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ON THE COVER:

Calista (age 9) and her brother Ethan Shepherd (age 6) are Year 4 and Year 1 students respectively at **The British School of Beijing (BSB)**. Calista's favorite subjects are PE and music – where she plays the cello. Ethan enjoys recess and his favorite ASA is swimming with BSB's Splash Club. Photo by Littleones Kids & Family Portrait Studio. A special thanks to The British School of Beijing.



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beijingkids School Choice Guide 2013-2014

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Choosing a school in Beijing is one of the most difficult and important decisions that families in Beijing have to make. *beijingkids'* third annual School Choice Guide is here to make sense of it all: from curricula to locations, tuition fees, environment, and after school activities. With detailed, easy-to-read listings of the city's top 62 schools, parents can make an informed decision on their child's education. To navigate the school scene, we also have the inside scoop on helping your teen prep for middle school (p24) and choosing a school with a bilingual curriculum (p28). If it's the variety of curricula that perplexes you, we've got a breakdown of the most popular education systems (p10). Just remember: There is a perfect school for every child – it's just a matter of finding the right fit.

Charting Your Course

Understanding Beijing's most popular education systems

by Sijia Chen; updated by Ember Swift



Advanced Placement Program (AP)
SAT and ACT
English National Curriculum
International Baccalaureate (IB)
Montessori
Multiple Intelligences
Reggio Emilia
Chinese National Curriculum



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Advanced Placement Program (AP)

The AP (Advanced Placement) program is a system of course work administered by the College Board – the same organization that administers the SAT, a standardized college admissions test in the US. The AP program is a high school curriculum that offers standardized courses that are considered to be the equivalent of an undergraduate university course. An AP exam is taken at the end of the course. Based on this exam score, students (once they're accepted) can earn university credit, giving them time to take higher-level courses, pursue a double major, or study abroad.

Who does it target?

AP courses are generally taken by Grade 11-12 students (16-18 years old).

How is it applied?

The College Board offers a total of 34 AP subjects. Some of the most popular courses include AP US History, AP English Literature, and AP Calculus AB. AP students receive two grades: one for AP coursework and another for the AP exam. AP tests are taken in May and graded on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest). A computer scores the multiple-choice section, while AP readers grade the free response and essay components. Though it varies from institution to institution, most universities require that students obtain a minimum grade of 3 or 4 to qualify for college credit. The tests are graded by The College Board, but students also have access to third-party test verification services for extra integrity.

Why should parents consider it?

High achievers are usually recommended for the AP program by their teachers. Because AP classes are so rigorous, students should only take as many as they can comfortably handle. It's a way for them to challenge themselves and show prospective colleges that they are serious about academics.


Where is it offered?

Beijing 21st Century International School
International School of Beijing (ISB)
St. Paul American School (SPAS)
Tsinghua International School (THIS)
The Learning Center (TLC): Tutoring only


How well does this education system prepare students for the real world?

This is a chance for high school students to get a glimpse into university work, and most universities in the US will look at a student's final exam score from AP courses as part of the selection process. Outside the US, universities in over 60 countries recognize AP exam scores for admission or college credit.

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SAT and ACT

The SAT Reasoning Test (commonly known as the SAT), like the AP program and examinations, is administered by The College Board, an educational association based in the US. It is a standardized test, used in college admissions to American universities. Most students take the SAT in their junior or senior year of high school. The ACT is another standardized test for university admissions. Administered by ACT, Inc., it was created in 1959 as a competitor to the SAT. In 2009, 45 percent of American high school students took the ACT test.

It was formerly assumed that all universities in the US would base their selections to a certain extent on SAT scores. It should be noted, however, that current trends in education have shifted regarding the importance of both these tests. The National Centre for Fair and Open Testing in the US recently reported that 850 higher-education institutions in the US, including top-ranking universities, currently do not require SAT or ACT scores to admit students.

Famous alumni:

There are thousands of websites reporting the SAT scores of famous people like Microsoft co-founders Bill Gates (1590) and Paul Allen (a perfect 1600), horror writer Stephen King (1300), and former president George W. Bush (1206). These scores reflect the old SAT system, which carried a maximum possible grade of 1600.

Who does it target?

The ACT, and the SAT are generally taken by Grade 11-12 students (16-18 years old).

How is it applied?

The SAT test lasts over three hours and is divided into three sections: Critical Reading, Writing, and Math. Each section is made up of multiple choice questions, but the writing portion also requires students to compose a short essay. As of 2005, the SAT became known as the SAT Reasoning Test and the maximum possible score was changed to 2400 (800 per section).

The ACT lasts four hours and includes four parts: English, Math, Reading, and Science Reasoning. The optional ACT writing test adds 30 minutes to the exam time. Scored out of a maximum 36 points, ACT questions are generally considered to be easier than the SAT's, but the relatively limited time allotted to each section evens out the overall level of difficulty.

Why should parents consider it?

While not all American colleges require the SAT and ACT exam scores, a vast majority do require at least one of them, so taking them is a good idea for students that are interested in attending a university in the US.



Where is it offered?

Beijing BISS International School (BISS): SAT test center
 Beijing City International School (BCIS): Offers SAT prep
 Beijing Shuren-Ribet Private School (BSRPS): ACT/SAT test center
 International School of Beijing (ISB): SAT/ACT test center
 The Learning Center (TLC): Offers SAT prep
 St. Paul American School (SPAS): Offers SAT prep

How well does this education system prepare students for the real world?

Standardized tests like the ACT and SAT assess how well students analyze and problem-solve – skills that they are expected to acquire in high school. Most universities in the US will still look at SAT/ACT scores as part of the selection process. Some universities outside of the US will also consider SAT scores when assessing applicants.

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Famous alumni:

David Cameron (UK prime minister), Kazuo Ishiguro (novelist), Emma Watson (actress)

Who does it target?

The English National Curriculum targets students 3-18 years of age. They are divided into Key Stages that cover both primary and secondary school:

Key Stage 0: Ages 3-5 (also known as Early Years)

Key Stage 1: Ages 5-7 (Year 1-2)

Key Stage 2: Ages 7-11 (Year 3-6)

Key Stage 3: Ages 11-14 (Year 7-9)

Key Stage 4: Ages 14-16 (Year 10-11)

Key Stage 5: Ages 16-18 (Year 12-13)

How is it applied?

Primary school students are assessed at the end of Key Stages 1 to 3 on a scale of 1 to 8 according to National Curriculum standards. These evaluations are based on both tests and teacher assessments, and are commonly known as "SATs" or Standard Assessment Tasks (not to be confused with the American SAT).

At the end of Year 11, students can sit up to ten subjects at a series of national exams known as the GCSEs (General Certificate of Secondary Education).

During Key Stage 5, students take the GCE Advanced Level exams, commonly known as A-levels. A-levels are a graduated system composed of AS levels (taken at the end of Year 12) and A2 levels (taken at the end of Year 13). Students cannot move on to A2 levels if they fail their AS exams. Universities in the UK will usually ask for at least three A-levels, with some requiring a fourth AS subject.

Why should parents consider it?

A-levels give students the freedom to choose their areas of study and focus on their strengths. For example, an honor student who is working towards a scholarship in biology might not want to devote much time to the arts.

Where is it offered?

Beijing New Talent Academy (BJNTA): Hybrid system with Chinese National Curriculum

The British School of Beijing (BSB): Complete curriculum

Dulwich College Beijing: Up to Year 9

Harrow International School Beijing: Complete curriculum

MOMA Kids International Kindergarten: Early education program with elements of the English National Curriculum

Prestige Education Center (PEC): Weekend school based on English National Curriculum

Windsor Bilingual Kindergarten: Elements of English National Curriculum and Chinese system

Yew Chung International School of Beijing (YCIS Beijing): Up to Year 11

How well does this education system prepare students for the real world?

The British education system is well-recognized and accepted all over the world. A-levels are the standard qualification for universities in the UK,



and help students focus on preferred subjects before applying to university. In addition, A-levels are generally accepted in the US and Europe, as well as former Commonwealth countries like Australia and India.

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International Baccalaureate (IB)

Formerly known as the IBO, the International Baccalaureate (IB) is a non-profit educational foundation headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. It was founded in 1968 and is administered by a board of governors and six permanent committees that handle policy and best governance practices.

The IB is divided into three programs that can be applied individually or as a whole: the Primary Years Programme or PYP (ages 3-12), the Middle Years Programme or MYP (ages 11-16), and the Diploma Programme or IBDP (ages 16-19). Institutions that are authorized to offer one or more of these programs are known as IB World Schools. According to the IB's official website, there are over 976,000 students studying at 3,295 IB World Schools in 141 countries around the world.



Famous alumni:

Julie Payette (astronaut), Gael García Bernal (actor), Karen Mok (actress and singer)

Who does it target?

As a whole, the IB's programs target students 3-19 years of age.

How is it applied?

All of the IB's programs share the following traits:
 They require study across a broad range of subjects.
 They emphasize language learning.
 They encourage interdisciplinary learning.
 They include a community service requirement.

Each of the IB's programs has its own curriculum, but IBDP is the best-known. Over two years, students study six subjects drawn from the following subject groups: the arts, experimental sciences, language acquisition, studies in language and literature, individuals and society, and mathematics and computer science. Normally, half of these subjects are higher-level courses (240 teaching hours) and the other half are standard-level courses (150 teaching hours).

Other hallmarks of the IBDP include Theory of Knowledge (TOK), CAS, and the extended essay. TOK is a compulsory course that focuses on critical thinking and the nature of knowledge. CAS stands for "Creativity, Action, and Service," reflecting the belief that students should pursue activities outside the classroom. The extended essay is a 4,000-word paper designed to prepare students for undergraduate work.

IBDP students are graded on a scale from 1 to 7 (7 being the highest). They can also gain up to three extra points for their combined results on TOK and the extended essay, bringing the maximum total grade to 45 points. The IB diploma is awarded to students who obtain at least 24 points and satisfy their requirements in CAS. In general, about 80 percent of students obtain the diploma after being examined; fewer than 1 percent achieve a perfect score.

Why should parents consider it?

The IB has a 43-year history of high-quality, international education. Its programs are accepted at universities around the world. IB World Schools go through a rigorous authorization and evaluation process and IB teachers participate in a variety of professional development events. The IB has a



distinct focus on international education, making it one of the most popular choices for expat families in Beijing.

Where is it offered?

- Beijing BISS International School: Full IB program
- Beijing City International School (BCIS): Full IB program
- Beijing Huijia Private School: Full IB program
- Beijing No. 55 High School: MYP and IBDP
- Beijing World Youth Academy (BWYA): MYP, IBDP
- Canadian International School of Beijing (CISB): IBDP
- Dulwich College Beijing (DCB): IBDP
- International School of Beijing (ISB): IBDP
- The Learning Center (TLC): Tutoring only
- Western Academy of Beijing (WAB): Full IB program
- Yew Chung International School (YCIS Beijing): IBDP

How well does this education system prepare students for the real world?

The IB diploma is accepted by over 2,000 universities in 75 countries. In addition, the IB programs provide students with an international skill set, including knowledge of a second language, advanced critical thinking skills, dedication to community service, and the ability to appreciate different cultures.

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Montessori

The Montessori motto is “Help me do it by myself.” This approach is founded on the belief that every child should be respected as an individual and allowed to learn at his or her own pace within the prepared environment of a classroom. Montessori education fosters intelligent thinking, independence, self-esteem, problem-solving skills, and social aptitude.

Founder Dr. Maria Montessori (1870-1952) noticed that kids experienced “windows of opportunity” as they grew. She based the Montessori method on years of first-hand observations of students in the classroom. As the first woman to graduate from the University of Rome Medical School, Dr. Montessori brought a scientific approach to the field of education.

Famous alumni:

Sergey Brin and Larry Page (co-founders of Google), Jimmy Wales (founder of Wikipedia), Dakota Fanning (actress)

Who does it target?

Globally, Montessori schools vary widely in the age range of their students. They run the gamut from birth to adulthood (0-18 years), but the majority focus on early childhood education (1-6 years). Most of the institutions in Beijing fall into the latter category, but MSB and Daystar offer Montessori education for kids up to age 12.

How is it applied?

Though there are several Montessori societies worldwide, the term

“Montessori” itself isn’t trademarked. That’s why it’s crucial for parents to visit their child’s prospective school. Prominent societies like the American Montessori Society (AMS) formulate their own standards and accredit schools. In Beijing, MSB is the only AMS affiliate member.

An authentic Montessori classroom features multi-age groupings, uninterrupted blocks of work time, guided activity choices, and a range of specially designed learning materials. The curriculum focuses on five basic areas: practical life, sensorial, language, math, and culture. Kids progress from simple to complex tasks while fulfilling their natural curiosity. Montessori teachers direct and guide their students rather than dictate. There are no numerical grades in Montessori. Instead, progress is tracked through observation, recordkeeping, and self-reflection. There is also no such thing as failure, since teachers present each child with a choice of work and a variety of difficulties.

Why should parents consider it?

Many child experts agree that the most important period in a child’s development happens between birth and age 6. Dr. Montessori believed that kids at this age had an “absorbent” quality, like a sponge. The idea is that the proper guidance and stimulation will allow them to form patterns for the rest of their lives. In regular daycare, the focus is often on keeping young charges entertained. The Montessori classroom is designed to meet every child’s learning needs with special tools and materials. Students can set their own pace instead of being forced to do activities they don’t like. They become part of a multi-age community, with older kids playing the role of mentors and younger kids feeling



supported for the challenges ahead.

Where is it offered?

American International Academy of Beijing (AIAB)
 Beijing Jiade Montessori International Kindergarten
 Canadian International School of Beijing (CISB)
 The Children's House International Montessori Kindergarten
 Daystar Academy
 Eduwings Kindergarten
 Etonkids International Kindergarten
 The Family Learning House (TFLH)
 House of Knowledge International Kindergarten (HoK)
 The International Montessori School of Beijing (MSB)
 Little Village Montessori School (LVMS)
 Mammolina Children's Home Montessori Kindergarten
 MIA Early Childhood Education Center
 Positive Foundations School (PFS)

How well does this education system prepare students for the real world?

As self-directed learners, Montessori students gain transferrable skills like independence, self-esteem, and cooperation. Many Montessori schools in Beijing use a combination of educational approaches. For example, the core curriculum at MSB includes aspects of Montessori, the IB's Primary Years Programme and the British education system. The majority of its students who stayed in Beijing went on to schools like ISB, WAB, YCIS Beijing, Harrow, DCB, and BSB.

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Multiple Intelligences

The theory of Multiple Intelligences (MI) was developed in 1983 by Dr. Howard Gardner, an education professor at Harvard University. He believed that the conventional notion of intelligence, based on IQ tests, didn't look at the broader picture. In other words, MI doesn't ask "How smart are you?" but rather "How are you smart?" In his groundbreaking book, *Frames of Mind*, Gardner came up with eight different intelligences:

- Linguistic (word smart)
- Logical-mathematical (number/reasoning smart)
- Spatial (picture smart)
- Bodily-kinesthetic (body smart)
- Musical (music smart)
- Interpersonal (people smart)
- Intrapersonal (self smart)
- Naturalist (nature smart)

Who does it target?

All ages, from preschool to adult education

How is it applied?

MI is a "theory of intelligence ... neither a specific educational method or approach." There is no "right" way to apply it. That being said, the Multiple Intelligence Institute is an international organization dedicated to the promotion of MI theory in educational settings. It proposes three

"keystone practices" of pluralization, mobilization, and personalization. Pluralization means giving children the opportunity to explore topics in a variety of ways and placing value on subjects beyond language and math. Mobilization means observing and recording children's individual strengths, interests, and abilities. Personalization means translating students' unique skills and interests into actual learning experiences.

In Beijing, the Ivy Schools (Ivy Academy and Ivy Bilingual Schools) are the only institutions in China to be accredited by the MI Institute.

Why should parents consider it?

The MI theory values all students, academic subjects, and ways of learning. By going beyond the traditional focus on language and math, children are given the opportunity to discover their potential. MI theory can also inform parenting methods. The MI Institute offers an online introductory course on MI theory geared towards parents, caregivers, and other important people in a child's life.

Where is it offered?

Ivy Academy: Ages 2-6 (English-only environment)

Ivy Bilingual School (IBS): Ages 2-6 (English/Chinese environment)

Muffy's Learning Centers: Ages 2-6

How well does this education system prepare students for the real world?

MI educators would argue that multiple intelligences are the real world. By recognizing that each individual has different strengths, weaknesses, interests, and skills, and harnessing that knowledge in the classroom, teachers can help students reach their potential.



Reggio Emilia

Reggio Emilia is an approach to early childhood education named after the city of the same name in northern Italy, where communities in the surrounding villages sought a way to rebuild society after World War II. Under the leadership of founder and educator Loris Malaguzzi, Reggio Emilia evolved into a parent-led approach that spread all over the world. Malaguzzi believed that children learn through the "hundred languages" of words, movement, painting, drawing, sculpting, shadow play, music, theater, and more.

Reggio Emilia is all about relationships, including the child's relationship with family, teachers, society, and their environment. This educational approach is self-guided; kids exert a degree of control over their own learning, learn about the world through all five senses, develop meaningful relationships with other children, and have the freedom to express themselves in various ways.



Who does it target?

Reggio Emilia focuses on early childhood education (roughly ages 0-6).

How is it applied?

Reggio Emilia does not have a governing organization, accreditation system, or set curriculum. According to the North American Reggio Emilia Alliance (NAREA), Reggio Emilia is a set of “community-constructed values that have been and are continuously being translated into high-quality early childhood practices.”

The main assessment method for Reggio Emilia is observation. Teachers track the child’s progress by collecting information over long time periods. This data includes photos, notes, videos, works of art, and conversations.

In Beijing, schools tend to combine Reggio Emilia with other educational approaches. House of Knowledge International Kindergarten has the strongest Reggio Emilia influence among schools in Beijing, but its curriculum also borrows aspects of Montessori and traditional Confucian theory. Though an IB World School, the Western Academy of Beijing’s early childhood center offers a Reggio Emilia-inspired program.

Why should parents consider it?

Since Reggio Emilia revolves around family and community, parents are a crucial part of this approach. They’re considered the child’s first teacher, and are valued as partners, collaborators, and advocates for their kids. As a result, many parents extend the Reggio Emilia philosophy to the home.

Where is it offered?

Bella Growth International Kids House: Ages 2-5

House of Knowledge International Kindergarten (HoK): Ages 1-6

Western Academy of Beijing (WAB): Ages 3-4

How well does this education system prepare students for the real world?

As in Montessori, Reggio Emilia seeks to develop skills for lifelong learning. Reggio children are able to step into a new curriculum or subject with the drive and competency to acquire knowledge.

In class, students are not given any answers; instead, teachers prompt them with questions that allow them to form their own conclusions. Students apply their critical thinking skills and have the confidence to ask others for help.

“The integration of Reggio Emilia within the IB PYP at the Western Academy of Beijing is great because it encourages children to develop skills by initiating activities based on their own interests. Our highly qualified teachers are then able to help our students further develop these skills by working alongside them. In this way, teachers respond to the broad variety of needs that young children have, and, through a system of inquiry and research, students become curious and develop a love of learning. Every day our students come to school eager to try out new things, to explore and to ask questions.”

– Holly Reardon,
head of Early Childhood Education, WAB

“The Reggio Emilia philosophy focuses on the natural development of children and the relationships that they construct with others and with their environment. In our kindergarten, we view our children as competent learners who are capable of infinite discovery and have boundless potential. Our curriculum therefore is child-centered and child-directed, focusing on the children’s interests, ideas and talents. Reggio approach propels children to acquire skills of critical thinking and collaborating [and] believes that children learn through interaction with others, including parents, staff and peers in a friendly learning environment.”

– Mr. Farshad Danicek, director of education at
House of Knowledge International Kindergarten



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Chinese National Curriculum

The current Chinese educational system is based upon revisions to national education that followed the implementation of The Four Modernizations presented by Zhou Enlai in 1974. These four modernizations – to develop agriculture, industry, technology, and defense – are considered the four goals or pillars of modern education in China.

Famous alumni:

David Brooks (American president of the South Korea and Greater China Division of Coca-Cola), Mika and Charlotte MacInnis (sisters and American hostesses at CCTV and BTV)

Who does it target?

When bilingual or hybrid education programs are available in Beijing, they generally target parents who wish to fully immerse their child in a Chinese-language curriculum in order to understand Chinese culture and emerge from the school system fully literate in Mandarin.

How is it applied?

Divided into a 6-3-3 system (six years of primary school, followed by three years each of junior and senior middle school), the Chinese National Curriculum relies heavily on public funding and the designation of “key school,” which receive greater portions of government funding. These schools are intended to serve the most academically gifted and thus are considered the most prestigious. At the secondary level, “key schools” are like college prep schools in the West. National entrance exams are required for admission to both senior middle school (Western high school level) and university.

Schools in Beijing that administer the Chinese National Curriculum through a bilingual model usually assess a child’s Mandarin language level before placing them in the program. Mandarin language classes are divided into small groups based on ability.

Why should parents consider it?

