food and Fun: Kid-Friendly Restaurants

Dine where the whole family can enjoy a meal together.

a ther the whole family to enjoy a nice meal out together. These kidfriendly restaurants make sure everyone is made to feel welcome and accommodated for. No need to call a babysitter or to feel stuck at home. Enjoy family time out on the town with a delicious meal that will meet the approval of even the pickiest of tastebuds.

Kerry Hotel Pudong, Shanghai

Kerry Hotel Pudong, Shanghai, launches the "Dine & Play" family experience, blending gourmet delights with interactive fun. Enjoy signature stations at The COOK and The MEAT, while the hotel's iconic "Adventure Zone" offers boundless excitement for young explorers.

At The COOK, savour Chef Otto's grilled steaks, seafood platters, and artisanal desserts. The MEAT presents a semibuffet brunch starring slow-roasted beef ribs and truffle-infused lobster. Children



dine free (6-11 years) with adult purchases (Weekends: 488 RMB and weekdays: 388 RMB) and gain full-day access to the Adventure Zone—with climbing walls and spiral slides.

On weekends, upgrade with 138 RMB for a kids' menu featuring mini burgers and cartoon-shaped dim sum. Offer valid through December 31, 2025.

Address: 1378 Huamu Road, Pudong New Area Tel: 6169 8886



Le Méridien Shanghai, Minhang

Latest Recipe Restaurant of Le Méridien Shanghai, Minhang presents a Crayfish-Themed Buffet Dinner. Savor unlimited servings of crayfish in six signature flavors, alongside a variety of fresh seafood and early summerinspired grilled specialties. Treat yourself to live cooking stations, Le Méridien's signature ice cream (a hit with kids!), Hawaiian pizza, made-toorder crêpes, and free-flowing juices and soft drinks. Watch skilled chefs craft creative dishes in the open kitchen. While little ones can unwind in the dedicated Kids Club play area. Children's Buffet Dinner is 100 RMB per child (height: 1m-1.4m).

Address: Latest Recipe, 1F, 3199 Caobao Road, Minhang District Tel: 5329 9999 ext. 6999

Pudong Shangri-La, Shanghai

Pudong Shangri-La, Shanghai is committed to creating warm and delightful dining experiences for families, with a diverse selection of children's menus and exclusive dining benefits.

At YICAFE buffet restaurant, children aged 12 and under dine at half price, while those 6 and under enjoy complimentary buffet meals (limited to two per room). The buffet also features à la carte kids' dishes, including ham and cheese sandwiches, tomato pasta, wonton noodles, kidfriendly fried rice, chicken wings, and more to satisfy young appetites.

In-room dining offers a dedicated children's menu with wholesome options such as sweet corn congee, steamed egg custard, fried rice, pasta, and chicken wings, ensuring convenient and comfortable family dining.

Address: 33 Fucheng Road, Pudong New Area Tel: 6882 8888





Chili's

Chili's[®] is thrilled to elevate the dining experience for its youngest guests with a newly upgraded Kids'Menu! Designed to deliver both nutrition and fun, this carefully crafted selection aims to satisfy even the pickiest palates while sparking joy at every bite.

Kids' Meal Highlights include Classic

Pasta tossed in rich tomato sauce, offering a comforting favorite. Hand-Breaded Crispy Chicken Tenders with golden, crunchy perfection—ideal for dipping. Beef Mini Burgers made with premium beef patties, served on soft buns for a wholesome bite. Kid-Friendly Chicken Quesadillas, packed with savory fillings for a tasty sharing experience. Every Kids' Meal comes with a free beverage (choice of juice or hot milk) to fuel the excitement.

Address: No. B244, B2 Floor, Shanghai Jiuguang Center, Jing'an District

Tel: 157 9509 2409

Address: Room 172, 1st Floor, Building 6, Zhangjiang Grand Place, Pudong New Area Tel: 178 2176 5788

food file



Marco Erba, Executive Chef, comes from Milan, Italy. He attended ALMA, The International School of Italian Cuisine, then spent the next fifteen years in Michelin-starred restaurants and 5-star luxury hotels, such as Kempinski, Banyan Tree, Four Seasons and Park Hyatt, before joining Hilton Shanghai City Center in 2024.

Roast Beef Carpaccio

Make Osteria Twelve-16's signature dish with chef Marco.

he Roast Beef Carpaccio is a signature starter at Osteria Twelve-16, featuring Australian beef tenderloin marinated in salt, brown sugar, and truffle oil. The beef is roasted and slow-cooked until perfectly pink in the center, then chilled and sliced thinly for a delicate texture. It's served with Cipriani sauce, a classic blend of mayonnaise, Tabasco, and Worcestershire sauce, along with a flavorful arugula pesto, freshly grated Parmesan cheese, and a drizzle of truffle oil.

Beef Ingredients & Instructions:

300g	Australian beef tenderloin
100g	Salt
100g	Brown sugar
15g	Truffle oil
	Corn oil (for cooking)



- Sprinkle the beef tenderloin with salt, brown sugar and truffle oil. Let it marinate in the fridge for 4 hours, then rinse with water and pat dry with a paper towel.
- 2. In a large pan, warm up some corn oil and sear the tenderloin on all sides, then finish the cooking in the oven until medium-rare at core temperature. Let rest, then chill in the fridge until 4 degrees Celsius.





Cipriani Sauce Ingredients & Instructions: 75g

150g Double cream 25ml Double cream 15g Worcestershire sauce 15g Brandy Dijon mustard 12g 1g Tabasco In a bowl, mix all the ingredients together.

Arugula Pesto Ingredients & Instructions:

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100g	Fresh arugula
60g	Parmesan cheese, grated
15g	Pecorino cheese, grated

- Almond fillets, toasted until brown Extra virgin olive oil
- Зg

75g

Salt

Blend all ingredients together in a blender until smooth.

Preparation:

- 1. Slice the tenderloin 1mm thin and place it nicely on the plate.
- 2. Season the carpaccio with a few spoons of Cipriani sauce and arugula pesto.
- 3. Finish with freshly grated parmesan on top.

Osteria Twelve-16, located in the Hilton Shanghai City Center, serves delicious traditional Italian food in a warm, inviting space. With an open kitchen, you can enjoy a semi-buffet for lunch or choose from a tasty à la carte menu for dinner. The restaurant has three areas: Mascarpone, perfect for desserts and afternoon tea, Espresso, a casual spot to sip coffee at the bar, and Al Forno, where you'll find a fantastic pizza oven baking fresh pies every day. Whether you're relaxing or enjoying Italian favorites, Osteria Twelve-16 makes every meal special.

International School Curriculums at a Glance

Learn the lingo of high school curriculum.

hen 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.

International Baccalaureate

International Baccalaureate Organization (IB) offers programmes at four different levels: PYP (Primary Years Programme, ages 3-12), MYP (Middle Years Programme, ages 11-16), DP (Diploma Programme for secondary school, ages 16-19) and CP (Career-related Programme).

- The IB programme encourages students to think critically and independently, with inquiry-based tasks. IB Diploma candidates will focus on six individual topics for graduation of secondary school.
- IB Diploma graduates, depending on their final test scores, can have classes taken applied to university credits. However, it is important to do your due diligence, as each university will have different policies about credit transfers.
- 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.

French Baccalauréat

Also known as Le Bac, it is the secondary school national curriculum in France that is internationally recognized and prepares students for higher education worldwide. It has a reputation of being rigorous and has subject specializations, leading many global universities to grant college credit to Baccalaureate holders.

- Examinations include a written French exam and an oral French exam in 11th grade, a philosophy exam, Grand Oral exam, and two special subject exams in 12th grade.
- Students take a wide range of subjects, including literature, math, sciences, history, philosophy, and languages. Students can specialize in sciences, humanities, or economics.
- There are three categories of Baccalauréat: general, professional, and technological. General is the most common, and students can choose from three different streams: Literature (bac L), Sciences (bac S) and Economics and Social Sciences (bac ES).

German DIA

The Deutsches Internationales Abitur (DIA) is the German international high school diploma that provides students with a globally recognized university entrance qualification.

• It's designed to be comprehensive and

encourage independent thinking and problem-solving, allowing students to develop their talents in various areas before specializing in a field of study in grade 12.

- In grades 11 and 12, students choose a set of subjects and participate in exams to demonstrate their knowledge and skills.
- Students are encouraged to develop proficiency in at least two languages, often including German and another language like English, French, or Mandarin.
- DIA curricula can include various subjects like History (bilingual), Geography (English), Physics, Chemistry, Biology (bilingual), a second foreign language, religious studies, art/music, and physical education.

