



Minnesota Yucai Chinese School

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Yucai Chinese School 2019–2020 English Writing Program

Level 1 – Middle School: Writing with Confidence: English Essays and More

This year-long class teaches middle-school students how to write complete sentences, cohesive paragraphs, and well-organized essays. Following the writing process, students will learn how to gather ideas, organize different types of writing assignments, and revise proficiently. In addition, they will learn the stylistic techniques that add variety and interest to compositions and make their work stand out as exceptional. Students will gain experience in taking notes from single and multiple sources, in choosing what material to include in their papers, and in publishing finished compositions. The class begins by introducing basic skills in grammar and sentence variety and adds new skills throughout the year while allowing continuing writing practice. Weekly writing assignments with instructor feedback will help students become more confident writers, ready for the challenges of high school. NB: Curriculum will not repeat last year's course.

Class time: Saturday afternoon 3:00–3:50 PM.

Level 2 – High School: Step by Step to Essay Success

This year-long high-school level course will teach students the skills they need to write successful essays for high school, for AP and advanced courses, and for college admissions. Successful essays depend on excellent structure and engaging style. This class teaches organizational and stylistic techniques that students can apply to their schoolwork as well as to ACT or SAT written exams and college application essays. Starting with the basics, this class quickly adds new skills and gives weekly practice in using many aspects in grammar, writing techniques, and sentence variety. Students will learn and practice writing from prompts, college application essays, academic essays, and in-class impromptu essays. To encourage and motivate students, the instructor will provide helpful feedback on the weekly assignments that students submit. The class provides clear, step-by-step instruction for achieving success with essays. NB: Curriculum will not repeat last year's course.

Class time: Saturday afternoon 2:05–2:55 PM