The single greatest benefit starts with the complete immersion in Mandarin. All subjects are taught in Chinese, thus ensuring your child’s literacy and fluency in the language. Additional benefits include an environment in which Confucian ideological roots provide teachers with palpable respect. Not only do they enjoy un-taxed salaries and a national holiday (Teacher’s Day), but students are expected to, first and foremost, obey their instructions making classrooms much stricter, controlled spaces than in Western schools. If more discipline is needed for your child, a Chinese classroom may be the answer. Furthermore, this system enforces the notion of work ethic, thus resulting in longer school hours and increased amounts of homework. There is the built-in belief that all children can achieve regardless of their background as long as they put in the effort. For example, Beijing 55 boasts that 100 percent of their graduates are accepted into the Chinese university of their choice.

Where is it offered?

Chinese public schools are required by law to accept children of legal foreign residents. Unlike local children, however, foreigners must pay a yearly tuition. The following are examples of local schools that provide bilingual or split systems: Beijing No. 55 High School, Huijia Kindergarten, and Daystar Academy. For a fuller list, see p35.

How well does this education system prepare students for the real world?

There are more than 100 million people learning Mandarin all over the world. Establishing a child’s language and literacy in Mandarin early will provide them with much greater opportunities for a professional future in Asia and internationally. Foreign students who attend bilingual schools are also provided with cultural and social observation classes in order to better understand Chinese national conditions before entering post-secondary schooling in China or the workforce.

Resources

The College Board

Includes information on the AP program and SAT test fees, online registration, practice tests, and college applications.
www.collegeboard.org

UCAS

UCAS manages applications to universities in the UK. Prospective students can search for courses, look up tuition fees, and apply to colleges online.
www.ucas.com

IB Official Website

Includes information for parents, students, and educators, as well as a searchable database of IB World Schools.
www.ibo.org

Association Montessori Internationale (AMI)

AMI was founded by Dr. Montessori to maintain the integrity of her life's work.
www.montessori-ami.org

American Montessori Association (AMS)

A US-based organization that offers Montessori resources and school accreditation.
www.amshq.org

Multiple Intelligence Institute

Dedicated to the understanding and application of MI theory in educational settings.
www.miinstitute.info

North American Reggio Emilia Alliance (NAREA)

NAREA is a US-based alliance for the promotion of Reggio Emilia in the classroom.
www.reggioalliance.org

Reggio Children

Home of the Centro Loris Malaguzzi non-profit organization founded by the municipality of Reggio Emilia.
www.reggiochildren.it

For comprehensive listings of the schools mentioned, refer to the index on p33.

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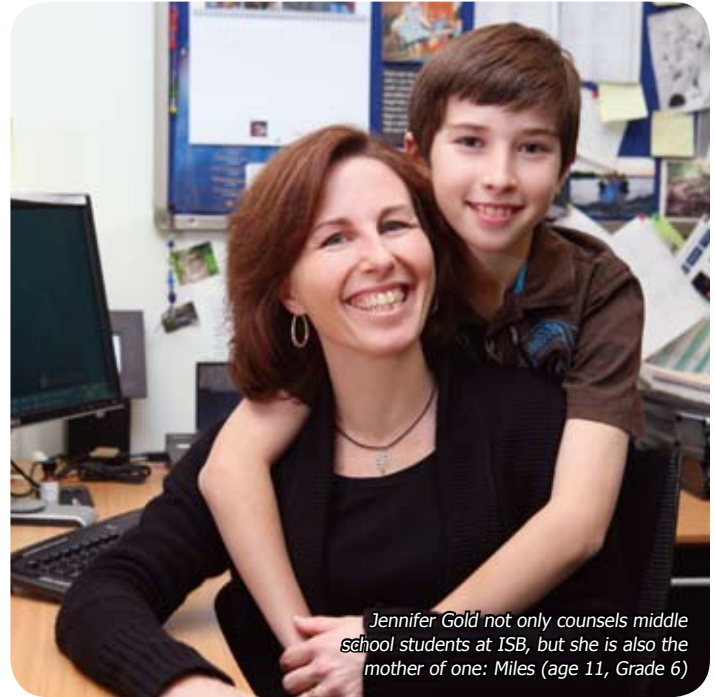
Moving Towards Independence

The challenges of transitioning to middle school

by Charlotte Moreau



Anna Fournier is the head of Year 8 and Year 9 at Harrow International School of Beijing



Jennifer Gold not only counsels middle school students at ISB, but she is also the mother of one: Miles (age 11, Grade 6)

If you talk to parents of middle school-aged children, you are likely to hear an exasperated story about how different their child has become after just one year. Some tales are funny while others are frustrating, but they all reveal that middle school can be a tough time. With increased responsibilities at school, issues such as time management, organization, and prioritization are often encountered for the first time. Finding the right balance for success can be challenging for both children and parents. To gain some insight, *beijingkids* talked to school counselors and parents for their take on the subject.

Ch-Ch-Changes

First and foremost, here's a brief neurological recap: The frontal lobe of the brain, where functions such as planning and self-control set in, is not fully developed until a person reaches their 20s. So, kids in the middle school age bracket are expected to manage extra details in their lives when they simply do not have the full capacity to do so.

Head of Years 8 and 9 at Harrow International School Beijing, Anna Fournier says that parents want to understand why their children go from being loving and caring to sullen and uncommunicative kids who believe that grownups are trying to ruin their life. "[One] thing that [parents] can hang on to is that the part of the brain that empathizes virtually shuts down during the teenage years. Basically, kids become much more selfish. They are not thinking about the effect their actions are having on you; they just care about their role in a situation."

Add hormones to the equation, and it's an all-around difficult time in an adolescent's life. Kids are unfamiliar with all of these changes, which can lead to a lot of stress. It's important for parents to be sensitive during this time of uncertainty and trust that their kids will get through it at their

own pace.

Milvia Winters juggles the needs of her four children, who range in age from 9 to 18. "Just when I think I have it all sorted, [the kids] throw a curveball," says Winters. Does gender make a difference? Not in her household. "I think it's personality type that determines ability to organize and prioritize, rather than gender. I have two girls and two boys, and they are all completely different."

Increased Expectations

From elementary to middle school, kids are ushered towards a variety of new opportunities and responsibilities. This is often the stage in school where they move from class to class instead of remaining in one room with one teacher. They have to know what materials are needed and when, and if it's their first experience with lockers, they must organize their belongings and memorize a locker combination. Homework tends to increase during this time, requiring a better handle on daily time management. Depending on the school, there are enrichment or elective courses available, after school activities, and a host of sports teams or clubs to join – each with their own expectations for time and dedication.

Jennifer Gold, a middle school counselor at the International School of Beijing, explains: "At this stage, kids really want some independence from their parents. They want to think on their own and they want some power and control over their lives. And that's age-appropriate. However, it's also at this stage when kids aren't necessarily the best judge of time, how long things will take to do or how long they might need for homework." Parents can help their kids by establishing good routines and habits early on, so that their kids can ultimately do it on their own.

Gold herself is the mother of an 11-year-old. She admits: "I have the

same hopes, dreams and fears for my own child as they do with theirs, and I make some of the same mistakes. Even with all of the knowledge and resources I have, I still have to think a lot about the best way to support my son through this stage."

Ingrid Jones has adjusted how she works with her own children to get those good habits in place. Her daughter Avery is in Grade 8 at Beijing City International School, where prioritizing has become increasingly important. Avery does her work independently, only asking for help when she needs it. Ingrid gives her that independence, stepping in if there are signs of struggle or feedback from teachers. With her younger son Ethan, who is in Grade 5, she is more proactive in teaching time management strategies. They created a weekly worksheet that helps Ethan visualize homework and estimate the time needed to complete it. "I have seen the stress of him coming home and saying 'I have so much homework' to feeling confident that he can get it all done if he plans his time. He is very proud of this – as am I for him." It's much harder to backtrack if routines are not set in place early.

As middle school students advance, there will likely be more transition. Gold says that teachers spend a lot of time in early sixth grade helping the students with reminders, teaching skills that help the kids take ownership of their time management. In seventh grade, the social part kicks in a bit more, and teachers often need to rein in the socializing that comes with feeling more comfortable in their position at school. The eighth graders are at the top of their division, hopefully having mastered some of these organizational skills, yet tend to fret more during the second semester about the looming high school years.

Harrow International School Beijing provides daily guidance to students in the form of a personal tutor. Anna Fournier explains: "All students are part of a tutor group (about 10-12 students) who are looked after by a personal tutor monitoring their academic and social progress and needs. The tutors develop an ongoing relationship with their tutees – [meeting every morning and afternoon], rather than just seeing them when they need help."

"When kids move into middle school, it really is a big transition for all, even those who are the most organized," says Gold. "In any transition time, whether it's from one division to another or leaving one country and starting in another, the more quickly people get routines established and in place, the easier it is for kids to regain that solid footing needed to move forward."

Stepping In or Stepping Back?

No parent wishes for his or her kid to fail. "Struggle" is a more accurate word to describe what is sometimes needed to teach kids life skills that will ultimately help them in the future.

Winters has children in elementary school at Dulwich College Beijing and at university. She has watched each of her children mature, sometimes with a struggle. "We need to teach our children to face the consequences of their actions and not always step in and save them. It's a good life lesson for when they grow up." Winters is not there to monitor her oldest, who is away at the University of Cambridge, but she can trust that her daughter has the tools to manage her time independently.

Jones agrees: "Some struggle is really important for kids to learn from, because it teaches resiliency. It's one of the ways that kids learn to bounce back when things don't go their way. You can't really learn that when you've never had things go wrong." She points out, however, that kids need to realize you are not abandoning them. "Make sure they know you're a safe place to 'land' when they fail and that nothing is wrong with failure – it just means you tried something that didn't work or that some help or support is needed."

When work becomes overwhelming and things aren't getting done, it's time to step in. Try to develop a system for better time management, so



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Milvia Winters is a mother of four to (clockwise from bottom left) Michela (age 18), Luke (age 12, Year 7), Christopher (age 14, Year 9), and Saskia (age 9, Year 4) – three of whom attend Dulwich College Beijing



Mother to Avery (age 13, Grade 8) and Ethan (age 10, Grade 5), Ingrid Jones believed BCIS to be the best for her children on all fronts, including academics, opportunities, and development

there will be some time left for fun. Winter suggests, “A firm set of rules should apply, especially online, as this can take them away from school work, so it needs to be monitored diligently.”

There are simple ways to show your child that setting priorities takes practice. Fournier encourages parents to show kids how you organize yourself. “Tell them that it is hard, that people forget things, but in order to stop this happening, you need to come up with a system that works for you.” Reinforce that they should always try to do their personal best and not compete for the sake of competing. Discourage multitasking too much, as it greatly reduces productivity, and encourage participating in a wide range of activities to keep things in perspective.

Striking a Balance

Parents often wonder if all of the many possibilities for their middle school-aged child are just too much; the kids want to be involved in everything! But middle school is a time for all those extras – exploring new things in a safe environment.

Fournier believes that the extras actually help with time management and the development of multiple skills. “Universities do not just want Grade A students; they want dynamic people who are going to get involved, be part of teams, make things happen and be a positive addition to their institution. Children who get used to doing a range of different activities when they are young are far more likely to be able to manage them as they get older.”

Technology is another addition to the wide spectrum of available tools that many parents did not have themselves during school years. Computers are an essential part of the education process and are not going away, but they can also be a distraction.

Fournier actually encourages the use of apps on mobile devices to help students get organized. “When I suggest this, they often look amazed. Why not? There are brilliant apps available to help everyone organize themselves and this generation is so tech-savvy that they will find it really easy to set up a system that works for them.”

It’s all about balance, says Gold. Kids are exploring other interests, often participating in something that encourages a healthy lifestyle. “It takes some parental help in the beginning, such as ‘Remember that you have soccer tomorrow, so let’s plan ahead on your homework. What do

you think?’” Involve your kids in the process, so that they can ultimately take over without much direction.

Factor in Feelings

With all their newfound responsibilities, it’s easy for kids to feel overwhelmed. Gold says that kids might feel like they are always disappointing their parents or teachers – that everyone is frustrated with them. “They get down about that,” she says, “and it’s important to remind them what they are experiencing is normal. There’s nothing wrong with them and they don’t need to feel bad about being overwhelmed.”

Winters, like all parents, wants to see her kids succeed in whatever they choose to do. But she also wants them to realize that school is school, and there is more to life. “We have tried to make them feel that if they want to do well it has to come from within, [along with] of course, support from us. We don’t reward good grades with gifts, as I feel this makes them work for the gift and not because they themselves have the desire to do well.”

Gold reminds us that involving your child – as much as they will allow – is important. “If parents solve everything or dictate all things, you might be setting up a real power struggle that can be very difficult to withdraw from. It’s important to not let those struggles damage your relationship but instead work with your child to solve problems.”

Talking at home is also important, says Fournier. “Think about how you deal with adults – your partner or colleagues at work. If you are picking up vibes that they are not in the best mood, don’t push them; just try again later.”

Family Matters

With many international schools in Beijing and students from a multitude of cultural backgrounds, it is challenging to manage different cultural expectations. Parents who were raised in an environment vastly different from that of their children may not have a frame of reference when dealing with these issues. It can be extra confusing and troubling. Talking to school counselors in situations like these is important, as it’s their job to help both students and parents succeed during this time.

Gold offers this advice to parents, “Your limits are set based on your

family's values." Take the resources from school – computers, extra-curricular opportunities, social lives – and apply them with the lens of your family's values.

Winters says: "I do think it's very important to stick to your own family values and not get sucked into what other people are allowing their children to do. I believe when you set boundaries in a way that shows you are concerned with their welfare, they are more likely to accept your guidance. I try to make sure we all take time to reconnect with each other and to keep talking to our children about how they are feeling and to know how they are coping and dealing with issues before they get too big." She also suggest being open to changing the way we parent.

What Can Parents Do?

Adolescents are experiencing changes physically, mentally and emotionally. It's a confusing, yet exciting time for them. Kids at this age need guidance, but want independence, and while it's difficult to parent them at this stage, taking an active role is the most important job yet.

Some tips:

- Sleep is essential, no matter how much they resist resting.
- Connect with your children in regular conversation rather than talking at them (or they will only hear lecturing).
- Take an interest in what they are doing, which ultimately motivates them in many different areas.
- "Catch" them doing something well. It's more frequent than you think!
- Be proactive in helping them through struggles.
- Give them credit – sometimes they are right.
- Acknowledge their individuality.
- Work with your children to set limits that encourage a safe and balanced lifestyle.

We all want to do our best for our kids, but we must also remember that no parent gets it right all the time. Most of all, realize that even if they do try to push you away, your kids still need you and want to know that you are there.

Suggested Reading

The 5 Love Languages of Teenagers: The Secrets to Loving Teens Effectively by Gary Chapman

Getting to Calm: Cool-Headed Strategies for Parenting Tweens + Teens by Laura S. Kastner, Ph.D. and Jennifer Wyatt, Ph.D.

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Developing dual-language skills in children

by Ellis Friedman



In a world in which multilingualism is a prized skill, children living in Beijing are in a prime position to become proficient in one or both of the necessary languages of the future: Mandarin and English. The boom in bilingual programs in Beijing is a response to the demand for bilingual education. But raising a bilingual child is not as simple as throwing him or her into a classroom for a daily dose of Mandarin. Raising a bilingual child takes patience, effort, and structure. Luckily, there are a myriad of schools and support systems in Beijing that support dual languages.

The Perks of Multilingualism

The most obvious benefit of multilingualism is the prospect of future opportunities in either language. There is plenty of research that shows there are numerous cognitive benefits to being raised in a bilingual environment, and cognitive flexibility is one of them. Cognitive flexibility is the ability to mentally switch between two ideas, or think about multiple things simultaneously, and bilinguals outperform their monolingual peers in these tasks. James Helbringer, the assistant principal at Beijing International Bilingual Academy (BIBA), explains, "Bilingual children are able to use both sides of their brains, so they're able to think simultaneously in different languages."

Additionally, studies have shown that bilingual children exhibit greater executive control throughout childhood and adulthood. Such functions include focusing attention, self-control, and strategizing.

Because bilingual brains are adept at switching languages, they are more adept at switching tasks, learning additional languages, and efficiently processing information. The benefits extend throughout life, from early childhood brain development, and potentially even into older age, as bilingual brains are able to better stave off age-related cognitive decline.

What's Right for Your Child?

Parents considering a bilingual program for their child should step back and consider their plans and goals. "Know what your expectation is going into a [bilingual or] dual immersion program," says Amy Loveday Hu, principal at 3e International School, which offers a dual immersion program. "If you've got a long-term goal of maintaining both the languages, then it's a good choice," says Loveday Hu, but she cautions that for families planning under two or three years of exposure to either or both of the languages, a bilingual or dual immersion setting may not be the ideal situation. "It is quite stressful for children if they come in not understanding [one of the languages], and they're not going to maintain fluency if they're only here for one or two years. Then they've experienced a lot of stress that is possibly needless."

Another factor to consider is the age of your child. "The earlier, the better," says Helbringer. Virtually all educators agree that the younger a child is, the easier it is for him to grasp new languages. Once a child is about 6 years old, or just after kindergarten, it gets harder to place

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him in a bilingual program. Helbringer explains: "[The older the child gets,] the more complicated the material gets, so if you're trying to understand the language and grasp the concept, it's difficult."

Earlier might better, but it's important to remember that it's different for every child. Kristin Damberger, BIBA's curriculum coordinator, clarifies: "It depends a lot on the student's work ethic and level of knowledge in their first language. With older students, it takes a lot more effort and personal drive to acquire a second language, whereas with younger kids it just happens naturally."

But is it ever too late to place your child in a bilingual program? "It depends on what you want," says Helbringer. "If you want a child [who has a low level of English] to get into an English-speaking university and you enter a bilingual program in tenth grade, it would be too late. It's hard even in third or fourth grade to come in with no English; it's going to take a couple of years in English as a Second Language to get into the regular class." Ideally, he suggests starting a child in a bilingual program before second grade.

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What to Look For

Paula Phipps, primary coordinator at Yew Chung International School of Beijing (YCIS Beijing), encourages parents looking at bilingual programs to examine the feel and atmosphere of the potential school. "The child needs to feel comfortable," she urges, and the parent should make

sure that all the teachers are certified. Robyn Hamilton, also a primary coordinator at YCIS Beijing, stresses looking at "how much time is spent on each language. I just don't think that you can easily learn [a second language] from an hour a day." It's also important to find a school that emphasizes the cultural components of the teaching languages.

Also, look at where the standards for the Chinese section of the curriculum are coming from, and make sure it's a legitimate source.

Parents should also check that the school is accredited or in the process of being accredited. For instance, YCIS lists five accreditations on their website including the Council for International Schools (CIS) and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC); and BIBA is in the process of obtaining its Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation.

Bilingual Programs

Scores of Beijing schools bill themselves as "bilingual," but it doesn't mean the program is actually bilingual. There are a number of permutations of ways to teach a bilingual curriculum, and though BIBA, YCIA, and 3e all have different structures, all of their programs foster bilingual students.

At both YCIS Beijing and BIBA, 50 percent of class time is spent in English, while the other half is spent in Chinese. After kindergarten and until about age 12, at both schools, the split becomes 70 percent



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My Child Is in a Bilingual Program. Now What?

English and 30 percent Chinese. At BIBA, Grades 1 through 5 have an English homeroom teacher who co-teaches math with a Chinese math teacher, and each class also has a Chinese language arts teacher. BIBA uses the Chinese National Curriculum to teach math, and a curriculum based on the California Common Core Standards for other subjects.

YCIS Beijing has a co-teaching program, which means that the classrooms have one Chinese teacher and one English teacher with the 50-50 split in kindergarten and 10 co-taught periods in primary grades thereafter. The co-teachers are equal – both are certified teachers, and they both share the running of the classroom and the lesson planning. YCIS Beijing uses its own curriculum in addition to the IB curriculum, and being bilingual is crucial to their identity. Hamilton explains: “We firmly believe that English and Chinese are two of the most important languages in the world. [Being bilingual] allows students to move freely between cultures.”

3e International School implements a dual immersion program. Students from kindergarten until Grade 4 get a 50-50 split of English and Chinese every day, with children spending half the day in the English classroom with two English teachers, and the other half of the day in the Chinese classroom with two Chinese teachers. Nursery is the only exception; in that age group, each classroom has one English teacher and one Chinese teacher at all times. Loveday Hu explains 3e’s curriculum is one that “explores a lot of existing curriculums. It’s more American, but it’s called DAP, Developmentally Appropriate Practice.” The curriculum is research-based and subject to review every two years by a curriculum committee made up of parents, teachers, and administrators. “What we’re really focusing on is English and Chinese, the two cultures, and building the social and emotional skills for children,” says Loveday Hu.

Once the decision is made to place a child in a bilingual or dual immersion program, the hard part is just beginning. Especially if either of the parents do not speak one or both of the school’s teaching languages, it can be hard to know if a child is thriving or struggling. What’s a parent to do?