Japanese EJU

The Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) is a standardized test used to assess the academic abilities and Japanese language proficiency of international students applying to Japanese universities.

• The EJU consists of four main subjects:

Japanese as a Foreign Language: Assesses reading, writing, and listening comprehension. Science: Requires selection of two subjects from Physics, Chemistry, and Biology.

Japan and the World: Covers a range of topics related to Japanese and world history, politics, and society.

Mathematics: Students choose between Course 1 (for liberal arts/science) or Course 2 (for higher-level programs).

Hong Kong HKDSE

The Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) is a standardized examination for senior secondary school students. It serves as a qualification for university admissions.

- Students typically take four core subjects: Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics, and Liberal Studies/Citizenship and Social
 Development, along with one to four elective subjects.
- It's considered difficult, particularly for core subjects like Chinese and English.
- Grades are assigned on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5* and 5** indicating the highest levels. Many students aim for a "3322" score of at least a Level 3 in Chinese and English, and at least a Level 2 in Mathematics and Liberal Studies to meet basic university admission requirements.

International Schools

Learn about international school options, from preschool to high school

Quick Compare

Schools	Area/District	Age Range	Tuition	IB	AP	A Level	IGCSE	Curriculum
Concordia International School Shanghai	Pudong	Preschool to Grade 12	¥243,000 - ¥320,000/year		\checkmark			American Curriculum
Deutsche Schule Shanghai	Yangpu/ Qingpu	Nursery to Grade 12	Nursery: ¥166,500/ year School: ¥208,600/year					DIA German Curriculum
Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong	Pudong	Toddler to Year 13	¥274,000 - ¥399,750/year	\checkmark			\checkmark	English National Curriculum
Dulwich College Shanghai Puxi	Minhang	Toddler to Year 13	¥137,800 - ¥390,000/year	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	English National Curriculum
Harrow International School Shanghai	Pudong	18 months to 18 years	¥280,000 - ¥380,000/year		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	Harrow Early Years Curriculum & English National Curriculum
Shanghai French School	Yangpu/ Qingpu	Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12	¥118,000 - ¥197,570/year					National French Curriculum; 4 language streams
Shanghai American School (SAS)	Pudong/ Minhang	Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12	¥278,000 - ¥336,100/year	\checkmark	\checkmark			American Core Curriculum
Shanghai Community International School (SCIS)	Changning/ Pudong	Nursery to Grade 12	¥146,000 - ¥324,500/year	PYP, MYP & DP				International Baccalaureate
Shanghai Hong Qiao International School (HQIS)	Changning	18 months to 18 years	¥173,500 - ¥260,000/year	РҮР	\checkmark			Emergent Curriculum; PYP Programme; American Curriculum
Shanghai Livingston American School	Changning	Nursery to Grade 12	¥133,825 - ¥221,823/ year		\checkmark			Common Core aligned California Curriculum
The British International School Shanghai (BISS) Puxi	Minhang	2 to 18 years	¥252,200 - ¥359,870/year	\checkmark			\checkmark	English National Curriculum; Integrated Dutch School
Wellington College International Shanghai	Pudong	Pre-Nursery to Year 13	¥283,900 - ¥379,600/year	IBDP			\checkmark	English EYFS curriculum, English National Curriculum
Yew Chung International School of Shanghai (YCIS)	Changning/ Pudong	Kindergarten (K1) to Year 13	¥162,000 - ¥348,600/year	IBDP			\checkmark	YCIS International Curriculum, HKDSE

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





What colleges look for in candidates

I used to be a US admissions representative, and I was looking for students who were genuinely passionate about attending the university. Because, as much as the university is selecting the student, they also want that student to select the university for the right reasons. The application should have intention. Know what you're looking for, and know what you're stepping into. The university can provide an environment where you fit into the culture. You can contribute to the university, and you can thrive. It's a win-win situation.

The CUGO team helps to make a very thoughtful application. It is with a long and thorough thought process that a list of universities is selected. It is not based on, 'my mom said I should go there.' No, it fits what criteria you're looking for. In our curriculum, since Year 10, we teach students how to look for this information. And, we limit the number of universities they apply to, to focus their attention.

Preparing students for applying to multiple universities

It is very normal for one student to apply



College Anxiety? YCIS Has You Covered

A safe pair of hands for students and parents on the college admissions journey. *By Lynn Yen*

We sat down with Allison, YCIS Careers and University Guidance Coordinator, for a chat about her expert advice on college applications. Hear what she has to say.

The role of YCIS's CUGO team

First and foremost, we aim to empower students and families with knowledge and accurate information to make decisions with best-fit schools in mind. We have a well-structured curriculum that allows students to get to know themselves - their learning style, their personality, and their needs, because to find the right fit, you've got to know what you're looking for first. A highlight in our CUGO curriculum is a job shadow experience in Year 11. It's a good opportunity to see if what a student is imagining aligns with what they might do one day. They also undergo CV training, CV selection, and an interview process with the host organization to make it as realistic as possible.

One of our most important roles is to provide personal support and guidance from Year 10 onwards, so that we get to know the students very well. We get to know their strengths, their families, and their needs, in order to maximize the experience in high school. to schools in three countries. Time management is really important. We work in Year 12 to have meetings to understand priorities, and then plan strategically to determine a timeline.

I get lots of questions from parents about, 'What activities will get my kid into Cambridge?' It's not particular activities, but it's the concept of the activities. For the US, all activities count, be it sports, leadership, charity, or volunteering. However, in the UK, they have the concept of supercurriculars, activities that match the major you're going for. For example, when applying for a G5 university in engineering, a supercurricular would be an engineering competition or internship.

More parents are looking to stay in Asia. With YCIS offering the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Chinese and English curriculum starting next school year, students are well prepared for applying to top universities in the city. Last year we received offers from several elite Hong Kong universities, including HKU and CUHK for medicine, and HKUST for economics.

This year, two YCIS Shanghai students earned a full scholarship to HKU. Outside of Hong Kong, YCIS Shanghai students find success at top Asian universities, including KAIST in South Korea.



The parents' role

We need to come from a place of sympathy because the college application process is very challenging for parents. It marks the first time they are realizing that their kids are leading the decision-making, and it's slightly out of their control.

Also, in the age of social media, parents often encounter misinformation, which creates a lot of anxiety. Half the time, content creators are not educators. Even if you are the most level-minded person, you will always ask yourself, 'Am I doing enough for my child?'

So, to support their children, parents should encourage kids to explore more and make mindful decisions while maintaining confidence in their child's abilities and staying level-headed. It is also essential to seek out accurate information through the guidance of counselors because we're here.

At YCIS, we provide a lot of firsthand information, such as university visits and our annual university fair. We ask the universities to visit so parents can get information directly. Coffee mornings, regular parent meetups, are also held twice a semester. There are also individual meetings. We are a small school and a tight-knit community. Sometimes our parents will drop by campus, or I'll come to the gate to chat with them. We also conduct workshops. Apart from teaching their kids, we teach parents about the university application process. All we want to do is give them the right information, so they stay calm in all of this chaos. SF







"We educate the whole childintellectually, physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. Life success starts with Concordia."





Date founded Grade level Curriculum Languages taught School strengths Tuition

Description

AP

1998 Preschool to Grade 12 American Curriculum with Advanced Placement English, Mandarin, Spanish Academics, Athletics, Fine arts Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten: ¥243,000/year; Kindergarten to Grade 5: ¥305,000/year; Grade 6 to 8: ¥312,500/year; Grade 9 to 12: ¥320,000/year Founded in 1998, Concordia International School Shanghai is a co-educational day school that offers a comprehensive American-style education to students from Preschool through High School. Located in Jingiao, an international community in Shanghai's Pudong New Area, Concordia is dedicated to cultivating the unique gifts of our students in any areas they are passionate about. The school is known for its commitment to educational excellence and for providing well-developed sports, fine arts, service, and applied learning programs. Concordia's approach to education focuses on nurturing every student through a journey of personal and academic growth, offering innovative academic programs, enriching extracurricular activities, and instilling strong character and values. The school is dedicated to helping each student achieve a bright and prosperous future.







