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DESCRIPTION

The St Paul American Preparatory School in Beijing, China, introduces an exciting opportunity to learn the Chinese language and culture with the International School System's newest branch school. Classes and activities offer students an intercultural setting, with students from all over the world. In addition to traditional language and culture courses, students will be provided with the opportunity to further immerse into the Chinese culture through activities, such as sightseeing and learning Chinese arts and crafts.

Saint Paul American School is located on a campus in Beijing, China. The school offers small classes, led by highly qualified Chinese and American teachers. Classes and activities offer students an intercultural setting, with students from all over the world. The Beijing Normal University affiliated No.2 School is the most prestigious school in China. The school was established in 1953 as a model secondary school in Beijing to have over 50 years of history. It is the first school which started international exchanges in China. 100% graduates go to University.

Educative mission

The St Paul American Preparatory School is a private high school (grades 7-10) and includes local as well as foreign students. We have 12 American teachers, 1 American principal managing the school and 8 English speaking office/dormitory staff members.

Students will not only receive a US curriculum leading to a diploma from the St Paul Preparatory School, but will also be provided with courses in Chinese language, culture and history so that they will be conversant in 2 cultures – the Chinese and the American one. The dual diploma offers your student a unique opportunity to take advantage of learning in the American school system and discover the Chinese language, culture and history.

Students body

Currently, the school hosts 126 students from which 100 Korean students and 26 non-Korean students (Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Tonga, Canadian, Filipino, Mongolian, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Serbian, etc...).



LOCATION

Beijing, China.

Beijing is the nation's political, economic, cultural and educational center as well as China's most important center for international trade and communications. Together with Xian, Luoyang, Kaifeng, Nanjing and Hangzhou, Beijing is one of the six ancient cities in China. It has been the heart and soul of politics and society throughout its long history and consequently there is an unparalleled wealth of discovery to delight and intrigue travelers as they explore Beijing's ancient past and enjoy its exciting modern development.

As the capital of the People's Republic of China, Beijing is located in northern China, close to Tianjin Municipality and partially surrounded by Hebei Province. The city covers an area of more than 16,410 square kilometers (6336 square miles) and has a population of 14.93 million people.

TYPE OF SCHOOL

Private. Students are required to wear school uniform.

The school is located in the Olympic Village. It's a boarding school with a new brand library, Olympic size gym, swimming pool, cafeteria and other excellent facilities on campus. It will provide students with a clean and safe campus life.

A WEEK AT ST PAUL AMERICAN PREPARATORY SCHOOL

From Monday to Friday, classes start at 8:30am. There are 6 hours of US curriculum classes and 1 hour of resource (or activity) until 4:30pm. After dinner, there is a 2 hours Chinese course and Chinese curriculum (mostly language training; for higher Chinese level students, culture and history classes are available). On Saturdays, there are 6 hours of Chinese language, culture, history and art classes. On Sundays, the students can go to an international church or can go to a downtown tour. The school provides buses and chaperones. Every second Sunday after the mass students are given some free time by their supervisors (usually 3 hours) which they can use for shopping, going to international restaurants for lunch etc. On the way back to school students are given one more hour to shop in a shopping centre.



CURRICULUM

Curricular goals

The program is aimed to:

- ✧ Prepare students to work within an American educational environment and enter an American course of study.
- ✧ Acclimate students to the teaching methods and practices of American instructors.
- ✧ Practice English skills within academic content areas in preparation for immersion in the American curriculum.
- ✧ Acquire knowledge in Chinese studies including the academic content areas by learning Chinese-grammar, art and culture.

Course offerings

The US High School Curriculum is taught by American teachers. The special Chinese Curriculum is provided by the Chinese sister school. All courses are two semesters, except where noted. The academic needs and abilities of each student will be evaluated on an individual basis.

US Curriculum

- ✧ English
- ✧ Arts
- ✧ Mathematics
- ✧ Science
- ✧ Social Studies
- ✧ Physical Education
- ✧ Foreign Languages
- ✧ Computer

Chinese Curriculum

Comprehensive Chinese (Primary) Oral; Reading and Writing

This class will introduce Pinyin, basic Chinese vocabulary, and useful terms and phrases in typical everyday conversations. We will help students experience and get used to the atmosphere of being and speaking with native Chinese speakers. Students will grasp Chinese phonetics, tone and rhythms, and about 800 common Chinese characters. Students can say simple and more typically well-known Chinese phrases, such as those used in selfintroductions and able to conduct most routine communicative tasks for personal needs in Chinese, such as making an appointment, making an acquaintance, paying a visit, dating, shopping, etc.