“Don’t expect your child to be completely fluent and join the United Nations within six months,” cautions Loveday Hu. Learning a language takes time, and it’s crucial not to pressure or overwork a child. “When children first start a bilingual program, they will be tired,” Hamilton cautions. “Don’t sign them up for loads of clubs. Don’t pressure them to do two hours of piano or hire a tutor because you’re worried they need to catch up. Learning in two languages all day is tiring, so we suggest that students go to bed a bit earlier for the first couple of months. Parents need to acknowledge that it’s hard work.”

Helbringer adds: “The biggest thing is being supportive and not pushing it, because it takes time.” Be there for your child, and spend as much time with them as possible. Reading in your home language is an excellent way to be supportive while encouraging kids to develop language skills. “Having confidence in the language at home helps with new languages, because if you don’t have confidence at home, it makes everything else difficult,” advises Loveday Hu.

If each parent has a different mother tongue, the best practice is to have each parent only speak in that language to the child. For example, if Mom speaks Chinese and Dad speaks English, Mom only

speaks in Chinese and Dad only speaks in English. This helps kids compartmentalize, and can give added reinforcement. If Mom and Dad have the same native language, it's a good idea to set the example of language learning for your kids. If you don't speak Chinese and your child is learning it, it's okay to try to speak some Chinese to them and acknowledge that learning another language is hard. But if they don't want to speak Chinese in a home where English is the language, don't push it. Children associate people and places with particular languages, and children may resist speaking a language at home that isn't usually spoken there.

To keep tabs on progress, parents should be attentive when their children are doing their homework. Damberger points out that teachers should be assigning homework that students can complete independently. If you notice that your child is having problems completing work on his own, don't be alarmed; instead, communicate with the teacher. Teachers at YCIS Beijing, 3e, and BIBA keep careful tabs on their students, and if there's an issue, the teacher will reach out to the parent, or address the parent's concerns. Then, listen to what the teachers tell you. "What you see at home is a tiny fraction of what is actually going on," says Loveday Hu. "Good teachers will always be very honest with parents and will never pretend something is fine when it's not."

Bilingual Development

A persistent worry among parents is that if their children are in a bilingual environment, their development will be slower than that of their peers. However, research refers to this mindset as the "myth of the monolingual brain." Actual findings show that language acquisition in early childhood develops largely at the same rate in bilingual children as in monolingual children. While early speech development may lag slightly in bilinguals, it isn't permanent, and is considered inconsequential to the ultimate acquisition of phonological skills.

It is fairly common for children in a bilingual program to go through a silent phase in the first year or so. This is normal, Hamilton says, as the child is probably a bit overwhelmed and is just listening. There are a number of reasons for the silence. First, your child is building his receptive language, as he can't express himself until he does so. He's also training his mouth muscles for the sounds of a new language, and maybe he's also trying to internalize the routine of his new school. The length of a silent period varies by child and language exposure, and while its length is generally between two and six months, it can last up to a year.

Also don't become alarmed if your child starts a sentence, thought, or conversation in one language and finishes it in another. This is called code switching, and it's normal. In fact, it's probably a good indicator that your child is absorbing both languages and thinking in both of them. Children will generally start code switching after one or two years in a bilingual or dual immersion environment.

It's easy for parents to feel helpless when their child is in a bilingual program, especially if the parent doesn't speak one of the classroom languages. One of the best things parents can do in this case is to arrange play dates with their peers. This will help them build a social language and help them learn the idioms and slang that will make them sound like a native speaker.

When parents want to know how long it will take for their child to become bilingual, many educators are reluctant to nail down a number, because there is no single exemplary amount of time across the board. Factors to take into account include the age the child entered the bilingual program, the amount of time spent on each language, independent motivation, what languages are spoken at home, and of course, the different learning speeds and styles of each child. To

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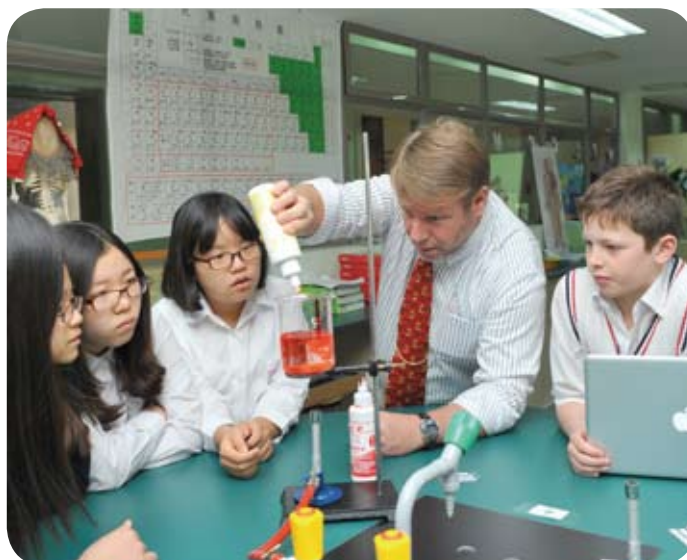
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Yew Wah Infant and Toddler Education Centre (YWITEC)							✓					
Young Starters Academy (YSA)			✓						✓			



	Ages 3 and under	Ages 4-6	Ages 7-11	Ages 12-14	Ages 15-18
3e International School	✓	✓	✓		
American International Academy of Beijing (AIAB)	✓	✓			
Beanstalk International Bilingual School (BIBS)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Beijing 21st Century Experimental Kindergarten	✓	✓			
Beijing 21st Century International School		✓	✓	✓	✓
Beijing BISS International School (BISS)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Beijing City International School (BCIS)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Beijing Collegiate Academy		✓	✓	✓	✓
Beijing Huijia Private School	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Beijing International Bilingual Academy (BIBA)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Beijing Jade Montessori Bilingual Kindergarten	✓	✓			
Beijing New Talent Academy (BJNTA)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Beijing No. 4 High School				✓	✓
Beijing No. 25 Middle School				✓	✓
Beijing No. 55 High School		✓	✓	✓	✓
Beijing No. 80 High School				✓	✓
Beijing Royal Foreign Language School (BRFLS)		✓	✓	✓	
Beijing Shuren Ribet Private School (BSRPS)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Beijing Sweet Angel Kindergarten	✓	✓			
Beijing Sunny High-Scope	✓	✓			
Beijing World Youth Academy (BWYA)			✓	✓	✓
Bella Growth International Kids House	✓	✓			
The British School of Beijing (BSB)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Canadian International School of Beijing (CISB)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
The Children's House International Montessori Kindergarten	✓	✓			
Children's International Bilingual Academy (CIBA)	✓	✓	✓		
Daystar Academy	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Dulwich College Beijing (DCB)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eduwings Kindergarten	✓	✓			
Etonkids Bilingual Kindergartens	✓	✓			
Etonkids International Kindergarten	✓	✓			
The Family Learning House (TFLH)	✓	✓			
Fangcaodi International School		✓	✓	✓	
Harrow International School Beijing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House of Knowledge International Kindergarten (HoK)	✓	✓			
Huijia Kindergarten	✓	✓			
The International Montessori School of Beijing (MSB)	✓	✓	✓		
International School of Beijing (ISB)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ivy Academy	✓	✓			
Ivy Bilingual Schools	✓	✓			
Keystone Academy		✓	✓	✓	✓
The Learning Center (TLC)		✓	✓	✓	✓
Little Village Montessori School of Beijing (LVMS)	✓	✓			
Mammolina Children's Home Montessori Kindergarten	✓	✓	✓		
MIA Early Childhood Education	✓	✓			
MOMA Kids International Kindergarten	✓	✓			
Muffy's Learning Centers	✓	✓			
National Institute of Technology (NIT)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
New Bamboo Academy	✓	✓			
New Garden International School	✓	✓			
Positive Foundations School (PFS)	✓	✓			
Prestige Education Centre (PEC)		✓	✓	✓	
Russian Children's Education Center (RCEC)	✓	✓	✓		
Saint Paul American School (SPAS)				✓	✓
Side by Side	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Springboard International Bilingual School		✓	✓	✓	✓
Tsinghua International School (THIS)		✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Academy of Beijing (WAB)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windsor Bilingual Kindergarten	✓	✓			
Yew Chung International School of Beijing (YCIS Beijing)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yew Wah Infant and Toddler Education Centre (YWITEC)	✓	✓			
Young Starters Academy (YSA)	✓	✓			

**This chart is for reference only. Please check the school's listing for specific ages.*

3e International School

3e国际学校

Applying a bilingual multicultural philosophy to early education



3e International School began in 2005 and has grown into an institution of 201 students from Nursery to Grade 4. The school aims to develop "critical thinkers and passionate learners who move confidently and fluidly across cultures," through a research-based curriculum developed especially for this education model. Classes are conducted in English and Chinese with half of every day devoted to each language. Within this inquiry based program, a balance of child-initiated and teacher-directed activity is provided to support children's development across the entire curriculum.

Founding date: September 1, 2005

School type: Nursery (ages 2+); Pre-Kindergarten (ages 3-5); Kindergarten (ages 5-6); Grade 1 (ages 6-7); Grade 2 (ages 7-8); Grade 3 (ages 8-9); Grade 4 (ages 9-10).

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year): Application fee: RMB 1,600 (once space is confirmed)

Half-day Nursery: RMB 93,800

Full-day Nursery: RMB 103,800

Pre-K: RMB 136,900

Kindergarten: RMB 140,600

Grade 1 to Grade 4: RMB 150,700

Lunch fee: RMB 6,370/year*

*International food prepared in an onsite kitchen by catering company Eures

Transportation fee: RMB 9,400-11,400/year (depending on route)

Age range: 2-10

Number of students: 201

Nationality of students: 28 nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Primary teaching languages: 50 percent English, 50 percent Chinese every day

Class size: Max 12 (Nursery); max 16 (Pre-K and kindergarten); max 18-20 (Grades 1-4)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4 (Nursery); 1:8 (Pre-K); 1:9 to 1:10 (Elementary)

School hours: 8.30-11.30am (half-day Nursery), 8.30am-3.30pm (full-day Nursery to Grade 4)

After school activities: Art, creative dramatics, kung fu, science, ballet, cooking, roller skating, football, Chinese painting, tennis and more

Word from a parent:

"3e does a fabulous job in engaging the students' curiosity with hands-on activities at all grade levels. And hearing the children express themselves so freely in both English and Chinese shows how effective 3e's bilingual approach is. When we first visited, we were immediately struck by 3e's warm and welcoming setting, as well as the knowledgeable, professional, and attentive staff. Their creativity and enthusiasm has made 3e a wonderful place. I love seeing my kids so happy at school!"
— Lynn Tonglao (US), parent of Anna (age 7) and Noah (age 4)

School facilities: Gym and dance studio, large natural outdoor space, multipurpose field, library, art studio, and student kitchen

School nurse: Yes, full-time

Contact: 9-1 Jiangtai Xilu, Lido, Chaoyang District (6437 3344 ext 100, admissions@3einternationalschool.org) www.3einternationalschool.org 朝阳区将台西路9-1号

American International Academy of Beijing (AIAB)

A派国际双语幼儿园

A curriculum based on a blend of Montessori, IB and bilingual education

Located in the Shuangjing area, the American International Academy of Beijing (AIAB) provides an authentic Montessori-based teaching approach to preschool education. AIAB emphasizes that "virtue leads to wisdom." Based upon this ethos, we observe and tailor teaching to meet each child's needs. AIAB teaches both the Montessori curriculum and the Chinese National Curriculum to ensure that children are able to enter both international and local Chinese schools after leaving. The bilingual Montessori program is specially designed for developing a "good character for the whole child" in a safe environment.

Founding date: 2012

School type: Bilingual Montessori Kindergarten

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

RMB 77,000/11 months (full-day session);

RMB 47,300/11 months (half-day session);

RMB 7,700 (summer camp, Jul 15-Aug 15, optional)

Lunch fee: RMB 990. Chinese and Western meals delivered from Culinary Capers

Age range: 1.5-6 years

Number of students: 60 (max capacity 200)

Nationality of students: China, UK, Belgium, Switzerland, US

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Languages taught: English and Chinese

Class size: Max 16 (Nursery); max 25 (primary); max 25 (pre-elementary class)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4 (Nursery), 1:6 (primary), 1:6 (pre-elementary)

School hours: 8.15am-4.15pm

After school activities offered: Piano, ballet, Chinese classics, art, cooking, wushu

School facilities: Montessori classrooms, a dance studio, library, music room, baking room,

Word from a parent:

"When choosing a kindergarten for your first child for the first time, it can be a very stressful and anxious time, as you want the best for your precious little one! The atmosphere at American International Academy of Beijing is genuinely child-friendly and focused on children's needs. Emmanuelle is always excited when I mention school. It's a big blessing to us!"

— Valerie Dehaene-Gold (Belgium), parent of Emmanuelle (age 3)

meeting room, clinic and outdoor playground

School nurse: Yes

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Beanstalk International Bilingual School (BIBS)

青苗国际双语学校

K-12 school offers an East-meets-West curriculum



Over the past 20 years, BIBS has grown from one campus to four and from a kindergarten-only curriculum to a full-fledged K-12 school. BIBS boasts a unique program that combines the best of Eastern and Western educational philosophies, providing students with a greater appreciation of the arts and humanities through the study and celebration of different countries, cultures and languages.

Founding date: Kindergarten: 1993; primary: 2003; middle and senior school: 2009; Wanda Plaza kindergarten: 2011

School type: Kindergarten (English immersion or bilingual programs); primary school (international bilingual programs); middle and high schools (IGCSE and IB candidate school, pending authorization Apr 2013)

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year): 21st Century Kindergarten: RMB 1,600 (application fee); RMB 78,000/year (half day), 100,000/year (full day)

Wanda Kindergarten: RMB 1,200 (application fee); RMB 55,000/year (full day)

Primary School: RMB 1,600 (application fee); RMB 30,000 (capital levy fee); RMB 100,000/year (reception class); RMB 135,000/year (Grades 1-6)

Senior School: RMB 1,600 (application fee); RMB 30,000 (capital levy fee); RMB 135,000/year (Grades 7-12)

Lunch fee: RMB 25/day (optional). The nutritionist-approved menu includes vegetarian, Muslim, Chinese and Western options, as well

as organic fruit and vegetables

Transportation fee: RMB 10,000/year

Age range: 2-18

Number of students: 710

Nationality of students: 36 nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: Chinese

Class size: Max 22

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5 (Kindergarten); 1:8 (Primary); 1:4 (Senior school)

School hours: 8.30am-4pm (Kindergarten and Primary); 8.20am-4pm (Senior School)

After school activities: Activities vary depending on the student's grade and campus. They include swimming, ballet, English, Chinese, yoga, gymnastics, tennis, art, athletics, basketball, science, dance, drama, music, pottery, soccer and more.

School nurse: Yes, full-time qualified nurse on each campus

Contact: 21st Century Kindergarten: 1/F, Bldg B, 40 Liangma Qiao Lu, Chaoyang District

Word from a parent:

"Beanstalk's door is always open to parents. I was looking for a school that could help Leo develop an international outlook; I wanted him to be a global citizen regardless of where he lives. After two and a half years at Beanstalk, when I look at my son I know I've made the right decision. There seem to be no boundaries when he thinks and asks questions. His teacher makes each child feel special, which in turn helps the children show the same kind of caring for others."

— Lizhong Zhang, mother of Leo (age 8)

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Wanda Kindergarten: Bldg 7, Wanda Plaza, 93 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District (5960 3887, bbkoffice@bibs.com.cn) 朝阳区建国路93号万达广场7号楼

Primary School: Area 2, Upper East Side, 6 Dongsihuan Beilu, Chaoyang District (5130 7951, office@bibs.com.cn) 朝阳区东四环北路6号阳光上东二区

Senior School: 38 Nanshiliyu, Chaoyang District (8456 6019, senioroffice@bibs.com.cn) 朝阳区南十里居38号

Beijing 21st Century Experimental Kindergarten

二十一世纪幼儿园国际园

A model kindergarten with an international department

Founded by Siwa Group in 1995, Beijing 21st Century Experimental Kindergarten is the only municipal-level, private model kindergarten and early childhood education center in Beijing. With a total investment of more than RMB 100 million in the kindergarten program, Beijing 21st Century now has 18 branches and more than 5,000 students in Beijing. All the foreign teachers recruited at the kindergarten's international department are qualified teachers in their home countries; experienced Chinese teachers discuss and present courses in tandem with their expat counterparts. The school helps students develop independence, social skills, courage, and teamwork through experience-based learning, weekly topics, international courses, Chinese culture courses, sports, and arts.

Word from a parent:

"She bought cookies and sugars today to share with her friends at school. That was so sweet of her. She now knows sharing is good. I can see the big progress she's made since attending kindergarten!"

– Mrs. Fu (China), mother of Zhang Lexuan (age 3)

Founding date: 1995

School type: Kindergarten with international department that belongs to 21st Century Education Group, which includes schools ranging from kindergarten to high school

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Application fee: RMB 2,000

Nursery: RMB 114,000

K1-K3: RMB 100,000

Uniform: RMB 2,300

Boarding: RMB 800/month (optional)

Lunch fee: RMB 800/month (includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner). Vegetarian

options, Chinese food, Western food, nutritionist consulted

Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 5,000

Nationality of students: China, US

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: Chinese

Class size: Min 5 for all groups; max 20 (K1-K3), max 15 (Nursery)

Teacher/student ratio: Min 1:7, currently 2:5

School hours: 7.30am-5pm

After school activities: Piano, art, and more

School facilities: Library, soccer field, basketball field, pirate ship, art room, science room, bunker, piano room, sensory integration and dance room

School nurse: Yes

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Beijing 21st Century International School

北京市二十一世纪国际学校

Fostering world citizens with a Chinese-oriented perspective



Established in 1993, Beijing 21st Century International School adheres to the school motto of "becoming a proud Chinese." The school cultivates students to become world citizens while maintaining deep roots in Chinese culture and traditions, and engaging in cross-cultural dialogue. The school has set up an international education system that integrates the Primary EP (Elementary Placement) Curriculum, Junior IP (Intermediate Placement) Curriculum, Senior AP (Advanced Placement) Curriculum. In addition, they offer HSK testing preparation for foreign students.

Founding date: 1993

School type: Elementary, junior high, and senior high school

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year): Please call the school for exact fees.

Types of scholarships: The school offers entrance scholarships, academic year scholarships, and admission scholarships.

Lunch offered: Lunches are designed by a nutritionist and include both Chinese and Western options.

Age range: 6-18

Number of students: 1,800

Nationality of students: The majority of students are Chinese, but there are also kids from Japan, US, Canada, Indonesia, South Korea, and more.

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Languages taught: Chinese, English, and Korean

Class size: 25-30

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8am-12.10pm, 2.20-4.45pm (6.30-9.20pm for night classes)

After school activities: English Festival, etiquette, tennis, school Olympic Games, student organization activities, piano, violin, dance, chess, baseball, basketball, taekwondo, martial arts, and more

Extra help offered: Depending on each student's circumstances, special care and preferential treatment is available at school.

School facilities: Music room, art room, ceramic room, science room, dance room, computer lab, science laboratories, media

Word from a parent:

"What impresses me most about 21st Century International School is that the school encourages students to develop as a whole rather than blindly pursue high test scores. Teachers put their heart and soul into teaching and pay close attention to every aspect of students' daily lives. As parents, we sincerely thank all the teachers at the school for their hard work."

— Cheng Fang and Guan Lanru (China), parents of Wang Xinchun (age 17)

room, large library, English reading room, lecture hall, television broadcast center, 400m racetrack, mini-soccer pitch, and six basketball courts. The school is currently constructing a playing field for the lower grades.

School nurse: Yes, there's a fully-equipped school clinic with five school doctors.

Contact: 46 Enjizhuang, Haidian District (8811 5515/2970/2082, 8813 6671) www.21cis.com.cn 海淀区恩济庄46号

Beijing BISS International School (BISS)

北京BISS国际学校

Strong academics in a personalized educational setting

With a diverse student body, Beijing BISS International School's mission is to foster international relationships to educate and empower students to attain personal excellence and positively impact the world. BISS not only boasts a strong IB Diploma Program with strong academic results – graduates have been accepted to top universities like Harvard, Columbia and Stanford – it is also an SAT Test Center, caters to children with learning needs, offers counseling, student enrichment programs, university searches, and transitional education services to third-culture kids and their parents.

Founding date: September 1994

School type: Pre-K to Grade 12 international school

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year):

Deposit (refundable): RMB 18,000-23,000

Registration: RMB 3,800

Kindergarten: RMB 99,000

Grades 1-12: RMB 146,400-177,500

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL): RMB 20,000

Lunch fee: RMB 20-25/day, consisting of an international menu with vegetarian options

Transportation fee: RMB 8,500-11,000/year

Age range: 3-17

Number of students: 400

Nationality of students: 40 nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish

Class size: Average 15

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8.15am-3.15pm

After school activities: BISS Mythbusters, BISS Strings, BISSKIT (student newsletter), drama, robotics, Maths Olympiad, movie making, kung fu, ES Track and Field, SAT prep, Salsercise and more

School facilities: Music room, two libraries, resource rooms, society and club rooms, science labs, art and music rooms, design and technology center, multimedia classroom, cafeteria, school hall, medical clinic for staff

Word from a parent:

"For our children, going to BISS never felt like going to school; BISS is always like an extended family. There is so much love, affection and camaraderie amongst each other. The commitment and dedication shown by the teachers at BISS has helped made a positive difference, not only to their academic knowledge but have contributed immensely to their all-round development. The positive environment provided at BISS has helped them grow in their self-confidence."