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"This world's largest Germanspeaking '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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Grade level

Curriculum

Tuition

Description

Languages taught

School strengths

Deutsche Schule Shanghai 上海德国外籍人员子女学校



1995 Nursery to Grade 12 Deutsches Internationales Abitur (DIA), German curriculum with German international high school diploma German, Mandarin, English, French, Spanish, Latin Children's holistic personality development, STEM-friendly School Nursery ¥166,500; Kindergarten: ¥153,600/year; School: ¥208,600/year The DIA is an internationally acclaimed college prep curriculum and diploma issued exclusively for German schools abroad. In kindergarten, the Berlin Education Program teaches health, social and cultural life, mathematics, art, nature, environment, technology and communication. The school has developed a curriculum for children to learn methods for analyzing, shaping, and developing their own learning experience. From 2022-23, a German language program is offered for those not at a sufficient level. The program is intensive classes with native speakers trained and certified in Germany. Afterwards, students are fully integrated into the regular German curriculum.



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2003

Date founded Grade level Curriculum Languages taught School strengths Tuition Description



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Toddler to Year 13 English National Curriculum, IGCSE, and IB Diploma English, Mandarin, French, Spanish Top academic results, Performing Arts, STEAM, Sports, Global Citizenship ¥274,000 - ¥399,750/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. Forty-three 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)





Date founded Grade level Curriculum Languages taught School strengths

> Tuition Description

2016 Toddler to Year 13 English National Curriculum, IGCSE, IB Diploma and A-Level English, Mandarin, Spanish, French 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. ¥137,800 - ¥390,000/year Dulwich College Shanghai Puxi is a leading international school in Shanghai, providing a world-class holistic education supported by highly-qualified teachers and state-of-the-art facilities. Our curriculum is rigorously personalsied to each and every student to ensure academic, physical, social and emotional growth. We are a values driven community with a focus on student leadership, service, sustainability and global citizenship.



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Grade level	Harrow Cubs to Year 13 (18 months to 18 years)
Curriculum	Early Years follows the Harrow Early Years Curriculum (AHEYC). Pre-Prep and Prep are based on the English National Curriculum, culminating in IGCSE and AP 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: 58% of grades achieved A* and 90% of grades achieved A/A* in A Level 2022; 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	¥280,000 - ¥380,000/year
Description	A Harrow Shanghai education is based on the same ethos and identity that has character- ised a Harrow education in the UK for centuries and here you will find a school where the

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





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Date founded	1995				
Grade level	Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 (2 years old to 18 years old)				
Curriculum	4 language streams (General, International American, European English, international Chinese). We also have have our unique FLSCO (French As The Language Of Instruction) program for non-French speaking students.				
Languages taught	Three mandatory languages: French, English and Mandarin, German or Spanish from Grade 7. International language certifications (Cambridge and IGCSE in English, DELF in French, HSK in Chinese, Dele in Spanish, or Goethe exams in German). Shanghai French School is also a SAT center.				
School strengths	Emphasis on plurilingualism, critical thinking, creativity, cultural immersion, academic rigor, European campuses shared with German school, international and diverse community, extra-curricular activities.				
Tuition	¥118,000 - ¥197,570/year				
Description	As one of the top 10 best French schools in the world, Shanghai French School offers in- struction in three languages (French, English, and Chinese), is part of the AEFE (Agency for French Teaching Abroad) network. It is an international nonprofit school which welcomes over 1,500 students of more than 60 nationalities, from Pre-kindergarten to the French				

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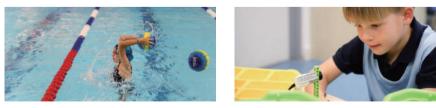
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Tuition

Description

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Date founded Grade level Curriculum Languages taught School strengths

1912 Pre-K to Grade 12 American core curriculum, AP and IB diploma programmes

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Shanghai Hong Qiao International School 上海虹桥国际外籍人员子女学校





Date founded Grade level Curriculum 1997

Languages taught School strengths



Emergent Curriculum (18 months - 3 years old), IB-PYP (3 - 12 years old), American Curriculum Standards (Common Core & AP, 12 - 18 years old) Language of Instruction: English; Additional Language: Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, French First-class international education; 100% progression to top universities; Fully comprehensive K-12 curriculum; Small classes; Modern facilities and green design; College counseling; Located in cosmopolitan Gubei area

¥173,500 - ¥260,000/year

Nursery to Grade 12 (18 months to 18 years old)

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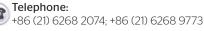




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Shanghai Community International School 上海长宁国际外籍人员子女学校





Date founded	1996
Grade level	Nursery to Grade 12
Curriculum	International Baccalaureate – Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme & Diplo- ma 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, Apple Distin- guished School (2024-2027) 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	¥146,000 - ¥324,500/year
Description	Established in 1996 as one of Shanghai's first international schools, Shanghai Community International School serves as an essential cornerstone in the lives of many within the inter- national community. SCIS provides a premier educational experience that fosters academic rigor, critical thinking, and global citizenship. Our Early Childhood and Lower School stu- dents develop into holistic learners within our Primary Years Programme (PYP). In the Upper School, students undertake the Middle Years Programme (MYP) equipping them with the

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- Develops problemsolving skills

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Date founded New for 2025

Grade level

Curriculum

Tuition

Description

Languages taught

School strengths

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Common Core aligned California Curriculum with Advanced Placement (AP) accredited by WASC

English, Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish

Small class size, location, financial aid available, dedicated service

¥133,825 - ¥221,823/year

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Date founded Grade level Curriculum Languages taught School strengths

Tuition Description 2004

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

English National Curriculum, IGCSE and IB, and an integrated Shanghai Dutch School English including EAL programme, French, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, German Academic results, learning philosophy, sports, over 140 extra-curricular and professional coaching activities, unique collaborations with world-renowned US institutions: Juilliard, MIT and IMG Academy, plus UNICEF.

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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."



Date founded Grade level Curriculum 2014

Languages taught School strengths



Pre-Nursery to Year 13 2 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 English, French, Mandarin, Spanish Academic excellence, Extensive enrichment programme, Global reputation, Daily Mandarin provision, World class facilities ¥283,900 - ¥379,600/year Opened in August 2014 and located in the New Bund area, Wellington College International Shanghai is a fully co-educational day school with over 1,500 pupils, aged 2 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



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Yew Chung International School of Shanghai (YCIS) 上海耀中外籍人员子女学校

Founded in Hong Kong in 1932, established in Shanghai in 1993

tion develops caring, well-rounded, global citizens.

"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



Kindergarten (K1) to Year 13 YCIS International Curriculum (Y1-Y9), IGCSE, IBDP, HKDSE (HK Secondary Diploma) English, Mandarin, Spanish (in Secondary school) Chinese Language & Culture, Placement at top global universities, Academics, Music, Art, Co-Curricular Activities, Sports ¥162,000 - ¥348,600/year 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 six campuses in prime locations in both Puxi and Pudong, YCIS students consistently earn Top in World, Top in

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Hongwen School	Pudong	Grades 1 to 12	ES: ¥66,000; MS: ¥76,000; HS: ¥10,500/ semester	IBDP		\checkmark	\checkmark	Chinese National Curriculum, Bilingual Curriculum
Jinrui School Shanghai	Baoshan	Grades 1 to 12	¥120,000-¥150,000/year			\checkmark	\checkmark	Chinese National Curriculum, Bilingual Curriculum
Living Word Shanghai	Minhang	Grades 1 to 12	¥58,000-¥89,000/ semester		\checkmark	\checkmark		Shanghai National Curriculum; American Curriculum
Nord Anglia Chinese International School Shanghai	Minhang	Grades 1 to 12	¥154,000-¥240,000/year	IBDP		\checkmark		Shanghai National Curriculum Integrated With International Elements
Shanghai Concord Bilingual School Pudong	Pudong	Grades 1 to 12	¥82,500-¥99,000/ semester					Five key stages of education in England with Chinese compulsory education
Shanghai Concord Bilingual School Puxi	Huangpu	Grades 1 to 12	¥82,000-¥90,000/ semester					Chinese National Curriculum, the International Curriculum, and Project-Based Learning (PBL)
Shanghai Gold Apple School	Pudong	2 years - Grade 12	¥80,000-¥128,000/year					Chinese Curriculum K12, American Curriculum K12, Cambridge Curriculum K12
Shanghai Liaoyuan Bilingual School (LYBS)	Minhang	Grades 1 to 12	International High School: ¥172,000/year	IB PYP, IB MYP	\checkmark	\checkmark		Chinese National Curriculum, Canadian Ontario Secondary School Diploma, US High School Certificate
Shanghai New Epoch	Chong- ming	Grades 1 to 12	¥31,000-¥78,000/ semester		\checkmark	\checkmark		EJU (Exam for Japanese University Admission for International Students)
Shanghai SMIC Private School	Pudong	Kindergarten to Grade 12	¥36,000-¥83,000/semes- ter (gov subsidy: ¥21,750 - ¥20,750/semester)		\checkmark			Chinese Curriculum for Chinese Track, American-based Curriculum
Shanghai Songjiang Aijiu	Songjiang	Grades 1 to 12	¥60,000-100,000/ semester					Chinese National Curriculum, Bilingual Curriculum
Shanghai United International School (SUIS Schools)	Various	Grades 1 to 12	Contact campuses for details	IBDP	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	Chinese National Curriculum, BC (British Columbia)
Vanke DTD Primary & Mid- dle Schools	Minhang/ Pudong	Grades 1 to 12	¥70,000-¥110,000/semes- ter	IBDP, IBCP	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	Chinese National Curriculum, Bilingual Curriculum
Yew Wah International Education School (Lingang Campus)	Pudong	Grades 1 to 12	¥158,000- ¥265,000/year			\checkmark	\checkmark	Integrated Curriculum

