

Welcome!  
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## Why Learn Mandarin?

- Mandarin is the second most-common spoken language and is used by more than one billion people or 16% of the world's population.
- Mandarin activates more regions of the brain than most other languages.
- Mandarin connects you to a global marketplace and provides career opportunities.
- China has the second largest economy in the world.
- Mandarin allows you to learn more about Chinese culture and history in authentic ways.
- Travel confidently in China and around the world
- Mandarin is fun to learn and it's easier than you may think.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION



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MARVIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
马文小学

MANDARIN  
DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION  
PROGRAM  
普通话中文沉浸式项目

Kindergarten through Fifth Grade



# Highly Qualified Teachers Who Are Native Speakers



Union County Public Schools partners with Participate Learning to bring highly qualified, Mandarin speaking teachers from China or other Asian countries. Our teachers have experience teaching in China or other Asian countries and receive ongoing professional development and observation feedback both from Participate Learning and from the district level to ensure students receive rigorous instruction following the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.

By bringing teachers from abroad, students receive instruction from native speakers and learn a variety of dialects. They are also immersed in the foreign culture as teachers share artifacts and traditions from their home countries. All of this enriches our program by providing students with authentic experiences while learning the language.

# WHAT IS MANDARIN DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM?

Dual language programs give students opportunities to learn all academic content (literacy, math, science and social studies) while being immersed in Mandarin, with the goal of becoming bilingual and biliterate in their native language and the second language of study.

## Program goals:

- *Grade level academic achievement*
- *Biliteracy and bilingualism in both English and Mandarin Chinese*
- *Socio-cultural competences*
- *Enhanced cognitive skills*
- *Improved self-esteem*
- *Preparation for a global society and marketplace*



# BENEFITS OF MANDARIN DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM



Development of executive control functions needed for attention and problem solving



Same or greater English proficiency for English speaking students when compared to peers in English only programs



Competitiveness in a globalized world