– Rohit and Hema Rajpal (India), parents of Vibhuti (age 11), and Vaibhav (age 7)

and students on the premises, Wi-Fi, running track, climbing wall, multi-purpose court and playgrounds

School nurse: BISS has a school doctor

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Beijing City International School (BCIS)

北京乐成国际学校

An inclusive school offering a model cosmopolitan education



Located in Shuangjing, BCIS lives by its school motto: "Empowering and inspiring through challenge and compassion." This non-profit, independent co-educational day school is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). BCIS offers an international curriculum for Nursery through Grade 12 students under the International Baccalaureate (IB) World School system and is authorized to teach all three IB programs (Primary Years, Middle Years and Diploma). The campus culture is characterized by a warm and inclusive nature and an emphasis on personalized rigorous academic inquiry through the extensive use of information technology in the classroom.

Founding date: 2005

School type: IB World School

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year):

Registration fee: RMB 2,000

New student fee: RMB 5,000

Nursery: RMB 132,600

Pre-K: RMB 144,500

Kindergarten: RMB 154,000

Grade 1-2: RMB 186,300

Grade 3-5: RMB 188,700

Grade 6-8: RMB 195,300

Grade 9-10: RMB 199,100

Grade 11-12: RMB 206,600

Lunch fee: RMB 19/meal (Nursery-Grade 1); RMB 26/meal (Grade 1-12). International catering company Eurest offers both Chinese and Western meals in the cafeterias and snack bar

Transportation fee: RMB 8,500-11,500/year (depending on distance)

Age range: 3-18

Number of students: 725

Nationality of students: Over 50 nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English

Class size: 14 (Nursery); 16 (Pre-K and Kindergarten); 22 (Grade 1-12)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8.15am-3.20pm

After school activities: Dance, chess, calligraphy, rock climbing, scuba diving, photography, taekwondo, magic, art and crafts, and more

School facilities: The 51,000sqm campus has three main buildings, with over 50 classrooms with Smart Board technology, a sports complex, a learning and resource center, a design and technology laboratory, five science laboratories, two libraries, computer labs, two cafeterias, a 300-seat theater, a heated six-lane indoor swimming

Word from a parent:

"BCIS has so many great things going for it, it's hard to know where to start. Firstly, teachers take the time to find out about each child and how they learn best, and then teach accordingly. My children are learning the value of trying out new things, taking risks, and thinking creatively and critically. The size of the school is just right: not so big that it feels impersonal, but big enough with a wide range of opportunities. The school also provides plenty of opportunities for the broader BCIS community to come together, such as music, drama and sporting events, and a swimming pool open to the school community. Whenever anyone asks my children about BCIS, they are really enthusiastic; I don't think you can ask for greater praise than that."

— Juliet London, parent of two students (Grades 5 and 8)

pool, a gymnasium with rock climbing wall, and a regulation-size soccer field.

School nurse: Yes, two nurses on duty

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BCIS is singularly positioned to enroll exceptional international children and local Chinese children: our students don't just embrace this majestic, magical, chaotic, culturally-rich city, they engage and explore it with a depth and breath that is only possible when the culture and language is all around you, both out of school and in school. Want your child to have a unique China experience, with school friends from all across the world, including right here in China? We invite you to check out what's happening here at BCIS, where our students learn from each other, together, where our students grow with each other, together, where our students succeed with each other, together. BCIS: Dreams lived, together.



Beijing Collegiate Academy

Where China and Canada come together to educate future global leaders



Located on the east side of Chaoyang Park, Beijing Collegiate Academy caters to both local and international students with a combined Chinese and Canadian curriculum. Students have the opportunity to become fluent in two languages, learn about different cultures and earn a dual high school diploma. Certified and dedicated teachers from British Columbia and native Chinese teachers come together to welcome kindergarten to Grade 12 students to the school's brand new premises. The school also boasts state-of-the-art sports facilities for their extracurricular programs. With outstanding amenities, world-class teachers and a meticulously designed in-house college counseling service, Beijing Collegiate Academy aims to educate future global leaders.

Founding date: 2012

School type: Bilingual (Chinese and Canadian curriculum), K-12

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year): Application fee: RMB 2,000; Kindergarten: RMB 142,000/year; Grade 1–12: RMB 173,200–197,100/year; new student fee: RMB 5,000; school uniform: RMB 1,380/year

Lunch fee: RMB 5,000/year (compulsory for full-time students) with a blend of Chinese and Western food

Transportation fee: RMB 8,500–9,500/year
(depends on zone)

Types of scholarships offered: High school schoolships provided to students who demonstrate unique skills or aptitude

Age range: 5–18

Number of students: Max capacity 1,000

Nationality of students: 50/50 Chinese and foreign (Canada, US, South Korea and more)

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: English, Chinese

Class size: Max 25

Teacher/student ratio: 1:8

School hours: Mon–Fri 8.30am–4.50pm
(3.50–4.50pm ASA)

After school activities offered: Art, football, choir, dance, golf, taekwondo, music, drama, badminton, tennis and more

Word from a parent:

"They have a world-class teaching system and conscientious teachers. My kid is busy and fulfilled, but the most important thing is that he is happy every day. 'Happy' is the first word that comes to mind to parents when think of their children at this school."

– Zhang Jizheng, parent of Felix (Grade 2)

Extra help offered: English as an additional language class

School facilities: 34,000sqm campus with classrooms equipped with Smartboard technology, two libraries, two cafeterias, two theaters, gym with basketball courts and swimming pools, three soccer fields, four ICT rooms, six science labs, ten music classrooms

School nurse: Yes, there's a clinic

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Chaoyang District (5681 2555, admission@
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Beijing Huijia Private School

北京市私立汇佳学校

A bicultural and bilingual IB World School for grades K-12

Beijing Huijia Private School provides continuous education for students from ages 3 to 18 through its kindergarten, primary school, junior high school and senior high school. It is a day and boarding school where Chinese and foreign students study together, and it is the first member school of the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) in China that admits Chinese students. With a mix of Chinese and foreign students (from 15 countries) and more than 500 Chinese and foreign teachers and staff, it is one of the largest private schools in Beijing. The school places an emphasis on dual-languages and dual-culture, and also has a sister school called Huijia Kindergarten for ages 18 months to 6 years of age.

Founding date: 1993

School type: From kindergarten to senior high school

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Application fee: RMB 1,000

Deposit: RMB 20,000

Grade 1-2: RMB 146,600/year (breakdown: RMB 129,200 for tuition, RMB 8,400 for lodging, RMB 8,800 for boarding, RMB 200 for insurance)

Grade 3-4: RMB 148,200/year (breakdown: RMB 130,000 for tuition, RMB 8,400 for lodging, RMB 9,600 for boarding, RMB 200 for insurance)

Grade 5-6: RMB 152,500/year (breakdown: RMB 133,800 for tuition, RMB 8,400 for lodging, RMB 10,100 for boarding, RMB 200 for insurance)

Uniform fee: RMB 1,569-1,645 (depending on gender and grade level)

Lunch offered: Yes

Age range: 3-18

Number of students: Over 2,400

Nationality of students: 90 percent Chinese, 10 percent foreigners (from 15 countries)

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: Chinese

Class size: Max 30

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5

School hours: 7.50am-4pm

After school activities offered: Besides the required courses (including piano, computer, swimming, dance, painting, pottery, calligraphy, paper art), the school also provides elective courses, which include Olympic mathematics, *erhu*, seal cutting, fashion design, ball games, track and field, chess, scientific and technological arts,

Word from a parent:

My daughter is studying in the primary school of Huijia Private School. She likes Huijia very much. She is very happy here. There are many courses from arts to sports and other outside activities. In a word, her life here is colorful. We all hope that our children can have a happy childhood. My wife and I are very satisfied with this kind of education. I hope my comments can help you choose the right school.

– Jerry, father of Amy (age 8)

horseback riding, magic, golf and more

School facilities: Covering an area over 130, 000sqm, the campus consists of five main buildings, 11 dormitories, an advanced teaching and research learning center, science and computer laboratories, 100 piano practicing rooms, a golf course, a swimming pool, a gym, an agricultural experimental base and a horse riding ring

School nurse: Yes

Contact: 157 Changping Lu, Changping District (400 889 1993, zhaoban@hj2000.net.cn) www.hj1993.com 昌平区昌怀路157号



Beijing International Bilingual Academy (BIBA)

海嘉国际双语学校

An international education coupled with strong Chinese language learning



The combination of a US standard-based curriculum, coupled with selected components of the Chinese National Curriculum, taught within a vibrant and creative international environment has proven to be a successful formula for BIBA. Its modern Shunyi campus is comprised of kindergarten, elementary and middle schools. A high school department is scheduled to open in August of 2013. In addition to academics, BIBA places a strong emphasis on development of the "whole student" via its wide array of sporting, music, performing arts and other programs.

Founding date: 2006

School type: International bilingual school with both Chinese and US (California) National Curricula

Tuition fees* (2012-2013 Academic Year):

Application fee: RMB 1,600

Pre-K (2-4 yrs): RMB 70,000 plus RMB 10,000 capital levy

Reception (5 yrs): RMB 80,000 plus RMB 10,000 capital levy

Elementary School (G1-5): RMB 120,000 plus RMB 20,000 capital levy

Middle School (G6-8): RMB 130,000 plus RMB 20,000 capital levy

High School (G9-12): RMB 140,000 plus RMB 20,000 capital levy

Uniform fee: RMB 1,500

*A sibling discount of 20 percent applies for second and subsequent children.

Lunch fee: RMB 24-27/day, with international catering for lunches and snacks provided by Sodexho

Transportation fee: RMB 7,000-10,000/year (depending on route)

Age range: 2.5-15

Number of students: 560

Nationality of students: Over 20 nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Languages taught: English, Chinese, and Spanish

Class size: 15-20

Teacher /student ratio: Average 1:7

School hours: Mon-Fri 8.10am-4pm; 8.10am-5pm (ASA days)

After school activities: Offered 4 days per week. Tennis, soccer, yoga, karate, cooking, concert band, choir and more. BIBA is also the Shunyi host school for the International Piano Academy of China (IPAC)

Special needs: Yes, full-time resources and counseling staff

Tutoring: ESL and CSL classes, additional tutoring support available

School facilities: Cafeterias, indoor sport areas, tennis court, basketball courts, soccer fields, libraries, science labs, dance studios,

Word from a parent:

"When we came to China in 2011, we were determined that our children should come away from here with a broad exposure to local culture and language. We also wanted them to have a solid international and transferable education. We looked for a school that offered a balance of exposure to local culture and language, without the very high costs of international schooling. We have one child in BIBA's kindergarten and one in elementary school. Both kids love going to school - they get involved in everything that is going on and we are delighted with the progress that they are making in Chinese. At BIBA, they really do have the best of both Western and Chinese worlds."

— Belinda Lovatt (Australia), mother of Bella (age 7), Paige (age 4), and Jacob and Lucas (age 7 months)

art, calligraphy, drama and music rooms, and auditorium

School nurse: Yes, two full-time qualified nurses

Contact: Monet Garden, 5 Yumin Jie, Houshayu, Shunyi District (8041 0390, info@bibachina.org) www.bibachina.org 顺义区后沙峪裕民大街5号

Beijing Jiade Montessori Bilingual Kindergarten

北京市朝阳区嘉德蒙台梭利双语幼儿园

Nurturing children to become responsible citizens of the world

Beijing Jiade Montessori Bilingual Kindergarten is the flagship campus of Wisdom International Education Group. It was designated as an experimental kindergarten by the Chinese Society of Education and offers a state-of-the-art learning environment. To meet the individual developmental needs of children aged 2 to 6 from both the local and international communities, Jiade has equipped its nursery and kindergarten classrooms with didactic and manipulative Montessori learning materials. Jiade's team consists of AMS-certified Montessori teachers and academic consultants with over 10 years of experience. The bilingual Chinese and English curriculum features a native English-speaking foreign teacher in each classroom. In this setting, students will gain knowledge of different languages and cultures. Since Jiade's opening, the school has consistently received positive feedback from parents, government officials, and international education professionals.

Founding date: 2009

School type: Montessori kindergarten

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year):

RMB 82,000 (Kindergarten), RMB 72,000 (Nursery)

Lunch fee: RMB 48/day. The menu is designed by a nutritionist and rotates every 20 days.

Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 121

Nationality of students: 75 percent Chinese, 25 percent foreign

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: Chinese

Languages taught: Chinese, English

Class size: 20-25 students

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4

School hours: 8.30am-4.30pm

School facilities: Outdoor playground facilities, a sports field, a library, an art room, a gymnasium, and a dance and music studio

School nurse: Yes

Word from a parent:

"Our daughter Tong Tong has spent one and a half years at Jiade Montessori Bilingual Kindergarten. She is a lucky girl and we are lucky parents. At Jiade Montessori, she is completely embraced by the Montessori education system within which she grows confidently, freely and happily. Through various seminars and classroom observation opportunities, the school has made efforts to extend Montessori education to parents, answering many of our questions. We have been growing together with our daughter, discovering unlimited happiness, and we would like to say, thank you, Jiade Montessori."

— Xiaoyu Wu and Bohui Yu, parents of Tong Tong

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Beijing New Talent Academy (BJNTA)

北京市新英才学校

K-12 boarding institute fosters engaged global citizens



Beijing New Talent Academy is a K-12 co-educational boarding institute for boys and girls with an international-style curriculum, which includes a bilingual kindergarten, primary school, junior high school, high school, Cambridge International Centre, foreign university matriculation, and a Chinese Center. The school has invested RMB 500 million, covering an area of 180 acres, with the construction area of 100,000sqm. The full set of new modern teaching and living facilities, along with the comfortable and elegant campus environment, create an ideal, growing and warm paradise for the students.

Founding date: May 5, 2008

School type: K-12 co-educational boarding institute with an international-style curriculum

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Application fee: RMB 800

Kindergarten: RMB 60,000

Elementary School: RMB 70,000

Secondary School: RMB 76,000

International Kindergarten: RMB 63,200

Other fees: Consult the Admission Office for details

Lunch offered: Mainly Chinese, but there are also vegetarian and Western options

Types of scholarships offered: Incentive Scholarship, which students receive when they are admitted to a prestigious university after graduation

Age range: 2-18

Number of students: 2,066

Nationality of students: Germany, Australia, France, US, Canada, Denmark, India, South Korea, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: Chinese

Languages taught: English

Class size: 13 min, 35 max

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8.30am-5pm (Kindergarten), 8am-6pm (Primary School), 8am-6pm (Secondary School), 7.40am-6pm (Cambridge Center)

After school activities (Primary School): Martial arts, swimming, tennis, football, table tennis, baseball, badminton, dancing, chorus, music, painting, pottery, creative art, model aircraft, computer and calligraphy class

After school activities (Secondary School): Math class, hip hop, psychology, art, 3D computer animation, basketball, badminton, chorus, tennis, biology, swimming, leadership, fitness club

Extra help offered: Tutorial classes for Junior 3 students and Senior 3 students on Saturday and Sunday

School facilities: Science labs (physics, chemistry and biology), a music room, a dance studio, a piano room, a swimming pool, a basketball hall, a library, a reading room, an

Word from a parent:

"Watching Wang Xinyi grow up happy and healthy at Beijing New Talent Academy for the past two years, I cannot help but thank her teachers. Seeing how she is now, I can almost picture her in primary school, secondary school, or even her work, marriage and children. She will not necessarily be so successful at that time, but she will certainly not lack passion and creativity. And perhaps she will not be so wealthy, but she will love life and have the courage to pursue her own happiness. As long as she perseveres, she will eventually harvest her own patch of sky. I believe the school's educational goal will be passed along from generation to generation. Maybe China's next president will come out of Beijing New Talent Academy in the next 20, 30 or 50 years."

— Xue Yingqi, mother of Wang Xinyi (age 5)

athletics stadium, and more

School nurse: Yes, there's a campus clinic

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Beijing No. 4 High School

北京市第四中学

A nationally recognized key school with an international department

Beijing No. 4 High School is a pilot middle school and high school, a member of UNESCO, and one of the oldest key schools in Beijing. Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the school has taught 35,000 Chinese and foreign students. The international division was established in 2002 and currently has more than 200 students from South Korea, Japan, the US, the UK, Canada, and more. The department offers Chinese language courses, diploma courses, and prep courses for higher education. Foreign students who pass HSK level 6 have the option of integrating into the school's Chinese curriculum.

Founding date: 1907

School type: Middle school and high school

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Tuition: RMB 25,000/semester

Accommodation: RMB 10,000/semester (two students per room, with air conditioning, TV, phone, bedding, furniture, and private ensuite toilet and bathroom)

Lodging deposit: RMB 1,000 (returned to student upon leaving school)

Weekend management fee: RMB 2,000/semester (for students who board at the school on weekends and holidays)

Insurance: RMB 300/semester

Visa fee: RMB 400

Lunch fee: Students can charge their dining card with an amount of their choice for use in the school's dining hall, which offers both Chinese and Western options.

Types of scholarships offered: Outstanding students can get scholarships worth up to RMB 20,000

Age range: 12-18

Number of students: 2,700

Nationality of students: South Korea, US, Canada, Japan, Russia, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: Chinese

Languages taught: English, French

Class size: 40-50

Teacher/student ratio: 1:7

School hours: 8am-4pm

After school activities: Nearly 60 student societies, including swimming, *wushu*, dancing, chorus, orchestra, calligraphy, painting, science, technology, Model United Nations and more

School facilities: A 43,000sqm campus,

Word from a parent:

"What is a good school? What is a good teacher? Beijing No. 4 High School provides the answer to these questions. A good teacher is a child's role model and brings light into that child's life. In Japanese, we often say: 'A good teacher can make a child; a bad teacher can destroy a child's life.' This is especially true of the adolescent stage, when the impact of teachers and classmates are bigger than that of parents.' Though I've only come in contact a few times with the young teachers at No. 4, they have already impressed me."

– Anonymous by request

with a teaching building, science building, library, auditorium for 1,200 people, music hall, football field, sports stadium equipped with 400m track, basketball courts, volleyball courts, and swimming pool

School nurse: Yes

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Beijing No. 25 Middle School

北京市第二十五中学

A Canadian curriculum for middle school students in Beijing



Originally named Yu Ying School, Beijing No. 25 Middle School was founded by the American Congregational Church in 1864, making it the first school to both introduce and develop Western science and modern education in recent educational history in Beijing. It was named by the Beijing Education Commission as the "Experimental High School for Featured Development." The Canadian-certified high school program at Beijing No. 25 Middle School was founded in 2005 as one of the earliest establishments approved by the Beijing Municipality. The Canadian curriculum is delivered entirely in English by Canadian-certified teachers. Graduates receive dual diplomas issued by both countries and can choose to enter universities in Canada, the US, or other English-speaking countries. Of note, they also have sister-school relationships with middle schools in Sweden, Korea, Canada, Germany and Japan.

Founding date: 1864

School type: Middle school

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):
RMB 50,000/year

Lunch fees: About RMB 15/day; Chinese and Western options

Age range: 14-18

Number of students: 1,400

Nationality of students: Mainly Chinese

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Languages taught: Chinese and English

Class size: 20

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5

School hours: 8.20am-4.35pm

After school activities offered: Activities include Chinese knot making, folk dance and Chinese tea ceremony

School facilities: Playground, library

School nurse: Yes

Contact: 55 Dengshikou Dajie, Dongcheng District (8511 5150, guojibu25zhong@126.com) bj25schooledu.com.cn 东城区灯市口大街55号

Word from a parent:

"I want to thank the teachers for their efforts in teaching and caring for the students. My child has grown into a capable, responsible, healthy student. Recently, he took part in a winter camp in Canada, where he lived with a local family for a month, studied marketing and received excellent marks. My child isn't outstanding in exams, but he is open, optimistic, kind-hearted and has a wide range of interests. I believe that the school's teaching concept benefits him, because they value the individualized development of students. After careful consideration, we finally decided on sending him to study the Canadian certified high school program at No. 25 Middle School. And now, my child is growing up in an open environment and he is happy. We feel gratitude to the schools and teachers that our child progresses every day."

— Liu Jie, parent of Wang Sida (Grade 10)

Beijing No. 55 High School

北京市第五十五中学

Beijing No. 55 High School is a city-level key school. Upon approval of the Beijing Municipal Government, the school began recruiting foreign students in 1975. The International Students Section of Beijing No. 55 High School was established in 1989. After being evaluated by the International Baccalaureate Organization, No. 55 became the first Chinese member of the IBO in September of 1994. To date, more than 3,000 foreign students from 70 countries have studied at the school. Over the last 10 years and more, No. 55's teachers have formed a unique education system based on Chinese language learning. The International Students Section offers a wide variety of compulsory and elective subjects, as well as extracurricular activities and a student council. Students from the International Department have achieved excellent results in the Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK), and been admitted to many universities in and out of China. No. 55 is committed to fostering world citizens who can actively participate in local and international affairs to meet the demands of the 21st century.