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feature

The Power of Coaching Conversations

Empowering kids and parents one question at a time. By Dean Clayden



picture this: Your child is sitting at the kitchen table, glaring at a halffinished homework assignment. The classic parent response might be to swoop in with answers, "Just add those numbers!" or pep talks, "You've got this!" But what if instead, you sat beside them, and asked, "What part of this feels tricky right now?"

Welcome to the world of-coaching conversations—a simple yet transformative way to support your child by asking thoughtful questions instead of handing out solutions. Think of it as swapping your fix-it hat for a curiosity cap. By asking questions like "What's one step you could try?" parents nurture self-reliance while strengthening their relationship with their child.

Coaching conversations empower parents to guide their children-thoughtfully by replacing telling with curiosity-driven questions. This approach builds independence by encouraging children to reflect and problem-solve. Over time, this fosters resilience and boosts confidence by letting children own their successes and reflect and learn from their mistakes. Children are also encouraged to articulate their feelings and navigate challenges, which helps to strengthen their emotional intelligence.

Here's some tips on how you might use this approach at home.

"Let Me Think..." Building Independent Problem-Solvers

Coaching questions like-"What's one small step you could try?"-or-"What worked well the last time?"-do something magical: they hand the microphone back to your child. Instead of relying on you for answers, children learn to brainstorm, experiment, and trust their own judgment. Over time, this builds resilience and creativity–skills that outlast any homework task or worksheet.

Helping Children Name and Navigate Their Feelings

When frustration or anxiety strikes, questions like-"What's feeling hardest about this?"-or-"What word or phrase best describes what you're feeling right now?"-help children pause and reflect. This isn't just about solving the problem. It's about teaching them to recognise and manage emotions. You might ask, "If your best friend/favourite toy/character had this problem, what advice might they give?"-These questions aren't magic spells, but they ignite a quiet confidence and help to shift perspectives on the current situation or challenge.

From Power Struggles to Teamwork

Ever found yourself in a "Because I said so!" standoff? Coaching flips the script. Asking-"What would make this routine easier for you?"-or-"What's your plan for getting ready on time?"-invites collaboration. Children feel heard, and you avoid the tug-of-war. Giving children a range of options helps them to make an informed choice. Asking, "What other solutions could you try?" and "Which of these options is the best?" gives children a range of choices that can be opened up through conversation.

Confidence Boosters (for Everyone!)

When a child solves a problem themselves—even imperfectly—it's a win. Questions like-"What are you proud of today?"-or-"What did you learn from that mistake?"-turn everyday moments into confidence-building opportunities. And guess what? Parents get a boost too, watching their kids grow into capable little humans. As a bonus, you'll gain insight



into their thinking without the dead-end question of "How was school?"

Deeper Connections, Fewer Lectures

Coaching conversations aren't just for when problems or crises hit. Try sprinkling questions into downtime or meal times:-"What made you laugh today?"-or-"If you could invent a new family tradition, what would it be?"-These chats build trust and show children that their thoughts matter. Plus, you might just crack up over their wild answers.

Sample Questions to Keep in Your Back Pocket:

"What's your goal for today, this week, this semester?"

"What's working so far?" "What is one small step you could take?" "What can I do, without taking over?" "What would success look like to you?"

Parents and teachers are seeing the benefits of this approach. We interviewed one parent who took part in a coaching training workshop. She had this to say about coaching conversations:

"It sounds stupid, but as mothers we tend to want to bring solutions to our children... I applied those simple principles of not trying to give solutions, but just listen and ask questions. We see and give the reflection back, and I saw the difference. It was amazing."

Building Resilience Through Coaching Conversations

Resilience isn't about shielding our children from storms—it's about teaching them to dance in the rain. Coaching conversations aren't about being a perfect parent—they're about being a present one. Some days, you'll nail it; other days, you won't. The goal is progress, not perfection. Over time, these small shifts in how you communicate can help your child grow into a self-aware, solution-oriented thinker.

So next time your child faces a challenge, channel your inner coach and ask instead of tell. Who knows? You might both learn something new.

Dean Clayden is a UK-educated International Educator and Wellbeing Coach with a Master's in Psychology with over a decade of coaching experience in Shanghai. Dean combines positive psychology and research-backed methods to help educators and students overcome challenges, build resilience, and thrive.



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Hiba Academy Shanghai 上海浦东新区民办惠立学校







Date founded	2018
Grade level	Grades 1 to 12
Curriculum	In an immersive bilingual environment, Primary and Junior High combine Eastern and Western approaches within the Chinese national curriculum, with pupils beginning IGCSE and transitioning to IBDP in High School.
Languages taught	English, Mandarin
School strengths	Evidence-based teaching approach blending Eastern and Western excellence; enabling holistic development with 300+ enrichment programs; inspiring pupils through excellent and stable faculty with a 1:1 local to foreign teacher ratio.
Tuition	Primary: ¥239,000/year; Junior High: ¥270,000/year; High School: ¥292,000/year
Description	Hiba Academy Shanghai is dedicated to connecting the educational excellence of the East and West to create a pupil-centric, bilingual and bicultural learning experience. We aim to inspire our children to be the best version of themselves, to take pride in where they come from and to be the change they wish to see in the world. In addition, we place a greater emphasis on multifaceted abilities, considering both the present and the future, alongside any necessary interim adjustments, to ultimately help pupils realize their own life's signifi- cance.

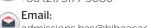






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Date founded	2018
Grade level	Grade 1 to Grade 12
Curriculum	Chinese National Curriculum, Bilingual Curriculum, IGCSE, A-level, IBDP
uages taught	English, Mandarin
Tuition	Primary: no more than ¥66,000/semester; Junior Secondary: no more than ¥76,000/ semester; High School: ¥10,500/semester; The final approval of the relevant departments shall prevail
Description	The Shanghai Campus of Hongwen School is a private school launched in 2018 that covers 12 years of primary, junior and senior high school. The school is located on No. 318 Chuan- da Road, near Shanghai Disney Resort, covering an area of 56,000 square meters, and 42,000 sqm in floor space, with 75% coverage of woody plants. The superbly landscaped campus, surrounded by creeks and dotted here and there with trees, is one of the best in terms of ecology of all schools in Shanghai.



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Date founded Grade level Curriculum Languages taught School Strengths

> Tuition Description

2020 Grades 1 to 12 Chinese National Curriculum, Bilingual Curriculum, IGCSE, A-level English, Mandarin Visionary Principal, Personalized Learning Environment, Bilingual Education Program, Eco-Friendly Campus, Forward-Thinking Curriculum, Diverse and Experienced Faculty Primary: ¥120,000/year; Junior Secondary: ¥130,000/year; High School: ¥150,000/year Our school is dedicated to fostering academic excellence and personal growth through a forward-thinking curriculum and small class sizes that ensure individualized attention. Our diverse and experienced faculty brings global perspectives to the classroom, while our dual-language instruction prepares students for a connected world. Set on an ecofriendly campus, we prioritize sustainability and provide a vibrant, nurturing environment. With state-of-the-art facilities and a commitment to innovation, we empower students to become confident, creative, and responsible global citizens. Join us for an inspiring educational journey!







