

Level I

This is the basic **introductory** language course in Modern Standard Chinese (Putonghua, or Mandarin). The curriculum incorporates five Cs (Communication, Culture, Connection, and Community) standards. Throughout the course, teacher facilitates the learning through hands-on activities, and provides students with opportunities to demonstrate their level of proficiency in four language skills across three communicative modes (Interpersonal, Interpretive, and Presentational).

This course will help students develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. It consists of a series of linguistic activities and cultural topics, which enables the student to communicate about daily activities **at a survival level**. These activities are chosen for their personal significance to the students, thereby providing an aspect of spontaneity to the communication. **At the end of this course, the student will be able to understand, speak, read, and write about high frequency expressions and phrases. The students can also make him/herself understood by his/her teacher.**