Word from a parent:

"Teachers are really responsible, conscientious and warm-hearted [at No. 55]. They take a good care of the children, who in turn think of the teachers as their parents. We are satisfied with the progress of our child in Chinese. Teachers relay honestly to parents the challenges that students face in every aspect and analyze their progress in detail. They pass on knowledge as well as life lessons, helping the kids develop in a well-rounded way."
— Parent of a Grade 9 student

Founding date: 1975

School type: Primary, middle, and high school

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Enrollment fee: RMB 1,500

Foundation program for middle school (Grades 1-6): RMB 41,600

Junior Middle School, Chinese class (Grades 7-9): RMB 31,600

Junior Middle School, English MYP class (Grades 7-9): RMB 41,600

High School, Chinese class (Grades 10-12): RMB 36,000

Diploma Programme (DP) foundation program and DP class (Grades 10-12): RMB 48,600

Lunch fee: RMB 20/day (Chinese food)

Transportation fee: RMB 5,000 (Jianguomen, Olympic Village, Qingnian Lu, Wangjing, SOHO

New Town); RMB 6,000 (Shunyi)

Types of scholarships: Yes, No. 55 has an Outstanding Graduate Scholarship.

Age range: 6-17

Number of students: 700

Nationality of students: US, Canada, New Zealand, Japan, Korea, Australia, and more. There are currently students from more than 65 countries.

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No (not to the International Students Section)

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Languages taught: English and Chinese

Class size: 10-22

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8.10am-4.10pm

After school activities: Soccer, basketball, taekwondo, Beijing opera, diabolo, street dance, music, robot building, band, painting, comic club, print, Chinese calligraphy, traditional Chinese painting, Tai Chi with fans, chess, oil painting, computers, design, crafts
School facilities: Playground, library, basketball gymnasium, soccer field, badminton gymnasium, taekwondo gymnasium, theater, lecture hall, science laboratories (physics, biology, and chemistry), geography, history, art and music rooms

School nurse: Yes

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Beijing No. 80 High School

北京市第八十中学

A UNESCO demonstration school with an international department



Beijing No. 80 High School was founded in 1956 with a junior high, a high school, and an international department. In 2003, the school was credited as a Beijing Model High School. In 2010, the school was among the first to receive authorization to set up a National Experimental High School Program. The school operates on the foundation of "research, demonstrativeness, internationalization, and modernization" in accordance with the principles of "respect for individuality, recognition of drive, interdisciplinary studies, and pursuit of excellence." The school is nationally and internationally renowned for its management, education, classroom environment, and educational service, all based on the school's values of "diligence, honesty, creativity, and dedication." The school has continuously been decorated as a National Advanced Arts School and a National Advanced Scientific Research Unit, as well as being a member of numerous prestigious education groups. In 2011, President Hu Jintao recognized the school's efforts in school operations, school management, improvements in school conditions, and fostering graduates with upstanding morals.

Founding date: 1956

School type: Local middle school and high school with an international department

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Application fee: RMB 1,700

Middle School: RMB 17,000/semester

High School: RMB 21,300/semester

Accommodations: RMB 8,000/semester

Uniforms: RMB 1,400

Lunch fee: RMB 2,000 (high school students);

RMB 2,500 (junior high students)

Transportation fee: RMB 3,000/year

Age range: 12-18

Number of students: Over 3,000 (nearly 400 are international students)

Nationality of students: US, Canada, Australia, South Korea, Thailand, and 32 other countries

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: Chinese

Languages taught: English

Class size: 10-25

Teacher/student ratio: 1:10

School hours: 7.30am-4.45pm

After school activities: Various student clubs, sports tournaments, dance performances, and cultural explorations. Evening classes and self-study classes are also available for boarders

School facilities: Library, art building,

Word from a student:

"I started taking Beijing No. 80 High School's language classes at the beginning of September. I've had a great experience and seen great improvement in my Chinese. In the four months I have been here, I have learned much more Chinese than I could have during many years in the US. I feel like I belonged here, partly because I had a head teacher who really cared about her students. Here, the teachers will do whatever they can to force students to make an effort and strive for learning and success."

— Thomas Dickson (US), former student

laboratory building, ceremonial hall, teaching building and sports facilities (including football pitch, basketball courts, swimming pool and 400m track)

School nurse? Yes

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High School: 16A Wangjing Beilu, Chaoyang District (5804 7048, guojibu@bj80.com) www.bj80.com 朝阳区望京北路甲16号

Beijing Royal Foreign Language School (BRFLS)

北京王府外国语学校

Accredited by the Beijing Municipal Commission of Education, Beijing Royal Foreign Language School (BRFLS) was previously a branch school of the well-known public school, Beijing Jingshan School. It later became a private school, adhering to a philosophy that combines traditional Chinese education with advanced educational programs from around the world. BRFLS's international curriculum system includes a LP (Lower Placement) primary school, UP (Upper Placement) junior high school, and AP (Advanced Placement) program for the higher levels. The school provides personalized education while fostering the internationalization of Chinese and Western cultural exchanges.

Founding date: 1996

School type: Primary and middle school (Grades 1-9)

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Primary School: RMB 28,000/year

Middle School: RMB 31,000/year

Accommodations: RMB 6,000/year

Agency fee (includes lunch and transportation): RMB 13,500/year

Age range: 6-13

Number of students: 500

Nationality of students: China, US, Canada, Japan, Korea, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: Chinese

Languages taught: English

Class size: 25

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5

School hours: 7.50am-11.40am, 1.30-5.10pm

After school activities: Hip-hop dancing, guzheng, keyboards, singing, taekwondo, soccer, basketball, cricket club, drama club, electro-acoustic band, and more

Extra help offered: Support for kids with special needs

School facilities: Soccer field, basketball court, indoor gym, library, art and music studios

School nurse: Yes, there's a school clinic

Contact: 11 Wangfu Jie, Beiqijia Town,

Word from a parent:

"I chose Beijing Royal Foreign Language School for my son because the school has combined Chinese traditional education and the best practices of worldwide education, which gives him more space for development. The complete LP, UP, and AP courses enable my son to enjoy the benefits of Chinese and Western cultures in a systematic curriculum. At the same time, he is doing well in the various extracurricular activities, including art and softball. Principal Zhang Hongliang adopts a philosophy of 'education with love.' It is because of this love, patience and sense of responsibility that parents send their children to Beijing Royal Foreign Language School."

— Dai Hananni (China), mother of Hanjie

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Beijing Shuren Ribet Private School (BSRPS)

北京市私立树人·瑞贝学校

An American/Chinese boarding and day school in Tongzhou



Beijing Shuren Ribet Private School offers an alternative education solution to those who value an American education as well as Chinese language and culture, in a community that nurtures academic, social, physical and emotional growth. Shuren Ribet provides an international education based on an American curriculum and traditional Chinese values. The lower end of Shuren Ribet teaches a primarily Chinese program, with an increase in the number of courses in English as students move up in grade level. Students in the American high school receive an American overseas education as they embrace the essence of Chinese culture and literature.

Founding date: 1993

School type: Kindergarten-Grade 9 (bilingual program); Grade 9-12 (American high school)

Tuition fees* (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Kindergarten: RMB 15,500/semester

Grades 1-6: RMB 35,000/semester

Grades 7-9: RMB 36,000/semester

Grades 10-12: RMB 112,420/semester

**Includes tuition, room and board, registration, textbooks, materials, and meals.*

Lunch fee: Included in tuition fees. The school provides three meals and three snacks per day, consisting of a balanced and nutritious Chinese diet with 2-3 weekly Western options.

Age range: 3-18 years

Number of students: Over 400

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Nationality of students: 13 nationalities

Primary teaching language: Chinese (Kindergarten-Grade 9); English (Grade 9-12)

Languages taught: Chinese and English

Class size: 20 (Primary and Middle School); 10 (High School); max 25 across all grades

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8-11.45 am, 1-5.30 pm

After school activities: Learning support, Roots & Shoots, school publications and yearbook, yoga, theater, art, calligraphy, student government, dance, piano, swimming, taekwondo, choir, ping pong, cooking club, movie club, writing club and more

School facilities: There are over 50 classrooms, two libraries, three science labs, computer labs, a language lab, a dance studio, two art studios, six piano rooms, three cafeterias, a soccer field, a running track, a gymnasium, a theater, a greenhouse, laundry facilities,

Word from a parent:

"My son Steven (Xie Shengjie) has been living and learning at Shuren Ribet for more than two years now. As a parent, I am very happy with how well Steven has been taken care of. The Shuren Ribet American High School facilities allow my son to study in a comfortable and rich environment. The quality, focused attention that he receives from his teachers, due to the advantageous class size, together with the winter and summer US programs Shuren Ribet Private School provides, is a great help as Steven prepares to transition to an American education in the US. I could not have found a better school!"

– Zhengying, mother of Steven

student/faculty/staff housing and more.

School nurse: Yes

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www.shurenribet.org (EN), www.shuren.org (CH) 通州区宋庄镇小堡南甲1号

Beijing Sweet Angel Kindergarten

北京幸福天使幼儿园

An early education for children both with and without special needs

Beijing Sweet Angel Kindergarten provides equal access to education for children with and without special needs from ages 2 to 6. Since its founding in 2001, Sweet Angel has accepted children with a range of special needs, including cerebral palsy, albinism, and autism. The school selects teachers with a background in specialized child care and educational methods for children with special needs, so that they may participate in educational activities with non-special needs children. Special class arrangements, one-on-one education and rehabilitation training is available.

Founding date: 2001

School type: Nursery and kindergarten (accepts children with special needs)

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year): RMB 38,400/year

Uniform fee: RMB 600

Lunch fee: Included in the tuition fee. Lunches are nutritionally-balanced Chinese meals

Transportation fee: RMB 800

Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 160

Nationality of students: US, France, Russia, UK, and Canada

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: Chinese

Languages taught: English

Class size: 20-35

Teacher/student ration: 1:7

School hours: 8am-6pm

After school activities: Drums, piano

Special needs programs offered: Yes

School facilities: Activity room, sleeping room, infirmary, dining hall, play-ground, and multi-purpose hall

School nurse: Yes

Contact: Bldg 29, Xingfu Ercun, Gongti Beilu,

Word from a parent:

"When my son entered this kindergarten at the age of 2, he was very introverted, and he was not good at expressing himself. We were quite worried about him, and we were unsure whether he could adjust in the kindergarten. However, the teacher was really an expert in educating young kids. Every time he went to kindergarten, he would always greet whoever he met, which was a great delight. Gradually, my son changed into a more outgoing, and friendly person. I feel lucky to have sent my son to Sweet Angel."

– Tongnian Zhao (China), father of Zechen Zhao (age 2)

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Beijing Sunny High-Scope

高瞻国际幼儿园

The flagship school of the Chaoyang District Family Planning Commission



Located in Wangjing, Beijing Sunny High-Scope enjoys government support as the flagship school of the Chaoyang District Family Planning Commission. Sunny High-Scope's goal is to provide a foundation of education that students can build upon for life. Its approach to early childhood education is based on respect and appreciation for each child as an individual. The school offers a positive and nurturing environment that promotes "independence, curiosity, decision-making, cooperation, creativity, and problem-solving skills."

Founding date: August 2011

School type: Nursery and kindergarten program for ages 1.5-6, parent and child program for ages 0-3

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Application fee (one-time): RMB 300

Under age 3: RMB 51,600/year

Ages 3-6: RMB 45,600/year

School uniform (one-time): RMB 800

Lunch fee: RMB 600/month. Lunch is a mix of Chinese and Western food, some of which is made with organic produce.

Age range: 1.5-6

Number of students: 40

Nationality of students: Spain, Australia, South Korea, Malaysia, US

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: English and

Chinese

Languages taught: English and Chinese

Class size: 12-18

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4-1:8

School hours: 8am-5pm

After school activities: English as a Second Language (ESL), creative art, drama, music, dancing, and cooking

Extra help offered: Long day care

School facilities: Music classroom, library, sand play area, sports room, gym room, art room, science room, cooking class room, drama and music room, big outdoor play area

School nurse: No, but the teachers are trained in first aid.

Contact: Bldg 302, Nanhu Xiyuan, Wangjing, Chaoyang District (8476 5558, 130 5135 5188, info@sunnyhs.com) www.sunnyhs.com 朝阳区望京香颂南湖西园302楼

Word from a parent:

"When my family moved to Beijing a year ago, on the top of our agenda was finding a good kindergarten for our two toddlers. What struck us the most about Sunny High-Scope was the warmth and personal touch that we experienced from the moment we walked through the door. The principal walked us through every floor of the school, explained how each room was divided, what science class was to a 3- or 4-year-old, even right down to the type of crayons and paints that the children would be using. The school has been great in managing our expectations as parents, and been kind to let us know to 'relax' when needed, while at the same time openly accepting our feedback. The kids love school and have a fantastic outlet for arts and sports. We are extremely happy with our choice."

— Gerry Chew (Malaysia), mother of Zac (age 2) and Rhiannon (age 4)

Beijing World Youth Academy (BWYA)

北京世青国际学校

A student-centered approach with an emphasis on academics and the arts

Beijing World Youth Academy is an IB World School offering both English and bilingual (Chinese/English) programs for local and overseas students. BWYA values holistic education and inquiry-based learning, and offers students opportunity to develop as globally aware critical thinkers. The faculty hails from over 15 countries. BWYA emphasizes creativity and teamwork using a curriculum that incorporates standards from North America, Europe and Asia. The school has a strong track record of preparing students for both Chinese and overseas universities, including Peking University, Tsinghua, Fudan, Harvard, Princeton, UC Berkeley and Stanford.

Founding date: 2001

School type: Independent day school with IB and bilingual English/Chinese programs

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year):

Application fee: RMB 1,600

Capital levy fee: RMB 30,000

International Primary School (Grades 3-5): RMB 100,000

Bilingual Middle School (Grades 6-9): RMB 80,000

Bilingual High School (Grades 10-12): RMB 120,000

IB Middle Years Programme: RMB 120,000 (Grades 6-8), RMB 140,000 (Grades 9-10)

IB Diploma Programme (Grades 11-12): RMB 140,000

Lunch fee: RMB 15-25/day for a selection of international cuisines catered by local restaurants (including Indian, Italian, and Korean). Chinese food is also available at the school cafeteria

Transportation fee: RMB 2,500-3,500/semester

Age range: 9-18

Number of students: 520

Nationality of students: Over 35 nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: English, Chinese, French, Spanish, Korean and Japanese

Class size: Maximum 25

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5

School hours: 8.15am-3.50pm

After school activities: BWYA offers over 30 ASAs, including Model United Nations, BWYA tv, student publications and the Outdoor Adventure Club.

School facilities: There are Smartboards or projectors in every classroom, multiple computer labs, library, full science labs, art

Word from a parent:

"We have been pleased with the academic and extracurricular opportunities the school has given David. The IB curriculum is rigorous and prepares David well to enter the American university of his choice. The teachers know their subjects well and use the ManageBac technology to communicate with the students and parents. The Model UN program has provided opportunities to learn about public diplomacy in the weekly meetings and in two trips to conventions in Singapore. As a basketball team captain David has benefited from the coach's team-building spirit and the camaraderie of a team working hard to establish a new team and a new league. BWYA provides a very well-rounded high school experience."

— William A. Wright, father of David

rooms, design and technology workspaces, an auditorium and athletic facilities.

School nurse: Yes, available at all times

Contact: 18 Huajiadi Beili, Chaoyang District (6461 7787, admissions@ibwya.net) www.ibwya.net 朝阳区花家地北里18号



Bella Growth International Kids House

北京贝拉成长国际幼儿之家

Where young minds are guided, not instructed



Bella Growth provides early childhood education and development inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach, an Italian preschool model. Bella combines this approach with an American (ESL) preschool phonics curriculum and the best parts of traditional Chinese teaching and learning theories. With parental involvement and community support, students learn by moving, touching, listening, and seeing. Students are encouraged to express themselves and depict their understanding of the world through hundreds of symbolic languages that include drawing, singing, drama, sports, reading and writing. Children here are guided, rather than instructed, by their teacher, so they will become confident, respectful, creative, and responsible individuals.

Founding date: June 2012

School type: Nursery to kindergarten

Tuition Fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Application fee: RMB 500

Tuition: RMB 39,600/year

Lunch fees: RMB 700/month for three meals and two snacks

Age range: 2-5

Number of students: 15

Nationality of students: China and US

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Languages taught: Chinese and English

Class size: Average 14

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4

School hours: 8am-4.30pm

After school activities: Latin dance, Chinese folk dance, crafts, taekwondo, and English

Word from a parent:

"My kid receives good English language education with Bella Growth without going abroad. We are so grateful to Bella Growth International Kids House."

— Ms. Hou (China), mother of Kelly He (age 6)

School facilities: Community facilities, including a fitness center and a swimming pool

School nurse: No

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The British School of Beijing (BSB)

北京英国学校

Academic excellence, social graces, community, and communication

The British School of Beijing is the oldest British-style school in the city and is part of the Nord Anglia family of international schools. BSB follows the English National Curriculum and prepares students for the IGCSE and A-levels. The values of respect, good manners and personal responsibility are reinforced through school culture. BSB has two campuses in Sanlitun (primary education) and Shunyi (primary and secondary education). The school is approved by the UK's Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI).

Founding date: 2004

School type: International school following the English National Curriculum (Early Years Foundation Stage to Sixth Form College)

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year):

Application fee: RMB 1,600

Security deposit (payable upon student's acceptance): RMB 16,000

Pre-Nursery: RMB 102,176 (mornings); RMB 153,280 (full days)

Nursery: RMB 102,176 (mornings); RMB 153,280 (full days)

Reception: RMB 165,333

Year 1 and 2: RMB 184,017

Year 3: RMB 196,450

Year 4, 5 and 6: RMB 199,370

Year 7, 8 and 9: RMB 216,949

Year 10 and 11: RMB 223,557

Year 12 and 13: RMB 234,340

**Families can receive a 5 percent discount if they pay yearly tuition fees in full, in advance.*

Lunch fee: RMB 30/day, compulsory for all full-time students. There's a range of options, including Italian, Chinese, Western, and sandwich stations

Transportation fee: RMB 7,686-10,980/year (depending on distance)

Age range: 1-18

Number of students: 1,500

Nationality of students: UK, US, Germany, Spain, Denmark and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: Chinese, Spanish,

French, German

Class size: Max 15 (Pre-nursery and Nursery); max 20 (Reception through Sixth Form)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4-1:10

School hours: 8.30am-3.30pm

After school activities: Over 100 ASAs, including language classes, sports, music, drama, Lego robotics, and more (from 3.40-4.30pm on specific days)

School facilities: Theater, science labs, design and technology suites, a rooftop football pitch, two gyms, an assembly hall, a swimming pool, and an Astroturf play area with climbing frames

School nurse: Yes, both Chinese and expat

Contact: Sanlitun Campus: 7 Sanlitun Beixiaojie, Chaoyang District (8532 3088 admissions@britishschool.org.cn) 朝阳区三里屯北小街7号

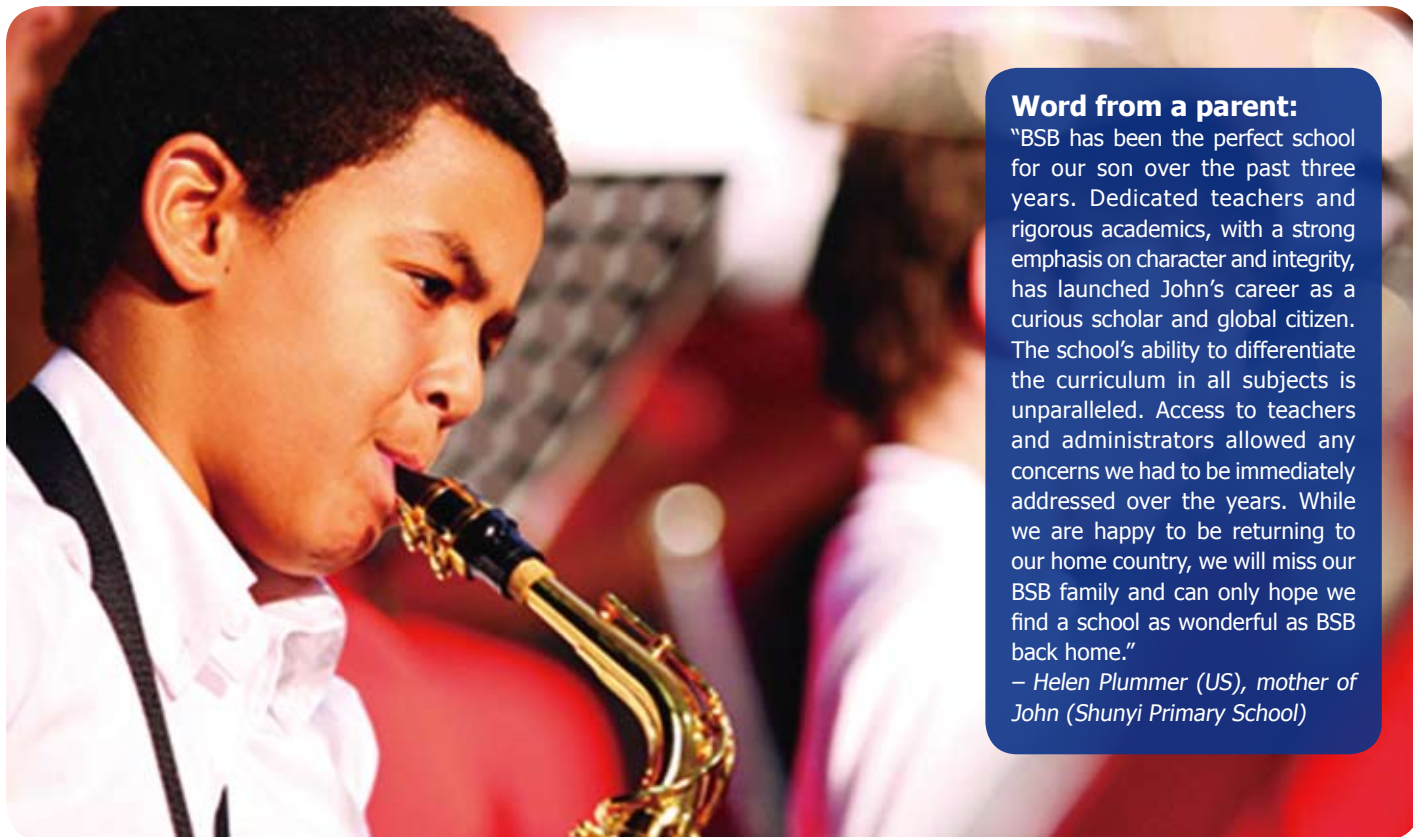
Sanlitun Foundation Stage Campus: 7 Sanlitun Beixiaojie, Chaoyang District (8532 5320) 朝阳区三里屯北小街5号

Shunyi Campus: 9 Anhua Lu (South Side), Shunyi District (8047 3588, admissions@britishschool.org.cn) 顺义区安华路9号南院

Word from a parent:

"BSB has been the perfect school for our son over the past three years. Dedicated teachers and rigorous academics, with a strong emphasis on character and integrity, has launched John's career as a curious scholar and global citizen. The school's ability to differentiate the curriculum in all subjects is unparalleled. Access to teachers and administrators allowed any concerns we had to be immediately addressed over the years. While we are happy to be returning to our home country, we will miss our BSB family and can only hope we find a school as wonderful as BSB back home."