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Living Word Shanghai 上海美高双语学校





Date founded	Cantomber 2014				
Date lounded	September 2014				
Grade levels	Grades 1 to 12				
Curriculum	Grade 1 to 9: Shanghai National Curriculum integrated with international curriculum; Grade				
	10-12: American High School Curriculum, AP Courses, A-Level				
Languages taught	English, Mandarin				
School strengths	Infusion of multicultural and international elements, six world language programs, 17 AP				
	courses, Cognia accredited				
Tuition	Primary School: ¥58,000/semester; Secondary School: ¥62,000/semester; High School:				
	¥89,000/semester				
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.				



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Date founded Grade level Curriculum

Languages taught School strengths

> Tuition Description

September 2016 Grades 1 to 12 Grade 1 to 9: Shanghai National Curriculum integrated with international elements Grade 10 to 12: International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, A Level Mandarin, English Global Campus - Unique international opportunities, Juilliard-Nord Anglia Performing Arts Programme, The MIT- Nord Anglia STEAM Programme, United Nations UNICEF Student Summit, IMG Academy-Nord Anglia PE Programme. Grade 1 to 5: ¥154,000/year; Grade 6 to 9: ¥180,000/year; Grade 10 to 12: ¥240,000/year NACIS SHANGHAI 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. The school offers the best of Chinese and international learning styles and the experience of leading educators to provide a distinctive global educa-











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Shanghai Concord Bilingual School Pudong 上海浦东新区民办康德学校

Date founded	September 2023
Grade level	Grades 1 to 12
Curriculum	Integrates the two cultures of China and the UK, aligning the five key stages of education in England with Chinese compulsory education
Languages taught	Mandarin, English
School strengths	Spacious campus and advanced facilities, integration of bilingual and bi-culture, pays attention to students' learning preferences and adopts the mode of small classes.
Tuition	Primary: ¥82,500/Semester; Middle Schoo:I ¥95,000/Semester; High School ¥99,000/Semester
Description	SCBS Pudong is a boarding school that offers a comprehensive K-12 programme and aims to develop students into physically and mentally healthy young people, who act with integrity. It encourages students to seek knowledge and truth for the dream of national rejuvenation. It strives to imbue students with a sense of mission and responsibility by absorbing the essence of advanced ideological and cultural thinking.

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Shanghai Concord Bilingual School Puxi 上海康德双语实验学校

Date founded	2017
Grade level	Grades 1 to 12
Curriculum	The courses are divided into the Chinese National Curriculum, the International Curriculum, and Project-Based Learning (PBL).
Languages taught	English, Mandarin
School strengths	Located in the center of Shanghai, SCBS achieves the integration of two languages and two cultures. We pay attention to students' learning preferences and adopt the mode of small classes.
Tuition	Primary: ¥82,000/Semester; Middle: ¥88,000/Semester; High: ¥90,000/Semester
Description	Established in 2017, this is the first bilingual private school in Huangpu District from Grades 1 to 12. The school enjoys the full support of the Party Committee and the Huangpu District Government and adheres to the educational policies stipulated by the Huangpu District Education Bureau. To achieve the high academic standards, we work in cooperation with the UK's premier private school, Concord College. It is a leader in the field of education and was once ranked by the Financial Times as the first of UK's best value boarding schools.

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"Respect for differences, Construct suitable education for students"

Shanghai Gold Apple School 上海市民办金苹果学校





Date founded Grade level Curriculum Languages taught School strengths

> Tuition Description

2000
2 years to Grade 12
Chinese Curriculum K12, American Curriculum K12, Cambridge Curriculum K12
English, Spanish, Korean, Mandarin
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.
International Department: Grade 1 to 8: ¥80,000/year, Grade 9 to 12: ¥128,000/year
Shanghai Gold Apple School adheres to the core values 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 Liaoyuan Bilingual School (LYBS) 上海市燎原双语学校





Date founded Grade level Curriculum

1992

Languages taught School strengths

Tuition



Grade 1 to Grade 12 Chinese National Curriculum; Ontario Secondary School Diploma (Canada); US High School Certificate; Advanced Placement (AP) options; A-Level Programme Mandarin, English, Japanese, Spanish, French, German LYBS is an IB world school (PYP, MYP) 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. SY2024-2025: Primary School: Bilingual Classes: ¥7,750/semester, Intergrated: ¥38,250/ semester; Middle School: Bilingual Classes: ¥2,750/semester, Intergrated: ¥33,250/semester; International High School: ¥172,000/year, SY2025-2026 fees to be confirmed.

LYBS is an IB World School with an uninterrupted history of over 30 years, offering high quality education for students aged 6 to 18. The school's 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 New Epoch Bilingual School 上海新纪元双语学校

"Faith, Hope, Love"





Dete founded	2016
Date founded	2015
Grade level	Grades 1 to 12
Curriculum	AP, A-Level, EJU (Exam for Japanese University Admission for International Students)
Languages taught	English, Mandarin
School strengths	NEBS College Prep School engages students in active learning based upon proven and novel modes of instruction that will have graduates fully college ready and prepared to learn at the finest colleges and universities in the world.
Tuition	Primary School: ¥31,000/ semester; Middle School: ¥36,000/ semester; High School: ¥78,000/ semester
Description	Shanghai New Epoch Bilingual School is a private, college-preparatory school located on Chongming Island, Shanghai. The area is known as an international community that pro- duces the top secondary students in China and the world. The Bilingual School is a primary (1) through secondary (12) boarding school that is housed in a world-class ecological island and China's third largest island with brand-new facilities for all aspects of the education of our student body.







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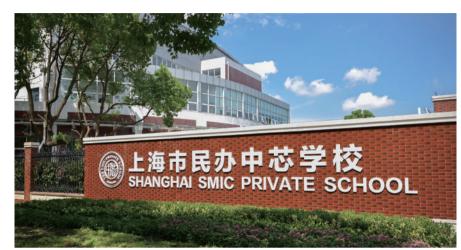
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Date founded	2001			
Grade level	Kindergarten to Grade 12			
Curriculum	American-based curriculum with AP courses for SMIC-I;			
	Chinese curriculum for Chinese track			
Languages taught	English, Mandarin, French, Spanish			
School strengths WASC accreditation for SMIC-I, AP courses, bilingual education, athletics,				
	character education			
Tuition	<i>SMIC-1:</i> EC: ¥70,000/sem; G1-G5: ¥75,000/sem; G6-G8: ¥80,000/sem; G9-G12: ¥83,000/			
	sem; Chinese track: G1-G5: ¥36,000/sem; G6-G9: ¥40,000/sem; (Gov subsidized: G1-G5:			
	¥21,750/ sem; G6-G9: ¥20,750/sem); G10-G12: ¥83,000/sem			
Description	Founded by SMIC, China's largest semiconductor company, the school has over 3,000			
AP'	students taught by a faculty of over 300, half of whom are experienced foreign teachers.			
SC CARCES	In addition to the bilingual kindergarten programme, Grades K to 12 students may apply to			
	SMIC-I or the Chinese track upon meeting admissions criteria. The school believes in the			
	holistic development of individuals through curricular and extracurricular activities.			



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Shanghai Songjiang Aiju School 上海松江区爱菊学校

"In Wisdom We Grow, In Grace We Flourish"





Date founded Grade level Curriculum Languages taught School Strengths

Tuition

Description

2023
Grades 1 to 12
Chinese National Curriculum, Bilingual Curriculum
English, Mandarin
Small Class Size, Bilingual Immersion, Holistic Education, Diverse International Exchange Programs, Personalized Education Solutions
Primary School: ¥60,000/semester; Middle School: ¥70,000/semester; High School: ¥80,000-100,000/semester
On the basis of the successful experience of running schools in the Xuhui and Qingpu, our group has further expanded its educational territory. In 2019, Aiju Education was introduced by the Education Bureau of Songjiang District and established in the Economic Development Zone of Songjiang District, founding Shanghai Songjiang Aiju School. The school began its operation in 2023, and the new campus is planned to be completed and officially put into use in September 2025. Covering an area of approximately 102 mu with a total investment of over 1 billion yuan, the school is a K12 bilingual school. It aims to provide students with high-quality educational services throughout their educational journey.









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Shanghai United International School (SUIS Schools) 协和双语学校





Date founded Grade level Curriculum Languages taught Tuition Description



Affiliated to Xiehe Education (Founded in 1993) Grades 1 to 12 Chinese National Curriculum/IBDP/IGCSE/A-Level/AP/BC Mandarin, English Contact campuses for detailed information Xiehe schools (Shanghai United International School, SUIS) is affiliated to Xiehe Education

(PreK-12), which was founded in 1993 in Shanghai and bearing "Developing in Harmony, where East Meets West" as its core value. SUIS schools offer diversified curricula for students aged 6 to 18. At the stages of primary and middle school education, a "dual-channel" path is available to families, and this means that students can choose either overseas or domestic channels for their future university applications - SUIS students actually perform quite well in either direction. In the high school stage, SUIS has introduced various main-stream international curricula that are aligned with reputable and renowned organizations and universities around the world, including the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) from the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), Advanced Level (A Level) courses from the UK, Advanced Placement (AP) courses from the US, and British Columbia (BC) courses from Canada. Most of its graduates have entered world-renowned universities.