Comprehensive Chinese (Intermediate): Oral; Reading and Writing

This class will practice in listening, speaking , reading and writing to improve students' Chinese fluency. Students will learn to scan for information, expand vocabulary, and strengthen grammatical structures. Students will grasp 1500 common Chinese characters; take some part in everyday conversations in Chinese about familiar topics. Students can use more complex sentence structures and grammar and express their opinions using basic yet appropriate expressions and language norms in Chinese.

Comprehensive Chinese (Advanced): Oral; reading and Writing

This class will continue to focus on the development of listening, speaking , reading and writing. Students will grasp 2500 common Chinese characters. Students can follow the gist of everyday conversations and can react accordingly in Chinese. Students will have almost no hindrances in everyday conversation and feel at ease when speaking Chinese. They are able to string sentences together to form longer statements in Chinese, and generally have correct grammar and composition.



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Chinese Culture within a Historical Context

This class will introduce students to learn basic customs in China in the context of the history of China. Students will become familiar with Chinese arts such as painting, kite making, and they will learn special cultural topics such as kung-fu, Beijing opera, calligraphy, paper cuts etc. Students will get In-depth understanding and knowledge of current Chinese culture (e.g., pop culture).

Chinese History Survey

This class will serve as an introduction to Chinese history providing a key events and major dynasties over China's 5000-year history. Students will also learn interesting tales and legends and come to learn several of the popular four character Chinese idioms that have historical meaning to the Chinese people.

Chinese History

This course will provide an in-depth look at the key dynasties of the Chinese empire and will investigate modern Chinese history with the roots of the modern China that grew out of the end of the Xing Dynasty, into the 1911 Revolutionary period and the growth of the Communist movement in China and the establishment of The People's Republic of China. A special focus will be on the founding leaders of Modern China.

Chinese Music

This class will provide opportunities for students to enjoy Chinese traditional music such as Peking opera, classical music etc. Students will learn to sing Chinese songs, including Chinese folk songs and popular songs.

Chinese Geography

This class will introduce students to the basic concepts of Chinese geography. Students will gain a basic knowledge of Chinese geography and how the different geographic regions and features influenced China's development. It will also review China's current use of resources and how the population trends are developing in China. They will see some Chinese places of interest in different provinces through pictures.

Special Topics I,II and III:

Teachers will prepare special topics to provide students with in depth case studies relating to Chinese foreign relations; economic development; historical events; social issues; language development; archeology; paleontology and special cultural events.

Electives



Students will have a choice of US curriculum courses offered at specific time slots. These course may include world history, U.S. history, science, Math, foreign language or enrichments.

Graduation

When they graduate, students will get diploma of our school as well as from the US head school located in Minnesota and the Diploma of the Chinese school (Beijing Normal University's No. 2 School). Successful graduates will earn the High School Diploma which is accredited by the US North Central Committee of Accreditation (NCA).

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ACCOMMODATION



Dormitory, full board (2 to 3 students per room).

Dormitory buildings are located within the school campus.

There are two separate buildings – boys dorm and girls dorm.

Students have internet access in their dormitory room. Laundry machines available for use.

Meals are available in the campus cafeteria. Chinese/Korean/Western cuisine – students use chargeable meal card to obtain their meals



LOCAL COORDINATOR

As for now we have 8 dormitory supervisors include 1 American teacher, who speak Chinese, Korean and English. Their main task is to take care of students and supervise so they do not break the dormitory rules. Inside of campus, we have Beijing No.2 school security guards who are patrolling, checking strangers, and guarding the gate. In addition, our own Saint Paul American School staff members also check our student's safety all the time. From Monday to Friday from 11.40 am to 12.00 there is advisory time. Students are divided into small groups and meet with their advisor to discuss their personal problems and issues.

The school nurse stays in the dormitory and is available 24hours a day.