— Helen Plummer (US), mother of John (Shunyi Primary School)



Canadian International School of Beijing (CISB)

北京加拿大国际学校

Offering a comprehensive Canadian curriculum and IBDP

Word from a parent:

"The school is mid-sized and has a good mixture of nationalities. This diverse setting allows kids to learn English and Mandarin while learning to respect the differences among the many nationalities. The mid-sized school community also allows the teachers to understand each student's individual needs. The school is well equipped with facilities for sports, arts, and music. CISB creates the perfect environment for students to learn and grow to their full potential."

— Kim Ong (Malaysia), mother of Ziwei (age 14)



Located on Liangmaqiao Road, the Canadian International School of Beijing offers a Montessori Nursery and Pre-Kindergarten program, as well as an internationally-recognized Canadian-style curriculum for K-12 students. CISB is an IB World School authorized to provide the IB Diploma Programme (IBDP) at the high school level and is in the process of being accredited for the Primary Years (PYP) and Middle Years Programmes (MYP). Founded in August 2012, CISB Shunyi Campus offers a Montessori-based curriculum for children aged 18 months to 6 years old.

Founding date: 2006

School type: Main campus: International school with Montessori Nursery and pre-K; Canadian-based curriculum in Grade K-12, and IB Diploma Programme for High School

Shunyi campus: Montessori-based curriculum for children ages 18 months to 5 years old

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Application fee: RMB 1,800

Main Campus:

Montessori Nursery: RMB 76,600 (half day); RMB 106,000 (full day)

Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten: RMB 121,800

Elementary School (Grade 1-5): RMB 158,800

Middle School (Grade 6-8): RMB 160,400

High School (Grade 9-12): RMB 179,800

Shunyi Campus:

Infant/Toddler: RMB 59,000 (half day)

Primary: RMB 75,000 RMB (half day) ; 121,800 RMB (full day)

Pre-Elementary: RMB 121,800 (full day)

Lunch fee: RMB 27/day, Asian and Western set menus

Transportation fee: RMB 8,800 to 12,600/year (to/from main campus, depending on distance)

Age range: 18 months-18 years

Number of students: 1,000

Nationality of students: 50 nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: Chinese, French, and Korean (high school only)

Class size: Max 25

Teacher/student ratio: Average 1:15

School hours: 8.20am-3.35pm

After school activities: Variety of athletic programs, art, music, drama, clubs (such as Global Issues Network, journalism, robotics) teachers' directed and paid activities offered by outside specialists

School facilities: 38,000sqm campus with 90 classrooms (Smartboard technology), computers in every classroom, 1-to1 laptop program (middle/high schools), computer labs, two libraries, three science laboratories, a broad-based technology laboratory, four visual arts laboratories, four music rooms, a 500-seat theatre, a 350-seat lecture hall, three gymnasiums, a 25-meter swimming pool and a wading pool, an athletic field, a dance studio, two cafeterias, a supervised outdoor playground, a medical and dental clinic

School nurse: Yes

Contact: 38 Liangma Qiao Lu, Chaoyang District (6465 7788, admissions@cis-beijing.com) www.cisb.com.cn 朝阳区亮马桥路38号

Shunyi campus: 7 Yuyang Lu, Shunyi District (8046 6191, admissions_shunyi@cis-beijing.com) 顺义区沙峪榆阳路7号



Canadian International School of Beijing

北京加拿大国际学校



Montessori Nursery : 18 months +

Pre K - Kindergarten : 3 years +

Primary School : IB Primary Years (PYP) Candidate School

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High School : IBDP High School

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The Children's House International Montessori Kindergarten

巧智博仁国际幼儿园

Providing a home away from home under the Montessori system



Word from a parent:

"I have three children who attended The Children's House during their preschool years. When looking for a kindergarten, I wanted a place that was warm, safe, and caring. I was impressed by the atmosphere at Children's House, where children's artwork adorns the walls and there is color and activity in all of the classrooms. I'm always impressed by how passionate the teachers are about Montessori training methods and how well they know each of my children. The teachers are supported by great administrative staff and a wonderful principal. I have loved watching my children develop self-confidence and independence through their experiences at the school."

— Meaghan Amor (Australia), mother of George (age 7), Oliver (age 5), and Indigo (age 2)

Providing a home away from home under the Montessori system, The Children's House opened its China World Trade Center campus in 1992 and has since established schools at the Lufthansa Center, Yosemite Villas in Shunyi and in Yayuncun's Yayunxin Garden. Today, the educational group serves over 300 international students in its four campuses, which are characterized by their small, friendly down-home atmospheres, English-only and bilingual curriculums that adhere to the world-renowned Montessori system.

Founding date: 1992

School type: Montessori kindergarten

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year):

Nursery/Pre-Primary (1-3 years): RMB 74,000 (morning program); RMB 93,000 (half-day); RMB 114,000 (full day)

Primary (3-6 years): RMB 98,000 (half-day); RMB 122,000 (full day)

Primary Reception Class (4.5-6 years): RMB 126,000 (full day)

Bilingual (3-6 years, Kempinski and Yosemite only): RMB 72,000 (half-day); RMB 103,200 (full day)

Bilingual Reception Class (4.5-6 years, Kempinski and Yosemite only): RMB 115,200 (full day)

Lunch fee: RMB 4,000/semester, RMB 8,000/year, a variety of Western and Chinese options

available with catering for special dietary requests

Transportation fee: RMB 3,250/semester (available only for the Kempinski and Yosemite campuses)

Age range: 0-6

Number of students: Over 300

Nationality of students: UK, US, Australia, Germany, France, Spain, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: English, Chinese, Spanish

Class size: Average 20

Teacher/student ratio: Average 5:1

School hours: 8.30-11.30am (morning program); 8.30am-1pm (half-day program);

8.30am-3.20pm (full-day program)

After school activities: Arts and crafts, ballet, English, Chinese, music and movement, swimming, and more

School facilities: Child-sized bathrooms and kitchens, indoor and outdoor play areas, classrooms furnished with full range of Montessori teaching materials

School nurse: School doctor available

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Liangma Qiao Campus: Unit S114, Lufthansa Center Tower, 50 Liangma Qiao Lu, Chaoyang District (6465 1305/3388 ext 4477) 朝阳区亮马桥路50号燕莎中心大厦S114单元

Shunyi Campus: C Area Clubhouse, Yosemite Villas, 4 Yuyang Lu, Houshayu, Shunyi District (8041 7083) 顺义区后沙峪镇榆阳路4号优山美地C区俱乐部

Olympic Village Campus: Yayun Xinjiayuan, 1 Xindian Lu, Chaoyang District (5202 0293)

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Children's International Bilingual Academy (CIBA)

Instilling courage, curiosity, and creativity

Founded in 2002, the Children's International Bilingual Academy (CIBA), formerly known as Children's Learning Center of Beijing, has served the local Chinese and expatriate community in Shunyi for over a decade. The CIBA method is designed to instill courage, curiosity, and creativity in every child and inspire them into a life-long love of learning. CIBA uses an integrated international curriculum based on American and British national standards. Both "Head Start Child and Development and Early Learning Framework" and "Early Years Foundation Stage" (EYFS) guide the planning, implementation, and reflection of learning programs. Together, they provide the principles, practices, and outcomes essential to support and enhance learning, as well as children's transition to school. Both frameworks have a strong emphasis on play-based learning. The frameworks also recognize the importance of communication and language, including early literacy and numeracy, and social and emotional development.

Word from a parent:

"This is a fantastic, warm-hearted bilingual school where the passion for teaching reflects in the laughter of the kids and their passion for learning. I am glad to have found this gem in Beijing."
– Ulrike Gemmer (Germany), mother of two CIBA students

Founding date: 2002

School type: Pre-nursery to Year 2 preschool, kindergarten, and grade school

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year)*: Application fee (non-refundable): RMB 1,500

Pre-Nursery to Nursery: RMB 49,500 (half day); RMB 55,000 (full day)

Foundation Stage 1: RMB 65,000

Foundation Stage 2 and Reception: RMB 67,500

Year 1-2: RMB 72,000

*Tuition includes ballet, Kindermusik, and kungfu. Early bird, group, and embassy discounts available

Lunch fee: RMB 35/day for lunch and snacks. An onsite kitchen provides nutritious Western and Chinese dishes

Transportation fee: RMB 20-70/day (depends

on location) for door-to-door bus service

Age range: 15 months to 7 years

Number of students: 75

Nationality of students: Over 20 different nationalities (US, Germany, Sweden, Australia, Chinese, and more)

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Languages taught: English and Chinese

Class size: 10 (Pre-Nursery); 16 (Nursery and Reception); 12 (Year 1-2)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:3 (Pre-Nursery); 1:4 (Nursery); 1:6 (Reception); 1:7 (Year 1-2)

School hours: 8.30am-4pm

After school activities: English as a Second Language (ESL), Chinese as a Second

Language (CSL), Dance and Drama, singing and choir, piano, and Chinese arts, summer camp (July-August), Mommy and Me group (including Kindermusik)

School facilities: Two buildings, including Kindermusik room, playing areas, a multi-purpose room, dance studio, library, and a large outdoor purpose-built playground and private garden. Equipment includes two sand pits, a large trampoline, climbing equipment, ropes, slides, and more

School nurse: Yes, one trained nurse is available on call. Teachers are trained in first aid

Contact: 3052-3056 Gahood International Villas, Shunyi District (8046 7082 English or Chinese, 8046 3122 English only, administration@clcbkids.com English, wendy@clcbkids.com Chinese) www.clcbkids.com 顺义区嘉浩别墅3052-3056号



Daystar Academy

启明星双语学校

A focus on bilingual excellence, character development and creativity



Daystar Academy, a Kindergarten-Grade 6 school, offers a balance of Montessori-based English education and the Chinese National Curriculum. Students spend half of their day in each language environment. As part of their curriculum, they are developing an integrated, capabilities-based character education program that unites all areas of the school and community. This innovative approach connects two cultures and implements the strongest attributes of both Western and Eastern teaching methodologies.

Founding date: 2002

School type: Kindergarten to Grade 6 day school

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year): Kindergarten: RMB 105,000 (full day); RMB 57,000 (half-day for 3-year-olds only); RMB 95,000 (3 years old); RMB 105,000 (4-5 years old)

Elementary: RMB 110,000 (Grade 1-6); additional one-time entry fee of RMB 10,000-30,000

Sibling discounts available.

Lunch fee: RMB 25-30/day (optional). The in-house staff provides organic meals sourced from local farms. Lunches are approximately 95 percent organic. Chinese and Western options available

Transportation fee: RMB 7,500-12,000/year (optional)

Age range: 3-12

Number of students: 210

Nationality of students: 17 nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Languages taught: Chinese and English

Class size: 25 (Kindergarten); 20 (Elementary Chinese class); 30 (Elementary English class)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:8 (kindergarten); 1:20 (elementary Chinese class); 1:10 (elementary English class)

School hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 8.10am-3.45pm; Tue, Thu 8.10am-4.45pm

After school activities: Art classes, basketball, RAD ballet, ClubFootball, cooking, computers, drama, gymnastics, kung fu, Lego robotics, rock climbing, table tennis, mini-tennis, track and field, yoga

School facilities: 19,000sqm energy-efficient modern campus with gymnasium, outdoor

Word from a parent:

"Daystar's bilingual program is unique: Students spend half a day in the English curriculum and half a day in the Chinese program. This makes it possible for students to become true native speakers in both languages and comfortable in both cultures. As parents, we appreciate Daystar's focus on teaching universal values. Our children have also enjoyed the healthy and yummy food, caring environment, after school activities and the small but spirited sports teams."

— *Chen Han and Michelle Liu, parents of Sophie (graduated from Daystar 2012), Jonathan (Grade 1) and Andrew (Kindergarten)*

sports facilities, professional stage, dance studio, instrument practice rooms, library, ICT lab, and a workshop with cooking facilities

School nurse: Yes

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Dulwich College Beijing (DCB)

北京德威英国国际学校

Building bridges to the world

In August 2005, Dulwich College first opened its doors to students in Beijing. Since then Dulwich College has grown and now has three campuses with approximately 1,400 students, ranging in age from 12 months to 18 years. Dulwich College Beijing is accredited by the Council of International Schools, the Western Association of School and Colleges, and the National Center for School Curriculum and Textbook Development. Dulwich was named British International School of the Year at the Independent School Awards 2011. The school is grounded in the 400 years of educational excellence and innovation of their founding and partner school, Dulwich College London, and is part of Dulwich network with schools in Shanghai, Suzhou, Seoul and Singapore (2014).

Founding date: 2005

School type: International school offering the English National Curriculum, the (I)GCSE and IB Diploma Programme

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year*):

Application fee: RMB 2,000

Deposit: RMB 18,000

Early Years: RMB 66,200-168,000

Grades 1-12: RMB 168,000-219,200

**Prices quoted at the time of publication*

Lunch fee: Approx. RMB 6,600/year. Catered by Culinary Capers; Smartcard (junior and senior school), with vegetarian, Western, and Chinese options.

Transportation fee: RMB 8,000-10,000/year

Age range: 1-18

Number of students: 1,400

Nationality of students: Over 45 nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: Chinese, French, Spanish, German

Class size: 16-21

Teacher/student ratio: 1:3 (Toddlers), 1:6 (Nursery), 1:7 (Reception)

School hours: 8.30am-3.30pm (Early Years); 8.15am-3.40pm (Junior and Senior school)

After school activities: Robotics, student press, Model United Nations, movie making, School of Rock, jive dancing, orienteering, cooking, creative writing, choirs, and more

School facilities: Classrooms with interactive LCD screens, music practice rooms, iMac art and music suites, black box and traditional theatres, media center, and extensive sports facilities (including 6 tennis courts, swimming pool, sports dome and sports hall, weight room, dance/exercise room, and pitches for rugby, cricket, football and athletics)

School nurse: Yes, access to International SOS Clinic

Contact: Legend Garden Campus and Legend

Word from a parent:

"The minute you enter the school, you feel welcome. I believe that a nurturing environment is vital for any child's development. Dulwich exceeded my expectations. I wanted to continue a British-based education for my children and wanted international teachers, however with a solid British leadership - this I found at Dulwich. The school offers strong academics, sound teachers who care and this is further evident in the regular teacher/parent communications. Authentic Britishness with a bit of eccentricity, sports fields and theatre facilities which are hard to beat, and an attitude of keep calm and carry on doing your best."

– *Jacquie Golding Van Wyk (UK/South Africa), mother of Gemma (age 17), Isabella (age 15), George (age 11) and toddler Alfie*

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Eduwings Kindergarten

金翼德懿幼儿园

A kindergarten with a trilingual curriculum and activities galore



Eduwings Kindergarten is an international kindergarten which is divided into a bilingual English/Chinese department and a German department, each split into three age groups (2-3, 3-4, 5-6 years) and one infant group (2 years and under). All the lead and language teachers are native speakers and educate children based on the school's philosophy: "Every child needs to have roots and wings – roots to know where they are from and wings to explore the world." Eduwings also offers Montessori education.

Founding date: 2010

School type: International kindergarten with trilingual curriculum and Montessori room

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Half day: RMB 58,000

Full day: RMB 80,000

Afternoon activities are included in the tuition fee.

Lunch fee: Included in tuition fees; homemade Chinese and Western food

Transportation fee: RMB 8,000-10,000/year

Age range: 1-6, with a baby play group once a week

Number of students: 50 students per department

Nationality of students: Germany, China, US, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes (English/Chinese department only)

Primary teaching languages: German, English, Chinese

Class size: 15

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5

School hours: 8am-4.30pm

After school activities: Arts and crafts, dance, ballet, music, sports, rollerblading, cooking, swimming, Orff music, pottery

School facilities: New classrooms with kids' kitchen, library, Dream Land, Montessori room, art room, reception area, library, climbing room, swimming pool with sauna, PE and dance room, outdoor playground and yard

School nurse: Yes, one nurse

Word from a parent:

"What's so convincing about Eduwings? It's simply the outstanding commitment of all staff. It is their mission to enable kids to explore the world in many different ways with guidance and a helping hand. We are completely satisfied with the individual educational approach and the detailed development evaluation. As Germans living in China, it is important to us that our kids learn about Chinese culture and language without losing sight of their German cultural background, traditions and values."

– Norma and Stephan Kunze (Germany)

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Etonkids Bilingual Kindergartens

伊顿国际双语幼儿园

Developing independence, initiative and creativity in a bilingual setting

Part of the division of the Etonkids International Education Group, the Etonkids Bilingual Kindergartens feature a bilingual Montessori program designed to develop independence, initiative, and creativity. The school is divided into a nursery school (18 months-3 years) and "Casa" (or the Early Childhood Community for ages 3-6), with lessons that promote intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth in the nursery stage, as well as coursework in language arts, mathematics, everyday living skills, sensory awareness exercises and culture at the Casa stage. Check the website for additional Etonkids Bilingual campuses.

Founding date: February 2005

School type: International nursery and kindergarten

Tuition fees* (2012-2013 Academic Year):
RMB 50,000-68,000/year (Peking House Campus)

RMB 66,000-90,000/year (Central Park Campus and Palm Springs campuses)

RMB 43,750-59,500/year (Midtown Campus)

*Check with school administration for other optional fees.

Lunch fee: RMB 620/month (half day); RMB 520/month (full day)

Transportation fee: RMB 900/month

Age range: 1.5-6 years

Number of students: About 180 per school

Nationality of students: China, France, US, Singapore, Canada, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Class sizes: 20 (Nursery); 25 (Casa)

School hours: 8.30-11.30am (half day); 8.30am-4.30pm (full day)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5 (Nursery); 1:6 (Casa)

After school activities: Painting, taekwondo, piano, rollerblading, ballet, football, golf and more

School facilities: Outdoor play areas with child-friendly equipment, art and music rooms, ballet studios, and more

School nurse: Yes

Contact: Peking House Campus: 20 Xidawang Lu, Chaoyang District (5870 6778/9, xuyan@etonskids.com, zhoudan@etonskids.com)

Word from a parent:

"I had tried several other kindergartens before I settled on Etonkids, and this was where my daughter finally fit in. Etonkids is a place where the teachers really care about the students. Yesterday was the first time I had ever heard my daughter say 'Mommy, I want to go back to school!'"
— Lulu Huo, mother of Coco

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Etonkids International Kindergarten

伊顿国际幼儿园

An American-style Montessori education in the heart of the CBD



CBD Global Trade Mansion Etonkids International Kindergarten is one of the oldest schools in Beijing's Etonkids franchise, a nationwide educational group. The Lido Kindergarten campus was built in 1987 and underwent major renovations when it became Etonkids International School in 2003. The school provides a community-centered American-style education led by Montessori-certified teachers and an educational philosophy based on the Three C's: Creativity, Character and Culture. Coursework includes lessons in practical life, "sensorial" math, language, culture and science. The staff meets regularly for training under the EXCELS school improvement planning program, which is designed to share new teaching practices, the Montessori method, and current educational trends.