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Vanke DTD Primary and Middle Schools



Date founded Grade level Curriculum Languages taught Tuition

School strengths

	Description	
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Diploma		OA -

1996 Grades 1 to 12 Chinese National Curriculum, Bilingual Curriculum, IGCSE, A-level, IBDP, IBCP, AP English, Mandarin Primary: ¥70,000 - ¥72,000/semester; Junior Secondary: ¥74,000 - ¥76,000/semester; High School: ¥104,000 - ¥110,000/semester Strong support system, Small class size, Bilingual environment, K-12 Education system, International high school qualifications After more than 20 years of development and exploration, Vanke DTD Education has now covered Preschool Education, Compulsory Education, High School Education and Empowering Education, and has participated in teaching management with 10 schools and kindergartens, with a total of more than 5,000 students.



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Date founded	2015
Grade level	Grade 1 to Grade 12
Curriculum	Primary Programme (Grade 1 to 5): Integrated Curriculum; Lower Secondary Programme (Grade 6 to 9): Integrated Curriculum; Upper Secondary (Grade 9 to 12): IGCSE & A Level. YWIES creates an authentic international atmosphere and learning environment in China's mainland through its comprehensive programme with a team of professional expatriate teachers and advanced education philosophies.
Languages taught	Mandarin, English
School strengths	Holistic education, character education, lifelong learning, all-round English, overseas learn- ing, art and music programme.
Tuition	Primary: ¥158,000/year, Lower Secondary: ¥168,000/year Upper Secondary: ¥255,000/year (IGCSE), ¥265,000/year (A Level)
Description	YWIES focuses on bilingual teaching and has considerable experience in teaching English and Chinese as second languages. The school has a strong team of professional Chinese and expatriate teachers, who work together to implement a new pedagogy that brings in- ternational education to the new generation of China. YWIES students can apply for admis- sions to overseas schools at any level of study through the unique integrated curriculum.

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Battle for Mother Language

Preserving identity in multilingualism. By Leslie Hwang

Ten hours of English. Two hours of Chinese. Korean? Just at home—with me and my husband.

This is what a typical day of language exposure looks like for my sons, who are now 12 and 11. They've been raised in Shanghai since they were in diapers, surrounded by international friends, schools, and multicultural experiences. English dominates their academic life. Chinese fills in through school, friends, and the vibrant city around them. And Korean–our mother tongue– gets whatever slivers of time remain at the dinner table or in quiet family moments.

Aside from attending Korean church on Sundays, their exposure to Korean culture is minimal. Even at home, Korean rarely gets a fair shot. My husband usually unwinds by watching golf programs—the kind with barely any talking, just the soothing sound of birds chirping in the background.

Sometimes, I catch myself doing the math, calculating how many hours they actually spend with each language. What do those numbers mean for their identity? Can I even call those fleeting moments of Korean conversation "meaningful exposure"? I already know the answer, but the question still lingers, heavy in my heart.

Of course, I've tried teaching them Korean before. It began with good intentions and hopeful energy, but quickly spiraled into a cold war at the dinner table. They didn't understand why learning Korean mattered. Without a sense of purpose, their interest vanished almost overnight.

My husband often says, "They need to know Korean and Korean history to understand who they are." And I agree with all my heart. But we only get 24 hours in a day. I'm not a tiger mom, and between school, extracurriculars, and everyday life, Korean always seems to slip further down the list.

During the holidays, when they met their grandparents, language became a visible barrier. Korean has a respectful form of speech for elders, and it's something I don't want them to ignore. One day, the boys were giggling at the dinner table, chatting in English and Chinese—languages their grandparents couldn't understand. When I realized what was happening, I quietly pulled them aside. We had a long talk.

They needed to understand that respect, especially within a family, goes beyond words. Yes, they're young. Yes, they're sweet and energetic boys. But that moment wasn't just about language—it was about empathy. I told them that speaking multiple languages isn't a privilege or an excuse. It's a responsibility. Multilingualism can open doors and build bridges. But it should never be used to shut others out—especially not family. Even if they're not fluent, speaking Korean with grandparents is a small way to honor that connection.

Before we talk about identity, let's talk about roots. Connection with family is the foundation. And living far from our home country, time with grandparents is precious. I hope they grow to appreciate the warmth and depth of that love—a kind of love that feels different from a parents', but just as deep.

Now, as summer approaches, I find myself once again at a familiar crossroads: Should my eldest study Korean history or world history this year? I already know the answer in my heart, but I also know how hard it is to turn that answer into action. This quiet tugof-war has lasted more than a decade—each year pushing the mother tongue just a little further aside.

Life in Shanghai today feels more flexible, especially in international schools. Many of their friends come from families with different passports, and I've seen how common it is for kids not to speak their parents' native language fluently. Their introductions often turn into long, winding stories: "I was born in South Korea, but I've lived here for years, and then we moved back to..."

But one thing is always clear: these children love every country they've called home. For my sons, South Korea still holds a special place in their hearts. It's where their grandparents welcome them with open arms. It's where they feel instantly at home. To them, South Korea is paradise: no homework, no classes—just family, shopping, amusement parks, and ski resorts.

And Shanghai? It's where their childhood lives. It's the city that gave them friendships, laughter, and countless memories. It may not be their birthplace, but it's the place where they've grown.

So, maybe my expectations need adjusting too. Maybe it's okay that they can't write full essays in Korean. Maybe it's enough—at least for now—that they can tell their grandma how their day went.





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Date founded Grade level Curriculum Languages taught School strengths Tuition Description 1998
Baby class to Kindergarten (18 months to 6 years)
School-based international, thematic, English and Mandarin bilingual Early Years Program
English, Mandarin
Bilingualism, After-school clubs, Multiculturalism
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	2016
Date founded	2016
Grade level	Early Years 1 to 4
Curriculum	Carefully designed bilingual curriculum combining the English Early Years Foundation Stage and the Chinese Curriculum for children aged three to six, focusing on seven core areas of learning and development.
Languages taught	English, Mandarin
School strengths	Project-based learning in an immersive bilingual environment; excellent and stable staff with a 1:1 ratio of local to foreign teachers; learning spaces equipped with first-rate teaching facilities.
Tuition	¥299,000/year
Description	Hiba Academy Shanghai offers a bilingual curriculum that blends the strengths of West- ern and Eastern education, within a healthy and safe learning environment. Learning is constantly developed through play-based activities. These are centered around a range of projects or themes whereby pupils are invited to share what they already know and, with the help of adults around them, explore the theme in greater depth. This approach aims to stimulate their potential, help them build a stable core, and inspire them to become learn-



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Date founded	2007 (Shanghai)
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Grade level	Adult-accompanied Programme: 6 Months - Entering Nursery Bilingual Preschool: 15 Months - 6 Years Speech & Drama, English Enrichment Programmes: 2 - 6 Years Weekend & Summer Camps: 6 Months - 6 Years
Curriculum	EduDrama® Approach
Languages taught	English and Mandarin
School strengths	Unique EduDrama® methodology, strong immersion bilingual education programmes, nurturing environment to empower children to be expressive, creative, and confident communicators.
Tuition	Nursery - Kindergarten: ¥200,000 - ¥260,000/year
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Magnolia Kindergarten 玛诺利娅主题幼儿园



Date founded	2014
Grade level	2 to 6 years, Two's to K levels and TPS to CP levels
Curriculum	Magnolia offers two bilingual sections:
	English/Mandarin combines British National Curriculum and Chinese Curriculum
	French/Mandarin Section combines the French National Curriculum and Chinese Curricu- lum
Languages taught	English, French, Mandarin
School strengths	Creative activities, monthly field trips, no screens, big class sizes in a cosy, family-like envi- ronment. English, French, and Mandarin teachers are dedicated full-time to each classroom.
Tuition	¥14,000/month for French/Chinese Section
	¥16,500/month for English/Chinese Section
Description	The school's 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 3,000 sqm. The positive development of children is in the heart of every moment of the day. 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 a tree top canopy play area.

