

Alberta Education UPDATE

Chinese Consortium – April 28, 2010

1. Education Program Standards and Assessment Division

Since Thursday April 1, 2010, the new Education Program Standards and Assessment (EPSA) Division includes the Learner Assessment Sector. While there are some role changes in languages, many contacts remain:

EDUCATION PROGRAM STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENT DIVISION

<p>Curriculum Sector</p> <p><i>For further information on language learning in Alberta, telephone 780-427-2984.</i></p> <p><i>Outside the Edmonton area, dial 310-0000 for toll-free access.</i></p>	<p>Arts, Communication And Citizenship Branch (Joan Engel - Director)</p>	<p>International Languages:</p> <p>Programs of study – Christina Bexte Resources/Guides to Implementation – Xenia Bubel Guides to Implementation – Shauna Ewen</p>
<p>French and International Education Services Sector (Gilbert Guimont – Acting Executive Director)</p>	<p>French Language Education Services Branch (François Lizaire – Acting Director)</p>	<p>FSL, ESL and Special Language Advisors –Sigrid Olsen</p>
	<p>International Education Services Branch (Waldemar Riemer - Director)</p>	<p>International Language Advisors <i>Chinese</i> - Xinxin Fang, Special Language Advisor Chinese Language</p>

2. Curriculum Sector Updates:

- **NEW INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAMS OF STUDY**

The following program of studies is available for provincial implementation September 1, 2010:

- Chinese Language and Culture Nine-year Grades 7-8-9 Program of Studies

The senior high school levels of the new 9-year Language and Culture program of study will be available for optional implementation September 2011:

- Chinese Language and Culture 10-9Y, 20-9Y, 30-9Y Program of Studies*

* *The first cohorts for the nine-year language and culture programs are currently in junior high and are expected to be in grade 10 in September 2012.*

- **SUPPORT RESOURCES**

Support resources are currently being authorized for the Chinese Language and Culture 10-9Y, 20-9Y, 30-9Y Program of Studies.

Look for new International languages programs of study and information about support resources at:

<http://education.alberta.ca/teachers/program/interlang.aspx>

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3. International education / Special Language Advisor updates:

- Chinese bilingual program teachers recently went to China to select reading materials for the K–3 program, to facilitate the transition from traditional Chinese characters to simplified Chinese characters, and to improve access to resources from publishers.
- Three students from Red Deer Public School District received scholarships to pursue four year university degree studies in China. Two of the scholarships were awarded by the Beijing government while the third was awarded by the Chinese government.
- One teacher from Calgary Board of Education and one from Red Deer Public School District have received a Hanban scholarship for a one month training program in Beijing this summer.
- A delegation of eight representatives from the Chongqing Education Commission is expected to visit Alberta in June to meet with department officials as well as with local school authorities.

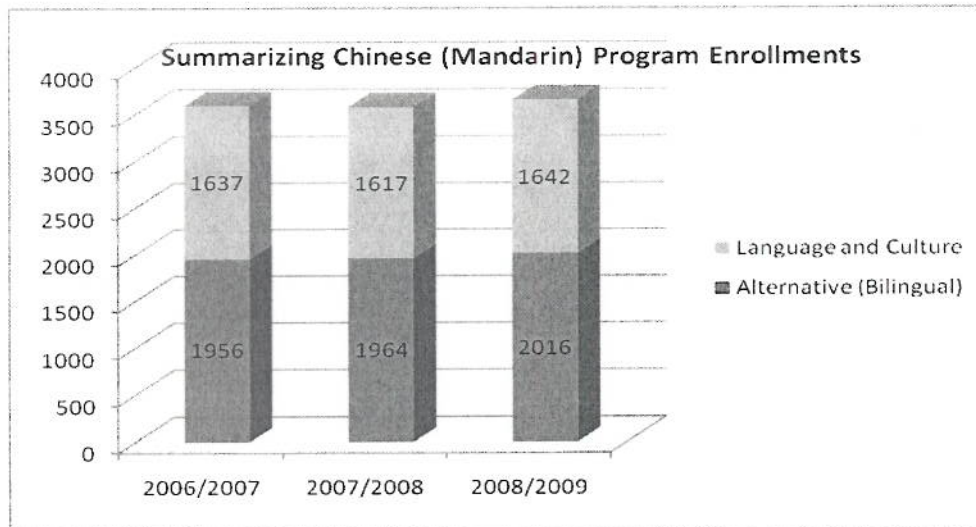
4. Language Program Enrolment Data

The 2009/2010 data collection and verification is in progress.

Reported enrolments demonstrate a steady increase in students learning languages provincially:

2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
223,738	231,364	234,942

Chinese (Mandarin) is offered as a bilingual and a language and culture program.



Initial draft data for 2009/2010 reveals an increase in reported enrolments. Chinese (Mandarin) is reported as:

- an Alternative (Bilingual) program, with 2138 enrolments reported in 14 schools in 2 jurisdictions: Edmonton School District No. 7. (K to Grade 12) and Calgary School District No. 19 ((K to Grade 9).
- a Language and Culture program, with 2213 enrolments reported K to Grade 12 in 24 schools in 12 jurisdictions in 3 zones.

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