Founding date: 2004

School type: International kindergarten with Montessori curriculum

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year):

Annual registration fee: RMB 2,000 (includes materials and uniforms)

Tuition fee: RMB 71,800-112,000

Lunch fee: RMB 620/month (half day); RMB 520/month (full day)

Transportation fee: RMB 900/month

Age range: 1.5-6 years

Number of students: 60

Nationality of students: China, France, US, Singapore, Canada, and more

Primary teaching language: English

Class size: 20-25

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5 or 1:6

School hours: 8.30am-noon (half day); 8.30am-4.30pm (full day)

After school activities: Painting, taekwondo, piano, rollerblading, ballet, football, golf and more

School facilities: Drama room, ballet room, art room and library (CBD location). Multi-purpose room, open children's library and spacious playgrounds (Lido campus)

School nurse: Yes

Contact: CBD campus: 3/F, Block D, Global Trade Mansion, Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District (6506 4805, gtmadmin@etonkids.com) www.etonkids.com
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Word from a parent:

"My daughter's teacher always stressed to me the importance of allowing my daughter make her own choices. I decided to put this to the test at home, and from my experience, I can only concur wholeheartedly with this idea. Whenever we encountered a task she didn't like, or didn't want to do, instead of questioning or pushing her into it, I would give my daughter the time and opportunity to make a choice. I would often lead her by offering choices. I found this method to work wonderfully around 90 percent of the time because it shows respect for the child and confidence in her ability to make decisions.

— Candy Zhong (China), mother of Keeley

Lido campus: Rm C103 Lido Country Club, Lido Place, Jichang Road, Chaoyang District (6436 7368, lidoadmin@etonkids.com) www.etonkids.com 朝阳区蒋台路机场路丽都广场

The Family Learning House (TFLH)

家育苑

Teaching children about virtues, Chinese culture, and world citizenship

Recognized as a model kindergarten by the Chaoyang Ministry of Education, The Family Learning House is a virtues-based, bilingual pre-school dedicated to "acquiring knowledge and good character for the purpose of serving humanity." In addition to its "Virtues in Us" character education program, the school aims to provide an academically stimulating Montessori and Chinese curriculum. The Family Learning House places strong emphasis on art and music, offering daily piano lessons for children from 4.5 to 6 years of age. Students also participate in monthly educational outings, community service projects and multicultural celebrations. The school seeks to foster a learning community involving students, teachers, *ayis* and families.

Founding date: 2002

School type: Bilingual virtues-based Montessori kindergarten

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year):

Toddler: RMB 76,000

Primary: RMB 86,000

Half day program (under 2.5 years): RMB 56,000

Lunch fee: Included in the tuition fee, featuring nutritionally-balanced Chinese and Western meals with vegetarian options

Age range: 18 months-6 years

Number of students: 200

Nationality of students: US, Canada, UK, Singapore, Germany, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Class size: 16-28 (primary); 19 (toddler)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6 (primary); 1:4 (toddler)

Interest classes: Art, soccer, tennis, ballet, piano, and more

School hours: 8.30am-4pm

School facilities: Beautifully designed Montessori classrooms with child-sized kitchen, certified Montessori learning materials, piano in each classroom, two outdoor playgrounds with vegetable garden and petting farm, multi-purpose room and children's art room.

School nurse: Yes

Word from a parent:

"We have been at The Family Learning House for five years. The school has truly been a haven for the family. What makes TFLH unique is that it is guided by a vision of service and holistic education, which is embodied by the school's amazing leadership, teachers, and staff. Our children have flourished, acquiring a love of learning, sense of citizenship, and moral intuition, and we have grown as parents by being part of the school community. TFLH is a very special place and we feel extremely blessed."

— Una Kim de Vitton (US/Canada), mother of Taeho (age 6) and Hana (age 3)

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Fangcaodi International School

芳草地国际学校

Progressive teaching in a positive learning environment



Fangcaodi International School has been enrolling international students since 1973. Highly-recognized and respected globally, Fangcaodi is dedicated to providing an education that enhances the student's quality of life and international knowledge. The school continues to develop new teaching methods and materials for its teachers, students, and the school itself. Under some of the most experienced teachers in Beijing, students at Fangcaodi will receive an education that provides a gateway to the world and furthers the learner's international understanding.

Founding date: 1956

School type: Primary school

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Registration fee: RMB 500

Yearly tuition: RMB 48,000

Lunch fee: Included in the price of tuition. Fangcaodi offers Chinese lunch options, with some organic produce.

Transportation fee: Varies according to distance. RMB 2,600/semester (within Third Ring Road); RMB 2,700/semester (within Fourth Ring Road); RMB 2,800/semester (within Fifth Ring Road)

Age range: 6-12

Number of students: 4,400

Nationality of students: US, Canada, South

Korea, Japan, Russia

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: Chinese

Languages taught: English

Class size: 25-40

Teacher/student ratio: 1:20

School hours: 8am-3.15pm

After school activities: Developed according to student interest

School facilities: 200m racetrack, basketball courts, and a library

School nurse: Yes

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Word from a parent:

"The first time I took my kids to Fangcaodi, I saw a friendly Western teacher standing on the playground surrounded by a group of students. They were laughing and joking in English. I went to talk to him and learned his name was Mr. B. I sent many questions to him regarding the school, and he always replied promptly. He was so patient and willing to help. We are so lucky that Katherine became Mr. B's student. He devotes his time and effort to teaching and helps his students build lifelong reading habits. Katherine has learned a lot and finds it so much fun to be in Mr. B's class. It's no surprise that many kids voted Mr. B for 'Best Teacher,' considering his kindness, caring, helpfulness, humor, devotion, and excellence in teaching."

— Yan Liu Johnson, mother of Katherine Johnson (age 4)

Harrow International School Beijing

北京哈罗英国学校

First-class British international education for future leaders

Harrow International School Beijing prides itself on high academic standards that are maintained within a close-knit school community. All students are assigned a personal tutor who looks after their overall welfare and serves as a liaison between the school and home. High academic standards and leadership skills are promoted school-wide with a range of enrichment activities to help students develop teamwork and creative thinking skills, as well as independence and responsibility. Students graduating from Harrow Beijing have won places at a range of universities across the world, including Oxford, Cambridge, and Princeton.

Founding date: 2005

School type: International British-style day school

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year)

Application fee: RMB 3,500

Nursery: RMB 119,800

Reception: RMB 149,300

Years 1-2: RMB 177,700

Years 3-6: RMB 189,100

Years 7-9: RMB 207,600

Years 10-11: RMB 217,600

Years 12-13: RMB 231,700

Lunch fee: Included in tuition fees, with Western, Chinese and vegetarian options, as well as salad bar and snacks

Transportation fee: RMB 12,100 (Lower School); RMB 11,550 (Upper School)

Age range: 3-18

Number of students: 700

Nationality of students: 39 nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Only on a case-by-case basis

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: Chinese, French, Spanish, German

Class size: Maximum 18

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8.30am to 3.15pm (extended to 4.30pm for extra activities Monday to Thursday)

After school activities: A wide range of activities, from archery to public speaking, and choir to running club

School facilities: In 2013, Harrow is moving to a new campus that brings together all students from the Lower and Upper Schools. The new campus features air filtration in all internal environments, its own well, and its own geothermal system for heating and cooling. In

Word from a parent:

"The mission of 'Leadership for a better world' was not lost on us during our first term at Harrow. Our son was encouraged to take the risk of running for a position, and now is both guided and given independence in his role. He's proud of leading a small effort to raise funds for those less fortunate."

– Sandy Hodges (US), mother of Seth (Year 7) and Fiona (Year 5)

addition to an early-years learning center and a 20,000-volume library, it has a multi-function theater, three drama studios, and a music center with six practice rooms and a recording studio. Sports facilities include a 2,220sqm gymnasium, squash courts, a six-lane swimming pool, a full-sized athletics track, and playing fields for football, rugby, and hockey. The campus's lakeside location also provides for the possibility of rowing and other water sports

School nurse: Two clinics staffed with fully-qualified nurses and first aid training provided for teachers and students

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House of Knowledge International Kindergarten (HoK)

好思之家国际幼儿园

Teaching kids to "learn to learn" in a multilingual environment



House of Knowledge boasts a unique curriculum designed to facilitate a multilingual, child-driven education. Offering programs in English, Chinese, and German, HoK treats students as competent learners with boundless potential who are capable of infinite discovery. With this in mind, the curriculum trains them to acquire critical thinking and collaboration skills by teaching them how to "learn to learn."

Founding date: July 2007

School type: International Nursery and Kindergarten

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year): RMB 30,050-136,680

Lunch fee: RMB 6,000/year. Breakfast and lunch are prepared daily by an in-house chef using organic produce. Ingredients include sausages sourced from a German butcher and fresh bread from South German Bakery

Transportation fee: RMB 8,000-10,000/year

Age range: 1-6

Number of students: Currently 145, capacity for 160

Nationality of students: Austria, Germany, US, UK, Spain, China, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English or German

Languages taught: English, Chinese and German

Class size: 9 (toddler); 16 (Nursery); 20 (Kindergarten); 20 (Preschool)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4 on average

School hours: 8am-3.45pm

After school activities: Taekwondo, Super Science, dance, football, playgroups, and more (see website for current listings)

School facilities: Multi-level classrooms, a reading room, a kitchen, art stations, a parents' corner, an outdoor playground and labyrinth, an indoor gym with climbing area and heated floors, drama centers, building stations, and more

School nurse: No, but there's a speech therapist and all staff are certified in first aid

Contact:

Administrative office: C511, Lufthansa Centre, 50 Liangma Qiao Lu, Chaoyang District (400 650 7747, info@house-of-knowledge.net) www.house-of-knowledge.net 朝阳区亮马桥路50号燕莎中心C511

Liyuan campus: A11 East Gate of Liyuan Compound, Xiangjiang Beilu, Chaoyang District

Word from a parent:

"Our son Richard joined House of Knowledge in September 2012. At the beginning, he could not communicate; he could only speak a few words in Chinese and none at all in English. The staff at HoK did everything they could to help Richard. As often as possible, there was a German speaker in the group; the fact that somebody understood him helped Richard a lot. Now, he enjoys being there and has even started to speak English. Richard's integration into the kindergarten was due to successful teamwork between himself, the very engaged HoK staff, and us (the parents).

— *Walter (Belgium) and Alexandra (Germany), parents of Patrik (age 19), Richard (age 3), and Jonas (7 months)*

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Chaoyang Park campus: Victoria Gardens, 15 Chaoyang Park Xilu, Chaoyang District (6538 2624 English, German, Mandarin) 朝阳区朝阳公园西路15号维多利亚花园公寓

Huijia Kindergarten

汇佳幼儿园

Nationwide chain nurtures international citizens

Huijia Kindergarten is the starting point of 16-year complete education of Huijia Educational Organization. The first Huijia Kindergarten was established in May 1999. So far, Huijia Kindergarten has become an early childhood educational entity with 39 Huijia Kindergarten centers, a research center, a training center, a community education center and a resource supply center. Huijia Kindergarten follows the educational goal of Huijia Educational Organization, uses an international curriculum, and provides children with a rich, diverse and inquisitive environment. Huijia students are taught to have international views, and encouraged to be comprehensive life-long learners.

Founding date: 1993

School type: Private kindergarten

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

RMB 41,500–85,800/year

Lunch fee: Varies according to campus, Chinese options

Transportation fee: Varies according to campus

Age range: 1.5-6

Number of students: 7,000 in total

Nationality of students: US, UK, Singapore, Korea, France

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: Chinese

Languages taught: Chinese and English

Class size: 18-28

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4.5

School hours: 7.30am-5pm

After school activities: Weekly activities as well as interest classes, piano, skating, dancing and painting

School facilities: Playground, multi-purpose center, iPad classroom, library, piano room

School nurse: Yes

Contact: 1) Wanyuan campus: 35 Xinxin Jiayuan, Wanyuan, Bagou Nanlu, Haidian District (8255 1751) 海淀区巴沟南路35号小区万泉新家园

2) Sanyuan Qiao campus: 6 Jing'an Dongli, Chaoyang District (6463 5251) 朝阳区静安东里6号

Word from a parent:

"I am very happy that my son attends Huijia Kindergarten. Teachers treat the children well. When I mention the kindergarten, my son gets excited. He likes his teachers and has a lot of good friends at kindergarten. He is happy to stay there, happy to play, happy to eat! Thank you, teachers of Huijia Kindergarten!"

– Juan Bros and Rocio Sobejano, parents of Juan Bros

3) CBD campus: 24 Xincheng International Apartment, 6 Chaowai Dajie (6597 9358) 朝阳区朝外大街6号新城国际公寓24号楼

4) Changping campus: Huijia Vocational College, 20 Chuangxin Road, Zhongguancun Kejiyuan, Changping District (5163 1603) 昌平区中关村科技园创新路20号汇佳职业学院内

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International School of Beijing (ISB)

北京顺义国际学校

From a tiny embassy school to a multinational learning center

Word from a parent:

"Before we moved here from Boston, we had already heard so many great things about ISB from the expatriate community. Not only is ISB a school with high academic standards, it is also enriched with a wide range of extracurricular activities. Children here are encouraged to pursue their passions and dreams. Our daughter, being very shy, was still anxious about leaving her friends and moving to a new school. The transition turned out to be very smooth because all her teachers were very caring. She was warmly welcomed into the school and bonded with new friends quickly. Now, she is an active member of the ISB community, enjoying the academic challenge at school while participating in various charity works, different clubs and varsity sports. When transitioning into high school, she decided not to go to the US to boarding school. She wants to be a proud graduate of ISB."

– Jenny Ye (US), mother of Kaylee (Grade 9)



The oldest international school in Beijing, ISB is an independent, co-educational college-preparatory day school offering an international curriculum for the children of expatriate families. Building on its 33-year tradition of academic excellence, ISB embraces the challenges and rewards of the future of education. Through a tailored, connected, real-world curriculum known as Learning21@ISB, experienced and passionate teachers provide students with exceptional opportunities to grow as individuals, as scholars, and as contributing members of the community. For high school students, ISB offers a US-accredited college preparatory program; full IB Diploma or IB Certificate options for students in grades 11 and 12, as well as AP courses in Calculus AB/BC and Chinese.

Founding date: January 1980

School type: International, Pre-K3 to Grade 12

Tuition fees (2012-2013* Academic Year):
Pre-K3 (half day): RMB 73,650; RMB 11,660 (capital levy fee)

Pre-K4 (full day): RMB 134,670; RMB 11,660 (capital levy fee)

Kindergarten: RMB 157,830; RMB 14,070 (capital levy fee)

Grades 1-5: RMB 157,830; RMB 33,710 (capital levy fee)

Grades 6-8: RMB 169,350; RMB 33,710 (capital levy fee)

Grades 9-12: RMB 186,250; RMB 33,710

(capital levy fee)

*Please visit the website for the latest information.

Lunch fee: RMB 17-25/day, features a range of Western, Chinese, and vegetarian meals

Transportation fee: RMB 8,710-14,120 (depending on distance)

Age range: 3-18

Number of students: Around 1,900

Nationality of students: US, South Korea, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: English, Chinese, French

and Spanish

Class size: 12-22

Teacher/student ratio: 1:9

School hours: 8.15am-3.25pm

After school activities: Athletics, choir, orchestra, theater, debate club, Model United Nations, service clubs, wushu, arts and crafts, and more

School facilities: Two library media centers, science labs, performing arts wing, visual arts studios, 600-seat theater, outdoor learning environment for elementary students, indoor swimming pool, stadium, track, soccer and rugby pitches, baseball diamond, four gymnasiums, state of the art fitness center with indoor soccer pitch, indoor multipurpose area, and indoor tennis courts (opening winter 2012-13)

School nurse: Yes, available in each school division

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The International Montessori School of Beijing (MSB)

北京蒙台梭利国际学校

Beijing's first Montessori school still going strong after 22 years



An affiliate member of the American Montessori Society (AMS), MSB has been teaching preschool and elementary students for 22 years. The school is also affiliated with the International Montessori Teaching Institute (IMTI), which provides ongoing professional training and development to all MSB lead teachers and assistant teachers.

Founding date: 1990

School type: Montessori pre-school and elementary school (Nursery-Grade 6)

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year):
Application fee (credited towards school fees): RMB 1,600

Morning Nursery (Age 1.5-3): RMB 91,000

Full-day Nursery (Age 2-3): RMB 135,000

Morning Kindergarten (Ages 3-4): RMB 95,000

Full-day Kindergarten (Ages 3-4): RMB 140,000

Reception (Age 5): RMB 157,000

Elementary (Ages 6-12): RMB 163,000

Lunch fee: RMB 6,300/year. The menu changes monthly and alternates between Chinese and Western dishes

Transportation fee: RMB 9,000-13,000/year

Age range: 1.5-12

Number of students: 350

Nationality of students: US, Canada, Hong Kong, Australia, Sweden, France, Denmark

and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Class size: Maximum 24

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4 or 1:8 depending on student age

School hours: 8.30am-3.45pm

After school activities: Language clubs, football, baking, wushu, swimming, dancing, scuba diving and more

School facilities: MSB's newly-expanded Riviera campus now houses its entire nursery, reception, pre-school and elementary programs. Facilities include a sports hall, two lending libraries, two art studios, multi-purpose auditorium, running track, football pitch and an indoor pool and playground. All nursery and kindergarten classrooms have ensuite bathrooms. There are two Coffee Stops – areas

Word from a parent:

"I could not have chosen a better school for my kids! MSB has the best dual-language program, with the added bonus of a real Montessori education. The kids get high-quality and individualized learning and always exceed their grade level expectations. The teacher/student ratio cannot be beat and the teachers are exceptional. MSB is one of the things we'll miss the most about Beijing. It is such a unique school and we won't find anything like it!"

– *Ilaria Keogh, mother of Owen (Grade 6), Caroline (Grade 3), and Patrick (Kindergarten)*

where parents can mingle over a cup of coffee and a freshly-baked treat

School nurse: Yes

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Ivy Academy

艾毅国际幼儿园

Building confidence and making good choices

Ivy Academy offers an English speaking environment. Taught by a team of highly qualified early childhood educators, the Multiple Intelligences theory-influenced curriculum is customized according to the children's interests.

Founding date: 2004

School type: International preschool and kindergarten

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year):

Registration Fee: RMB 1,500

Nursery: RMB 50,000-71,900

Half Day: RMB 99,900

Full Day: RMB 140,700

Lunch fee: RMB 28/meal (optional)

Transportation fee: RMB 880/month (within 5km roundtrip), RMB 1,080/month (within 10km roundtrip), RMB 1,300/month (within 15km roundtrip)

Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 64

Nationality of students: Australia, UK,

Canada, Japan, France, Germany, US, China

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: English

Class size: 15-18

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4-1:8

School hours: 8.30-11.30am (half day); 8.30am-3.30pm (full day)

After school activities: Extended after school care by request

School facilities: A library, art classroom, and children's kitchen

School nurse: Yes

Word from a parent:

"Ivy Academy has provided both of my girls with a safe, caring, and productive preschool experience. Knowing my children are in an environment where every teacher and staff member at the school knows who they are and contributes to their education made their first school experience positive and made learning fun. That is all we can hope for in a preschool."

– Amy Lane Zima (US), mom of Helena (age 5) and Lucille (age 3)

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Ivy Bilingual Schools

艾毅双语幼儿园

Building confidence and making good choices



Ivy Bilingual School offers a curriculum based on the Multiple Intelligences theory and provides an immersive bilingual program, where both Chinese and Western teachers interact with children throughout the day. They have three campuses in Beijing.

Founding date: 2006 (Ocean Express campus); 2008 (Orchid Garden campus); 2013 (Wangjing campus)

School type: International bilingual preschool and kindergarten

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Ocean Express Campus: RMB 7,720/month (full day), RMB 5,790/month (half day)

Orchid Garden Campus: RMB 7,380/month (full day), RMB 5,540/month (half day)

Wangjing Campus: RMB 7,680/month (full day), RMB 4,610/month (half day)

Lunch fee: RMB 25/day (optional)

Transportation fee: RMB 7,370-14,740 (optional)

Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 165 (Ocean Express campus); 100 (Orchid Garden campus); 60 (Wangjing campus, opening in June)

Nationality of students: Canada, Japan, France, Germany, US, China

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: Chinese and English

Class size: 20-25

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5-1:8

School hours: 8.30-11.30am (half day); 8.30am-4pm (full day)

After school activities: N/A

School facilities: An outdoor playground, a bilingual library, a large indoor playroom, a multiple-purpose room, and a children's kitchen for cooking classes

School nurse: Yes

Contact: Ocean Express campus: Building E, Ocean Express, 2 Dongsanhuan Beilu (north of Kempinski Hotel), Chaoyang District (8446

Word from a parent:

"I am really grateful to Ivy school for the attention given to Kopano and all the other children at school. It gives us peace of mind to know our children are in good hands, and look forward to learning a lot."