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Melodie International Preschool & Kindergarten

"Where learning is fun"





Date founded Grade level Curriculum Languages taught Tuition Description 2005 Infant class, Preschool, Kindergarten British EYFS, Orff Music, Dance, Karate English, Mandarin ¥7,000- ¥8,000/month Melodie International has two private p

Melodie International has two private preschools and one kindergarten. Our mission is "to help children grow happily in a safe, supportive and comfortable learning environment. Here they can develop at their own pace, while having fun and enjoying the magic of their childhood." Our curriculum combines both English and Chinese elements, but both are inspired by STEAM and the British EYFS. We advocate fun-based learning to create an environment where children are confident, sociable, adventurous and build life skills to be ready for their next step in education.







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Tiny Tots International Pre-School and Kindergarten 上海泰宁外籍人员子女幼儿园

'Where successful learning begins."





Date founded Grade level Curriculum

1997

18 months to 6 years old The Tiny Tots curriculum is an American based researched program named World of Wonders/Wonders. It provides supports and structure for literacy while building knowledge across all subject areas. It is developmentally age appropriate and correlates with the Early Learning Framework in many countries. We pull from best practices and have created a well-balanced, engaging, challenging but fun schedule for each level that has been incredibly successful and well-received for decades. English

Languages taught School strengths Tuition Description

Class size: 12-15. Teacher/student ratio: 1:4.

Full-day: ¥183,200; Half-day: ¥151,200

With three decades as the only English-licensed stand-alone kindergarten in Shanghai, Tiny Tots International Preschool & Kindergarten values the development of each student as an individual, in a holistic learning environment where they are encouraged to think like global citizens and act like future leaders. Our focus continues to be on nurturing areas of whole-child development, social-emotional milestones and academic success at each specific age level of our early childhood education program based on best practices for international schools.







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LUC The Little Urban Center (LUC) LUC儿童中心





Date founded Grade level Curriculum Languages taught School strengths

> Tuition Description

2012 Pre-Nursery to Year 1 Innovative inquiry-based curriculum with EYFS framework English, Mandarin Comprehensive diversified co-curriculum programme (PE, vocal, dance, music, art and STEM); Holistic childhood development; Integrated early education; Project-based learning ¥170,000/year LUC thrives to provide all of our learners with quality learning experiences. We firmly believe that every learner at LUC is unique, 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



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a child's family.

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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."





Date founded Grade level Curriculum Languages taught Tuition Description 2017 Nursery Class, Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten GLLASS Curriculum System: Game, Life Skills, Learning, Art, Science, Sports English, Mandarin ¥14,000 - ¥14,800/month DTD Education has five private kindergartens and two nurseries. Their 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

their interest in learning and develop their core abilities.

naturally occurs. By immersing our students in project-based learning they are able to spark





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X.L.X Kindergarten 上海学乐星幼儿园

"Cultivating Young Global Citizens With a Chinese Heart"





Date founded	Xiaomiao, 2005; Pudong, 2018; Minhang, 2021
Grade level	2 - 6 years
Curriculum	X.L.X-S.I.N.A.: Shanghai Curriculum; IB PYP (IB Primary Years Programme); Nature Aesthetic Edu- cation; and ASS (Arts, Science and Sports) form the X.L.X curriculum
Languages taught	English, Chinese, Bilingual Immersion. X.L.X helps children connect with a globalized future through bilingual immersion, while developing cross-cultural understanding. X.L.X creates an immersive environment with both Chinese and foreign teachers in the classroom. Professional teachers help children express themselves in Chinese and English throughout the day.
Tuition	Please inquire at the kindergarten
Description	X.L.X Kindergarten, with three campuses in Shanghai, is a part of Yushen Education, whose schools are all accredited by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IB). Xue Le Xing's philosophy is to integrate Shanghai's local kindergarten curriculum with the IB PYP, following the philosophy of local curriculum, which focuses on holistic, sustainable development of students, and the IB which cultivates students into global citizens with a Chinese heart.



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"Early Childhood Intervention is founded on the belief that addressing developmental challenges early in a child's life can lead to more positive outcomes in the long term."





2024

Ages 3-6

Date founded Grade level Curriculum

Languages taught Tuition Description

At ELG's Early Intervention Kindergarten (EIK), each child's learning journey is guided by an Individualized Development Plan (IDP) focused on pre-academics, cognitive development, communication, motor skills, social-emotional growth, self-help, and sensory development. Learning is engaging and effective, combining classroom instruction, small group and oneon-one activities, and play-based approaches. We use research-based, strengths-focused, and neurodiversity-affirming practices to support early childhood development. Bilingual program in English and Chinese

2025-26 School Year: Full-day ¥400,000

Partnered with Tiny Tots Kindergarten, EIK offers a nurturing, individualized program for preschool-aged children who benefit from additional support, including those with autism, learning differences, and developmental challenges. With a 1:3 educator-to-child ratio, our multidisciplinary team-including special educators, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, counselors, art and music therapists, and physical educators-works collaboratively to support a child's growth. Each child has an IDP with tailored goals. We provide daily communication, family workshops, and support groups so caregivers feel informed, empowered, and never alone on this journey. Our goal is to help children thrive-socially, emotionally, physically, and academically-so they can confidently step forward, whether at ELG or transitioning to a mainstream school with the skills they need to succeed.







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Address: 50 Gumei Road, Minhang District



"Empowering All Learners: Building #ELGCommunity Where You Belong"







Date founded Grade level Curriculum

2006

Languages taught Tuition Description Young Learners (ages 7-14) and Pre-Vocational program (above age 14) Our curriculum is guided by an Individualized Development Plan, specific goals tailored to each student's unique needs and strengths. These goals span academics, cognitive development, speech-language communication, gross and fine motor skills, emotional and social growth, self-help skills, and sensory development. Engaged learning takes place through classroom activities, small group and one-on-one sessions, community exploration, vocational experiences, and theme-based projects. Each program incorporates research-based best practices and follows strengths-based, neurodiversity-affirming approaches to create a supportive and empowering environment. Extra-curricular services, including horseback riding and mixed martial arts, are offered by external community partners. Bilingual program in English and Chinese

2025-26 School Year: Full-day ¥400,000

We provide personalized, full-day programs for neurodivergent learners with autism, ADHD, developmental delays, sensory processing differences, etc. With a 1:3 educator-to-child ratio, our team—including special educators, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, counselors, art and music therapists, and physical educators—designs learning experiences for each student's strengths, interests, and communication style. Together with parents, we develop an IDP tailored to each child's goals. Parents receive daily updates and are invited to join regular training sessions, social events, and support groups. In our community, every child—and every family—is seen, supported, and empowered to grow.







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Raffles Hospital Shanghai is an international tertiary acute general hospital owned by Raffles Medical Group from Singapore. The hospital adopts a hospital-hotel management style and provides premium treatment, nursing, health management and wellness services to residents, expatriates and patients at the prestigious Qiantan area of Shanghai and the surroundings. With a gross floor area of 70,000 square metres, we are equipped with high-quality facilities, environment, and provide personalised medical solutions. Our group is also on the medical panel of many established insurance companies and provides direct billing service. 200 Yuanzhao Road, Pudong New District; 24/7; Tel: 6129 3000

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Glossary

A-Level: A curriculum occupying the last two years before university in the British schooling system. Students specialize in subjects for exams.

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.

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

American Curriculum: A US curriculum based on Common Core State Standards for the core subjects English Lanugage Arts, Math, History and Geography, and Sciences. Follows Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) numbering.

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 Columbia (BC) Curriculum: Follows the official government curriculum and education standards of British Columbia, Canada.

British Curriculum: Follows the National Curriculum of England where learning materials are produced in the UK. It culminates with IGCSE and A-Level certification. Follows Year 1 to Year 13 numbering.

Chinese National Curriculum: Follows the official Chinese government curriculum requirements for Chinese nationals of mandatory school age up to grade 9.

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.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) : The British government's set of standards for learning and development of children under age 5.

French Baccalauréat: Also known as Le Bac, it is the secondary school national curriculum in France.

German DIA: The Deutsches Internationales Abitur (DIA) is the German international high school diploma.

HKDSE: Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education is a standardized examination for senior secondary school students. It serves as a qualification for university admissions.

IB (PYP) (MYP) (DP) (CP): The International Baccalaureate Programme includes Primary Years, Middle Years, and Diploma Programmes, which can be followed by the Career-related Programme. 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. Students move on to study AP, IB, A-Levels.

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

Japanese EJU: The Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students is a standardized test used to assess the academic abilities and Japanese language proficiency of international students applying to Japanese universities.