EXTRA ACTIVITIES

From Monday to Thursday, 3.00-4.00 p.m. students take part in extra activities our school offers. Every 9 weeks activities on offer change (1st and 4th 9 weeks students can choose from many sport activities while during 2nd and 3rd 9 weeks there will be mostly indoor activities on offer). The school has a music band, dance club and yearbook.



ARRIVAL

Transfer from Beijing airport to the school.

ORIENTATION

An orientation is provided on arrival.

POCKET MONEY

School recommends parents not to let students have more than 200 yuan. Since students are staying inside of campus and using school meal card which can be used in every facilities in campus, they don't have chance to spend money.

Around 500 yuan to 1000 yuan per month should be sufficient for students in order to buy some stuff when they go to downtown once per 2 weeks.

AGE

From 15 to 18 years old on arrival.

TERMS AND DATES

The school year start in September and ends in June.

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REQUIREMENTS

Students must be interviewed in their home country before being accepted.

A minimum of 2 years of English study (SLEP test score 45 or higher) and good academic results are required. Students with low English level will be provided with ESL courses.

All the new students are to be interviewed at the beginning of the semester and will be placed in their appropriate level of classes and grade.

There is no need for Chinese language background. For Chinese and Chinese subjects, our goal is for our students to achieve HSK Chinese proficiency test level 6 or above. The Chinese classes will start from the beginner's level.

APPLICATION

Application form: April 15th for arrival in August. Late application may be accepted. Please ask for the specific application form.

Scholarships

Full and partial scholarships are available. Selection for these awards is based upon student academic achievement, talents and abilities, leadership skills, and overall capacity to contribute positively to the school program. Scholarship awards are not based on financial need, but may be combined with an offer of financial aid.

Financial aid

Students may receive an academic scholarship in addition to an offer of financial aid.

VISA AND RESIDENT PERMIT

The school provides a guardian form to get a student visa.

1. Parents fill out the guardian form.
2. Parents asks the notarization office (of the local Ministry of Foreign Affairs) to notarize the Entrust Guardianship Letter in their own country.
3. Parents send the notarized Entrusted Guardianship Letter to the local Chinese Embassy for authentication.
4. Parents send the Entrusted Guardianship Letter to our office in Korea by DHL:

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5. After receiving the letter, the school uses it to apply for JW 202 Form from Beijing Education Administration Bureau (which shall take 7 working days)
6. The school sends the JW 202 Form to the parents.
7. Parents take JW202 Form and passport to apply for student visa from the Chinese Embassy.
8. The student should also get a medical check at the local hospital (which is listed in Chinese Embassy).

TRANSFERS OF CREDITS AND TRANSCRIPTS OF GRADES

Please note that the student is not guaranteed placement in a certain grade level, or that transferable credits will be granted, or that a diploma will be awarded at the end of the academic program. These decisions remain at the entire discretion of the national educational authorities of the sending and of the receiving country.

We are not responsible for the procedures and information needed in this process. Applicants must clearly be aware that they may have to pass again the corresponding grade in their home country after return.

PRICES

China St Paul American School ZNIS3 14 850 EUR

** Prices in Euro per participant.*

***Partial scholarships and financial aid available.*

PRICE CONDITIONS

Included Not Included

- ⊗ Administration fees
- ⊗ Host school placement and tuition fees
- ⊗ Dormitory placement on a full board basis
- ⊗ School yearbook, student planner
- ⊗ Support, assistance and 24 hours emergency phone number during the whole program
- ⊗ 40 euros application fees
- ⊗ Medical and Emergency Repatriation Insurance
- ⊗ International airfare
- ⊗ International Travel insurance
- ⊗ Visa, passport and medical exam fees
- ⊗ Test fee and books, school uniform, fieldtrips
- ⊗ Guardian fee
- ⊗ Extra activities organized by the school and others
- ⊗ Personal expenses and pocket money

CANCELLATION POLICY

A deposit of 1000 USD (per student) shall be due after students are accepted to the program, and before visa forms are issued. Deposit money will be returned if a student is unable to receive a visa. In the case of cancellation for another reason, the deposit will not be returned.

Withdrawal Reimbursement

After arrival in China, students who voluntarily or involuntarily withdraw from the program will not be reimbursed for payments made. Exceptions may be made in cases of illness, death of an immediate family member, or other extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control.



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