

Student Name (Print): _____

San Marino Unified School District – Mandarin Chinese
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你好! Welcome to Mandarin Chinese. We will be working on many exciting language acquisition activities and skills development sets, but first some basics:

Expectations

- (1) Be respectful to everyone and his or her properties.
- (2) Be On Task.
- (3) Follow Directions.
- (4) Use Mandarin as much as possible.*

Follow-Ups

Positive	Negative
1. High citizenship grade.	1. Low citizenship grade.
2. Class recognition.	2. Student-Teacher conference.
3. Positive communication with parents.	3. High-Level parent involvement.
4. Higher level recognition.	4. Referral.

Resources

Class Website:

http://flap.smusd.us/introductory_mandarin.html. There are resources such as homework, this syllabus, and links to class assignments. To access the links, click “Links” on the bottom of the page, which gives you access to:

Textbook Online Homework:

Our online homework at <http://ww.betterchinese.com>, will be used for in-class work. Each student will be supplied with a log-in and password.

Language Exchange:

Also found at <http://www.ealic.net/mandarinexchange>, this is where we write penpal letters and connect with other Mandarin classes.

* This class is part of a federal grant that requires students to be enrolled at the appropriate level language class. The level of fluency is determined by the teacher. All new students must interview with the teacher prior to enrollment.

Curriculum

The textbook series *Discovering Chinese* and *Magical Tour of China* are the core textbooks of the Mandarin Chinese series at SMHS. There is also a supplemental textbook.

Mandarin Semester 1: Discovering Chinese: Volume 1, 2
Mandarin Semester 2: Discovering Chinese: Volume 3
Mandarin Semester 3: Discovering Chinese: Volume 4
Mandarin Semester 4: Magical Tour of China: Volume 1
Mandarin Semester 5: Magical Tour of China: Volume 2
Mandarin Semester 6: Magical Tour of China: Volume 3

*The *Introduction to Mandarin* class at Huntington Middle School uses DC Volumes 1, 2, at an introductory level.

Grades

Grades are determined by homework, quizzes, tests, projects, and the final exam. The weight of each category is roughly 20% each, though homework generally ends up being around 15% with quizzes, tests, and the final exam carrying more weight. Grades are broken down as follows:

A+ 101%	A 94-100%	A- 90-93.9%
B+ 87-89.9%	B 83-87.9%	B- 80-83.9%
C+ 77-79.9%	C 73-76.9%	C- 70-73.9%
D+ 67-69.9%	D 63-66.9%	D- 60-62.9%
F Under 60%		

SMHS World Languages Department Academic Honesty Policy:

First incident of academic dishonesty = zero points on the test and an F in citizenship.

Second incident of academic dishonesty = drop & fail from the class and F citizenship.

Technology

Each student is responsible for his/her assigned equipment. Do not trade or share your equipment, especially laptops.

Cultural Visit

All SMHS Mandarin classes will make a cultural visit to a teacher-approved culture site for a class assignment, due May 25, 2010. Students may visit a restaurant, shopping plaza, or another approved culture site. The assignment is:

- (1) Take pictures or video of the travel area, you must be in the picture.
- (2) A typed or handwritten recollection of at least two conversations you had with one or more native speakers.

Extra Credit: You may make a video instead of a typed conversation for extra credit. *You must ask for and receive approval from the native speaker before you record them.*

Some topics you may include are:

- (a) Greetings
- (b) Ordering at a Restaurant (Chinese Foods Only)(Include drinks: soda/tea/coffee)

(c) Shopping (Fruits/Cakes/Snacks: Coffee, etc/Classroom Items/Pets/Furniture/Textbooks/Snacks/Festival Items: Lanterns/Mooncakes/Dumplings, etc/Clothing Item & Seasonal Items/Chinese Medicine (Do NOT buy)/Sports Items)

***Include Colors **Include Comparisons**

(d) Asking for Directions (Where is the _____ shop in the area?)

The teacher will take *a limited number of students* in all Mandarin classes on a field trip on Saturday, May 21, 2011, 10am to 3pm, to multiple culture areas where students may complete this assignment. Students must sign up in advance.

An example of an approved site is (this is also closest one to our school):



San Gabriel Square
140 West Valley Blvd.
San Gabriel, Ca 91776

Consumables

It is the policy of the SMHS world languages department to charge for consumable materials*. This includes Mandarin, Japanese, French, and Spanish. The cost for Mandarin is \$20 per semester, or \$40 for the school year (2 semesters). The cost includes online homework subscription and technology maintenance costs. Please make checks out to “*San Marino High School*”; cash is also accepted. A financial waiver form is available on the back of this form to assist students/parents fulfill the consumables request.

Privacy

Parents: If for any reason you have a concern for the display of pictures or videos of your child in school domains, including class websites, please inform the teacher via email or telephone. My contact information is on the top of the first page of this syllabus.

Acknowledgement: I have read and understood all above policies.

Student Name (Please Print): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (Please Print): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

**San Marino Unified School District
Financial Waiver – Mandarin Program**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

It is the policy of the world languages department to charge for consumable materials in all world language programs. This includes Mandarin, Japanese, French, and Spanish.

The annual online textbook subscription, field trip costs, and related workbook materials are considered consumables since the students retain privileges to such materials and the school does not.

However, our department also realizes there are times when financial constraints may be a burden, and will grant financial waivers based on these real issues at appropriate times. Please indicate below if you would like to apply for this financial waiver.

Yes, I would like to apply for this financial waiver (Please give brief reason(s) below):

No, I do not wish to apply for this financial waiver, and will pay the sum of

\$20 for the semester 1 (this form will be sent again at the beginning of semester 2)

\$40 for both semesters

(Please check one)

A check payable to *San Marino USD* or cash is accepted.

Signed: _____

Date: _____