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.

SAT: A test used in the US for college applications. The test comprises three parts: Evidence-based Reading, Writing and Language, Maths, and an optional Essay

STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The suite of subjects relating to these fields of study. Sometimes written with Arts included as STEAM.

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.

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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 national	ities:
The school offers:		
Air purification system	Competitive sports	Library
APcourses	Computer lab	ΡΤΑ/ΡΤΟ
Band/music classes	Counselling services	Safe & secure campus
Boarding	ESL/ESOL/EAL	Sports fields/courts
Buses for after-school activities	🗌 Gymnasium	Swimming pool
Clean facilities	IB Programme	Theatre/auditorium

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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 expec- tations for students?	
3. Do you have resources for students with learn- ing 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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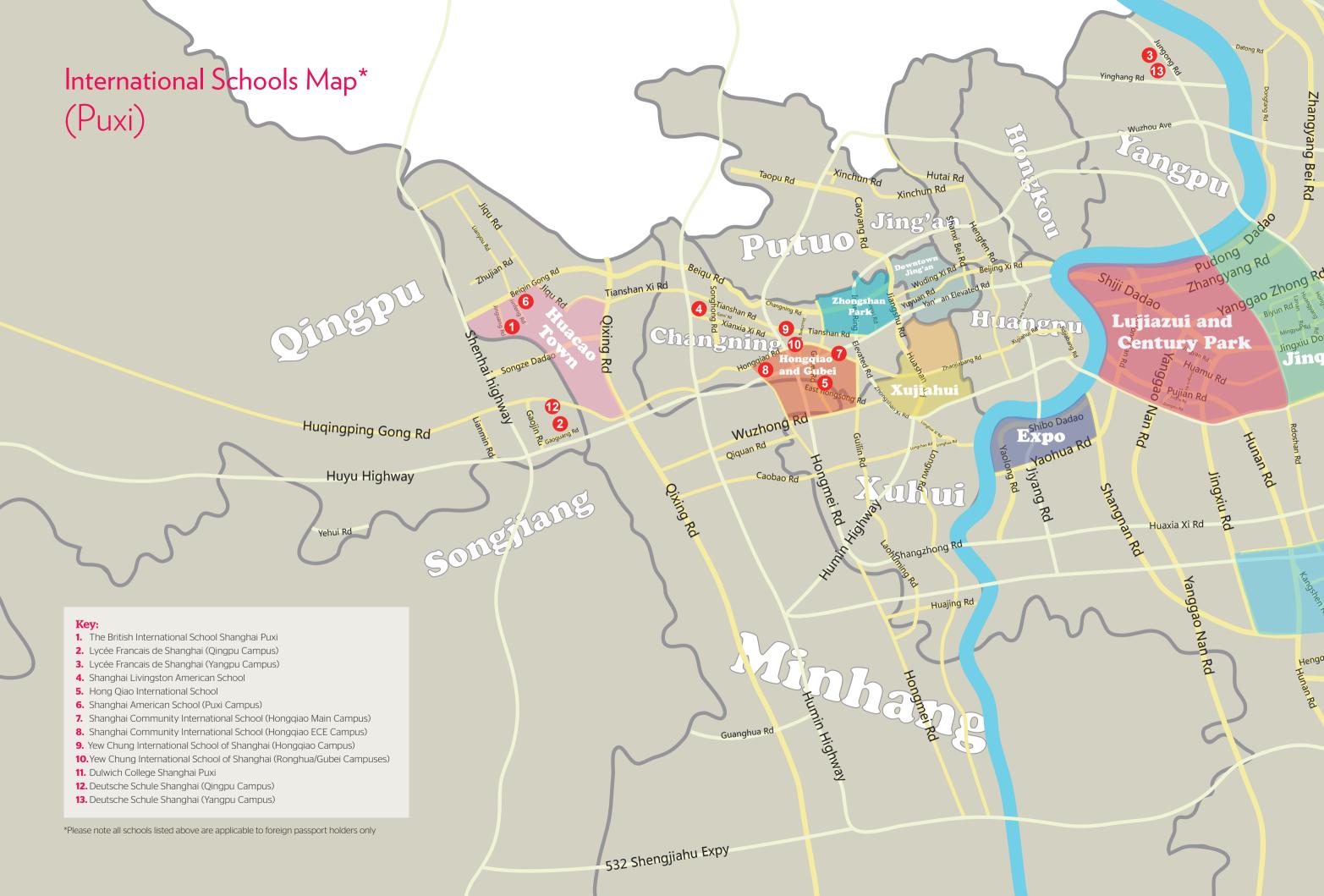
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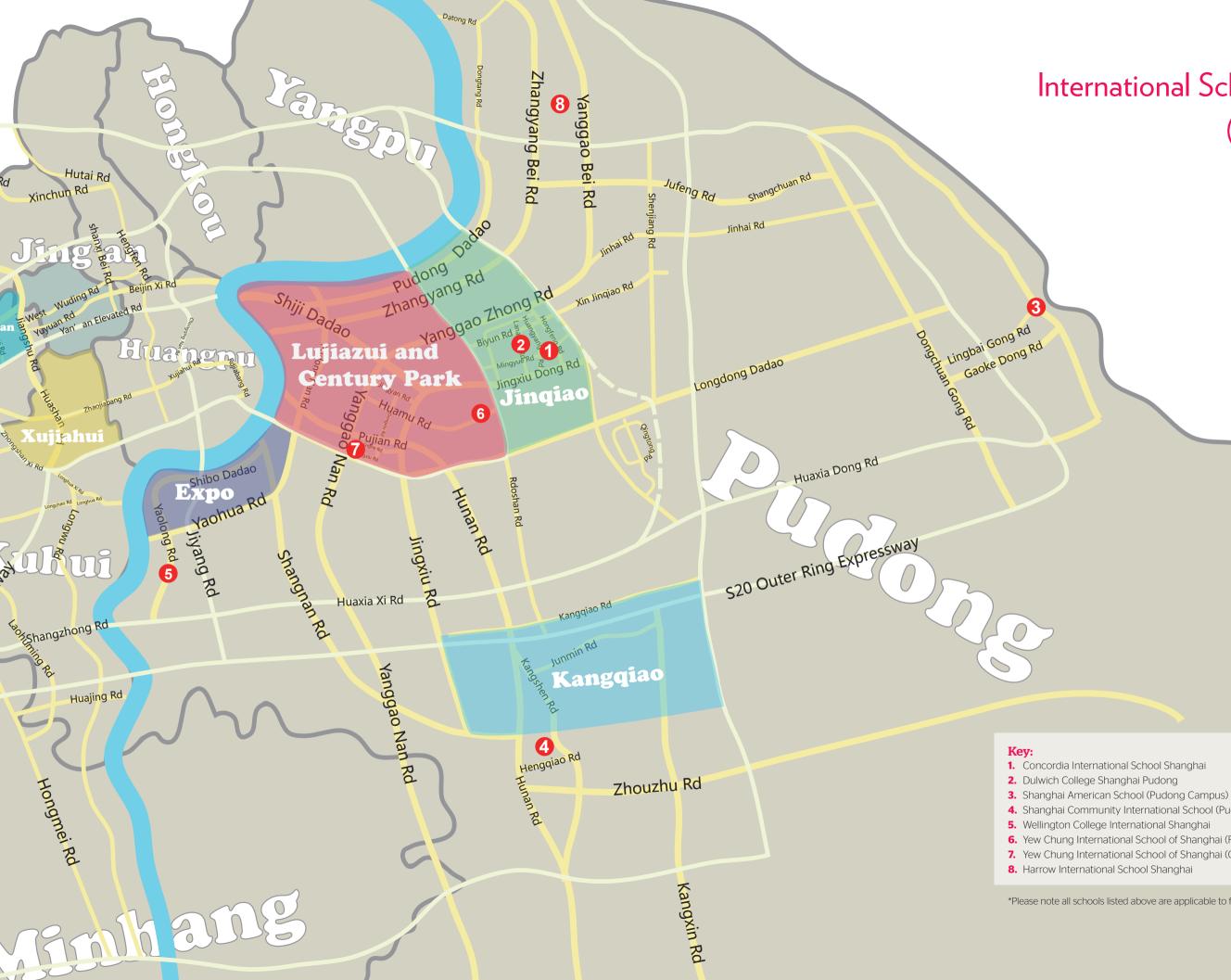
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*Please note all schools listed above are applicable to foreign passport holders only