

Chinese Language Proficiency Expectations

Chinese Bilingual and Chinese Language and Culture

Background:

The Edmonton Public School Chinese Bilingual program has been successful for many years in developing strong Chinese-English language skills in many students. Today the program serves about 2000 students in twelve schools from kindergarten through grade 12.

Over the past few years numerous projects have been undertaken to develop a strong consistency of programming at the elementary levels in the Chinese Bilingual program. Programming consistency over time and between school sites is now ensured through a number of initiatives, described below. These initiatives serve as a systematic set of actions to enhance consistency, and create good understanding for administrators, teachers, parents and students with regard to the expectations of the junior high programs, and will serve to generate programming excellence.

Initiatives:

Initiatives in place to support quality programming:

1. A correlation of the Chinese Language Arts program of Studies, and the Chinese language and Culture program of Studies (6 year and 3 year) with the descriptors of the Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK), Chinese Language Proficiency Test, is done on an on-going basis. This enables administrators and teachers to explain the Chinese language proficiencies in reading, writing, speaking and listening that a student will acquire at various points along the continuum of study.
2. The correlation has been used to develop the linguistic growth in the table below. This table is verifiable by comparison to several thousand student assessments given in the past five years. This chart will continue to be revised pending the results of the detailed correlation work.

***Chinese Language Proficiency Measures developed through study of the Alberta Program of Studies
In the Edmonton Public schools offering Chinese language.***

Grade Level

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Bilingual												
				HSK 1	←	HSK 2	→←	HSK 3	→←	HSK 4	→	HSK 5/6
Chinese Language and Culture (6 year)												
									HSK 1			HSK 2/3
Chinese Language and Culture (3 year)												
												HSK1/2