— Gaogane Tiny Mothobi (Botswana), mother of Kopano Kaone Mothobi (age 2)

7287/6, info-oe@ivyschools.com) www.ivyschools.com 朝阳区东三环北路2号远洋新干线E座

Orchid Garden campus: 18 Xinjin Lu, Cuigexiang (Airport Expressway, Beigao Exit), Chaoyang District (8439 7080, info-og@ivyschools.com) www.ivyschools.com 朝阳区崔各乡新锦路18号卓锦万代

Wangjing campus: Building 11, Kylin Zone, Fu'an Xilu, Wangjing, Chaoyang District, (5738 9166/133 2110 6167, info-wj@ivyschools.com) www.ivyschools.com 朝阳区望京阜安西路11号楼合生麒麟社内

Keystone Academy

北京鼎石国际学校

Keystone Academy will open in Shunyi District in the fall of 2014. Keystone promises to be a unique and exciting school option for families in China – offering Chinese and American instructional techniques of inquiry-based learning, critical-thinking, and creative problem solving in a rigorous intellectual environment. The academic program will be international in scope, with a central curriculum thread that focuses on Chinese identity, language, culture, and history. Keystone will serve students grades 1 through 12, with a bilingual curriculum in the primary years and more intensive instruction in English as students progress through the program. There will be a boarding school option for Grade 7 and 8, and mandatory boarding in Grade 9-12.

Founding date: 2014

School type: Grade 1-12

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):
N/A

Lunch offered: Chinese and Western options

Types of scholarships offered: Merit-based

Age range: 6-19

Number of students: Initial enrollment of 250; 1,600 when fully enrolled

Nationality of students: N/A

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English and Chinese, depending on the grade

Languages taught: English and Chinese

Class size: 15-20

Teacher/student ratio: 1:10

School hours: 8.00am-3.30pm

After school activities offered: Yes

Special needs programs offered: No

Extra help offered: Yes

School facilities: A 20-acre site in Shunyi, which will consist of several buildings designed around an open grass quad by Chinese

Word from a parent:

"My children are Chinese American and are bilingual and bicultural. My husband and I have researched 30+ elementary schools in Beijing and to be honest, we are having trouble finding a school that is academically rigorous, emphasizes both Chinese and English, and uses a teaching methodology that develops the whole child. I was very excited to read about Keystone Academy and the educational diversity it can bring to China, especially Beijing."

– Willa AuYeung (US)

architecture firm Borderland and Preston Scott Cohen, chair of the Department of Architecture and the Gerald M. McCue Professor of Architecture at Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

School nurse: Yes

Contact: admission@keystoneacademy.cn



The Learning Center (TLC)

A professional tutoring service for international and local students



The Learning Center is an American-operated tutoring center, which has been addressing the learning needs of international and local students in Beijing since 2004. TLC was founded by Jennifer Sachs, an American teacher with over 20 years of experience in China. She and her team of qualified, native English-speaking educators run one-on-one and small group classes in all key subject areas – including advanced English, science, math, humanities, and ESOL. TLC's expertise includes SSAT, SAT, IB, IGCSE, and university entrance preparation. After almost a decade in this field, TLC knows the challenges that students face when it comes to entering and thriving in an international school setting. The center works directly with schools to better understand what they expect from students, including the unique skills, knowledge, and attitudes that bring academic success in a Western learning environment. TLC also monitors students' progress and communicates regularly with their families to ensure that they are prepared for the challenges ahead.

Founding date: June 2004

School type: Academic tutoring center for students in preschool through Grade 12

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year): Workshops: RMB 145-165/hour, depending on the subject

Individual tuition: RMB 485-560/hour, depending on the subject

Age range: 5.5 years to adult

Number of students: 300 (extracurricular programs)

Nationality of students: US, China, Canada, Australia, UK, France, and more.

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: English (ESOL to Advanced)

Class size: 1-8

Teacher/student ratio: Maximum 1:8

School hours: Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat-Sun 9.30am-4.30pm

After school activities: Academic tutoring in all subject areas

Extra help offered: Academic tutoring support in all subject areas, including one-on-one support, weekend workshops, and holiday camps

Word from a parent:

"The Learning Center has been a wonderful resource for both of my children since it opened nine years ago. Teachers provide brief summaries of content coverage for lessons, which are an excellent communication tool for both students and parents. My children have also enjoyed TLC's special summer programs. I highly recommend the educators and professionals at The Learning Center, as they create a truly positive, supportive and effective learning environment."

– Julie Upton-Wang (US), mother of Patrick (age 17) and Megan (age 22)

School facilities: Twelve multi-purpose classrooms, parent waiting/lounge area

School nurse: No

Contact: Gahood Villa 2108 ((next to Yosemite and Capital Paradise), Xibaixinzhuang, Houshayu, Shunyi District (8046 3886/7085, learningcenterbeijing@gmail.com) www.thelearningcenter.cn 顺义区后沙峪嘉浩别墅 2108 (新国展与ISB之间)

Little Village Montessori School of Beijing (LVMS)

北京蒙特梭利小镇国际幼儿园

Modern techniques matched with traditional cultures for young learners

Little Village Montessori School of Beijing is an Association Montessori Internationale (AMI)-based kindergarten located in central Beijing, just west of Fulicheng complex. It was built by a team passionate about creating an ideal environment for children, with the goal of creating a unique community experience. The school aspires to create the ideal setting for raising a new generation, and utilizing modern techniques that are connected to the wisdom of all traditional cultures.

Founding date: April 2012

School type: Montessori kindergarten

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year):

Application fee: RMB 1,600

One-year tuition: RMB 81,600

Lunch fee: RMB 6,000. Western food is served four days a week, and Chinese food is served one day a week. The menu is approved by a nutritionist and prepared by a restaurant chef.

Age range: 18 months to 6 years

Number of students: 30

Nationality of students: US, Spain, UK, France, and Canada

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: English and Chinese

Class size: 20 (Nursery), 25 (Casa)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5 (Nursery), 1:6 (Casa)

School hours: 8.30am-4.30pm

After school activities: Starting 2012-13 second semester

School facilities: 1,600sqm facilities, including indoor and outdoor playgrounds, a library in each classroom, and an en-suite bathroom in each classroom

School nurse: No

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Word from a parent:

"I chose LVMS for the proximity to our home, the nice environment, and the Montessori philosophy. I am enchanted with the progress my child has made in the Casa community, and delighted by the relationship my husband and I have developed with the team. My child never wants to go home and presses me to go to school in the morning; this is more than I could hope for! LVMS implements monthly parent conferences, during which I have learned a lot about education. It is also a fantastic platform to get to know other parents better and share our experiences. I am very happy with the choice I have made for my son and – more importantly – he is very happy with that choice."

– Jemina Villanueva (Australia), mother of Teoh Villanueva-Vallee



Mammolina Children's Home Montessori Kindergarten

三为园蒙德梭利托幼中心

A child-centered learning environment with a model Montessori curriculum



Mammolina Children's Home Montessori Kindergarten is a model school for Montessori education in China that prides itself in offering the benefits of a high-quality, uncompromising Montessori English-Chinese bilingual environment to ages 1-7. The highly-qualified teachers have a minimum of 20 years of experience each. Classrooms are fully bilingual, uniquely integrated, feature open spaces, and are unmatched by any other in China. Unparalleled one-on-one assistance is offered; the school's detailed record-keeping system allows teachers to tailor programs to each child's interests. Mammolina's graduates are well-prepared to enter top foreign and Chinese schools. Following the highest safety and hygiene standards, Mammolina nurtures confidence, curiosity, and creativity.

Founding date: 2005

School type: Montessori infant-toddler and kindergarten program

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year): RMB 96,000-134,000

Financial assistance can be considered for families in need.

Lunch fee: RMB 4,860/year. All foods are prepared in-house and include a mix of Chinese and Western organic food. Three certified dieticians consulted to balance the children's dietary needs

Transportation fee: RMB 8,500-16,000/year

Age range: 1-7

Number of students: 40

Nationality of students: Around 50 percent

of Mammolina's students are foreign

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Languages taught: English and Chinese

Class size: 15 (infant-toddler classroom); 25 (Kindergarten)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4

School hours: 8.10am-3.30pm (half day program available)

After school activities: Ballet, kung fu, piano, violin, guitar and more

Special needs programs offered: Professional assistance is available

School facilities: Independently-owned

Word from a parent:

"My daughter quickly adjusted to her new primary school environment. The teachers were very impressed with her learning ability, strong social skills, and her willingness to help others. I am so grateful to know this is a result of the way she was nurtured by Mammolina's teachers. As parents, we feel that our daughter is both ours and Mammolina's creation!"

— Xu Fan (China), mother of a 7-year-old

facilities, integrated 250-300sqm classrooms, child-sized kitchen, indoor and outdoor private garden and play areas and more

School nurse: Yes, school doctor with 22 years of kindergarten experience available. The staff is trained in first aid

Contact: 36 Maquanying Siqu (next to Beijing Riviera), Xiangjiang Beilu, Chaoyang District (8470 5128, mammolina@163.com) www.montessori.ws 朝阳区香江北路马泉营四区36号 (香江花园旁边)

MIA Early Childhood Education

枫叶国际早期教育学校

An AMS-certified early childhood education center

Certified by the American Montessori Society (AMS), MIA Early Childhood Education is an early childhood education center started by Maple International Academy. Classes adhere to Montessori principles and offer world-class education for ages 0-5. Promising the highest standards of professional early childhood education in Beijing, the school is located to the south of the Sijiqing overpass. At MIA, kids have the ability to explore the natural world with an outdoor patio and 45 mu of organic farmland. In addition, MIA uses only professional Montessori teaching materials and sources from an Italian Montessori furniture producer. The curriculum offers 10 courses, including the Montessori sensorial program, music culture, life art, science, Happy Kitchen, virtue education, music theory, and pre-kindergarten. All MIA classes are taught in English, with an equal number of Chinese and foreign teachers.

Founding date: 2012

School type: Early childhood education center with seven kinds of parent-child classes and pre-kindergarten

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Application fee: RMB 500

Yearly tuition: RMB 6,000-20,000

Lunch fee: No lunch (parent-child class), included in tuition (half-day class). Lunch and a snack are provided in the pre-kindergarten classes; the food is organic from MIA's farm and cooked onsite.

Age range: 0-5

Number of students: More than 500

Nationality of students: 90 percent Chinese, 10 percent foreign

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: Chinese

Class size: Max 10 (parent-child classes), max 16 (pre-kindergarten)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5 (parent-child classes), 1:4 (Pre-Kindergarten)

School hours: Tue-Fri 9am-12.30pm (Pre-Kindergarten). Children can also attend one to three classes per week for parent-child classes, according to the class schedule from Tuesday to Sunday.

After school activities: Parties, lectures, and more

Extra help offered: MIA encourages parents

Word from a parent:

"Qiaoqiao has been attending [MIA] since she was 11 months old. Gradually, I have found that she has become more and more focused. She is a fan of music; she really likes blues and jazz – and dancing. As for her character, she is not capricious, but very quiet, seldom cries, and is quite reasonable. This is due in part to her teachers' patience, and we, as parents, also learned something from it. Thank you to the teachers for keeping our babies happy, confident, and healthy!"

– Yao Jing, mother of Jing Qiaoqiao (2)

to join parent-child classes and also accepts children with special needs.

School facilities: MSP classrooms, Montessori classrooms, a library, a multi-purpose hall, maternal and child nursing rooms, maternal and child restrooms, an outdoor patio, and 45 mu of farmland

School nurse: Yes

Contact: 16 Tonghui Lu, Haidian District (5872 0909) www.mapleacademy.com.cn 海淀区通汇路16号



MOMA Kids International Kindergarten

Encouraging and inspiring students to develop a love of learning



As a community, MOMA Kids provides kids with the encouragement, inspiration, and environment to meet their potential and develop a life-long love of learning. The school is committed to providing a loving, holistic, and pastoral environment, allowing students to develop healthy minds and bodies. MOMA Kids' Green Economy policy educates students on the need to take care of both themselves and the world around them. As a carbon-neutral school, MOMA Kids sources and even produces its own organic food, and has a 100 percent commitment to recycling its waste and water. In addition, the school is committed to providing an extensive, creative, and exciting curriculum for its students. MOMA Kids follows the English Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum, and delivers this in both English and Chinese to prepare students for both their personal and academic lives. The school encourages parents to participate in their child's life at MOMA Kids, exchanging constructive assessment and feedback, taking on challenges, and celebrating successes together.

Founding date: 2011

School type: Nursery and kindergarten

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year)*:

One year's tuition (paid yearly): RMB 70,500
One year's tuition (paid monthly): RMB 78,000

Equipment fee: RMB 3,000 the first year, RMB 1,500 each subsequent year

**MOMA residents, as well as parents who hold either a military ID or teacher qualification certificate, are eligible to receive a preferential discount.*

Lunch fee: RMB 7,800/year. Includes three meals, drinks, and two snacks daily. Lunches are a mix of Chinese and international cuisine

with seasonal fruits and vegetables sourced from organic suppliers.

Age range: 1-6

Number of students: 90

Nationality of students: China, Germany, US, Italy, France

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Languages taught: English and Chinese

Class size: 20

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4

School hours: 8am-5.30pm

After school activities: Dance, cooking, golf, music, Lego, art, drama

Word from a parent:

Since my son Jingjie Hu entered the kindergarten, he has been under the teacher's good care, and has made a lot of progress. Teacher Wang makes sure he is fed and dressed with care. Teacher Yang helped him adjust to kindergarten life. Teacher Han taught him to broaden his mind. Teacher Xiaoqing and the foreign teachers enhanced his interest in learning – cultivating him to be a student with good logical thinking and clear articulation. He has become very popular in the neighborhood due to these great changes!

– Cheng Yang, mother of Hu Jingjie

School facilities: Two indoor and two outdoor play areas, a health center, a Skyline Theatre, mini-golf, kids' kitchen, and organic garden

School nurse: MOMA Kids has an experienced health professional on staff.

Contact: Dongzhimen MOMA, 1 Xiangheyuan Lu, Dongcheng District (6464 7386, bjdmkids@firstcare.com.cn) www.first-edu.com.cn 东城区香河园路1号当代MOMA

Muffy's Learning Centers

博识梦飞

A child-centered English immersion kindergarten

Muffy's Learning Centers blend Chinese and Western educational pedagogy with research-based best practices in language acquisition and Early Childhood Education. The Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligences educational theory lies at the heart of the curriculum. Through the eight smarts of body, music, math, word, design/art, people, self and nature, the school develops and maximizes each child's unique abilities and special talents. Students are encouraged to explore, experiment and express themselves through English immersion. Playing is also an important part of each child's learning and growing experience. Through active learning activities, the school develops children's critical thinking skills and social competence to increase their self-confidence.

Founding date: 2003

School type: English immersion kindergarten

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year):

Application fee: RMB 500

Deposit: RMB 9,000 (includes application fee)

Yearly tuition: RMB 94,000

Lunch and dinner fee: RMB 6,000/year, includes balanced and nutritious meals.

Transportation fee: RMB 7,500/year, RMB 4,300/half year, RMB 1,100/month

Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 350

Nationality of students: China (90 percent),

US, Canada, Korea, and UK

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English

Class size: Average 16

Teacher/student ratio: Less than 1:6

School hours: 8.30am-5pm (hours vary depending on school location)

After school activities: Various Global Track after school activities offered, including art class, Little Architect, Little Engineer, singing and dance, and Chinese class

School facilities: Multipurpose classrooms, a cafeteria, an indoor gym, a library, a music room

Word from a parent:

"Cici has been attending Muffy's Xiangshan branch for half a year. At the beginning, we chose Muffy's because it was close to our home. I've come to realize that it's a kindergarten that encourages the growth of children. Muffy's teachers are kind, loving, have perfect English pronunciation and the class sizes are small. The children learn to recognize shapes and colors, and gain the ability to express their feelings in English. I am very satisfied that Cici attends a kindergarten that provides her with a happy environment. When Cici is away from school, she always complains about missing her teachers. She really loves Muffy's!

– Jing Xu (China), mother of Cici (age 3)

School nurse: Yes

Contact: Three campuses: Wanliu, Wangjing, Xiangshan (400 6633 282) www.muffys.cn



National Institute of Technology (NIT)

北京爱迪国际学校

The only school in Beijing to offer the Australian national curriculum



The National Institute of Technology is composed of four schools: NIT (Grades 10-12), the Australian International School of Beijing (Grades 1-6), Beijing International School (Grades 1-9), and Beijing International Kindergarten (ages 2-6). As a joint project of the Chinese and Australian governments, NIT is the largest international school in China and the first and only school to offer courses provided by the current Australian Educational Curriculum Council. The school now has over 2,600 students, including more than 150 foreign students. NIT and BIS accept both local and foreign students, while AISB accepts expats only.

Founding date: 1997

School type: International K-12 school spread over four institutions

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year): Kindergarten: RMB 150,000

Primary school (Grades 1-6) : RMB 108,100

Middle school (Grades 7-9): RMB 112,100

High school (Grades 10-12): RMB 149,500

Accommodations: RMB 12,000/year (primary school students); RMB 18,000/year (middle school students); RMB 20,000/year (high school)

English training (high school): RMB 50,000/semester (14 weeks)

Piano class: RMB 12,800

Health check and insurance (kindergarten): RMB 300

Lunch fee: RMB 10,000/year (for boarding students, including three meals and three

desserts); RMB 5,000/year (non-boarding students, including lunch and two desserts)

Transportation fee: RMB 5,000 (weekly return); RMB 10,000 (daily return)

Age range: 2-18

Number of students: 2,600

Nationality of students: Canada, US, UK, Singapore, Russia, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Class size: 10-30

Teacher/student ratio: 1:4

School hours: 8.40am-4.20pm

After school activities: Singing, dancing, art, English corner, model aircrafts, instruments, summer and winter camps, school exchanges, hip-hop, photography, literature, charity work,

Word from a parent:

"Thanks to NIT, our child now has the opportunity for a brighter future. The school introduced a program called WACE as a broader and long-term approach to education. When it comes to academics, we are reassured by NIT's rigorous quality control, as seen by organized learning activities and strengthened international cooperation and communication. In this way, students become more familiar with the structure and learning methods of foreign universities."

— Parent of Pan Junyi (age 16)

cooking and tutoring

School facilities: Standard 400-meter track, basketball courts, tennis courts, cricket grounds, swimming pool, fencing hall, taekwondo hall, ping pong and badminton hall, computer rooms, piano room, five canteens

School nurse: Yes

Contact: 7 Louzizhuang, Chaoyang District (8439 0808, jinyumei@nitbj.com) www.bischool.com.cn 朝阳区楼梓庄路7号

New Bamboo Academy

新竹国际幼儿园

An all-English school based on the American High Scope structure

New Bamboo Education was founded in 1993 in Liaoning Province, China. It is one of the first private education institutions in the northeast China region, and is now a holding company of many private schools and international kindergartens, with campuses in Beijing, Shenyang and Nanjing. New Bamboo Academy in Beijing is an all-English international preschool with a foundation of the US High Scope pre-school education structure. Considering the question: "What kind of talent is needed in the future?" New Bamboo Academy has incorporated the most up-to-date research into their daily teachings.

Founding date (Beijing): 2010

School type: Preschool and kindergarten

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Application fee: RMB 1,000

One-year tuition: RMB 60,000

Lunch fee: RMB 30/day. Chinese and Western food, vegetarian options available.

Age range: 1-6

Number of students: 50

Nationality of students: China (70 percent),

foreign (30 percent)

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: English and Chinese

Class size: Max 15

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5

School hours: 8am-5pm

School facilities: Indoor play room and outdoor play area

Word from a parent:

"I'm very happy with the service and smiley faces of the teachers and staff at Bamboo Academy. Everyone is very warm and friendly, which makes it welcoming for the kids and family to attend school. I would recommend any family to send their kids to the New Bamboo Academy."

— Gaia (Malaysia), mother of a 3-year-old

School nurse: Yes

Contact: 16 Jianguomenwai Dajie, East Rui Jing Tower, Chaoyang District (6569 1123, bjrj@newbambooschools.com) www.newbambooschools.com 朝阳区建国门外大街16号东方瑞景小区 (西门)



New Garden International School

新园双语幼儿园

An enriching kindergarten curriculum in the heart of the CBD



Located just south of the China World Trade center, New Garden International Kindergarten has both Chinese and native English-speaking teachers on staff. The school offers a fun and enriching curriculum that enables students to flourish in both Chinese and Western education systems. Equipped with a children's kitchen, library, and indoor and outdoor play areas, New Garden International School provides a warm and peaceful child-centered environment for students to develop and learn in. The school accepts students 2-6 years of age, with extracurricular classes available for kids up to 12 years of age.

Founding date: September 1, 2008

School type: International bilingual kindergarten

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year):

Yearly tuition (ages 2-6): RMB 42,000

Materials fee: RMB 800/year

Lunch fee: RMB 600/month, featuring organic produce, Chinese and Western food

Transportation fee: N/A

Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 235

Nationality of students: US, China, UK, France, Canada, Australia, Singapore, Vietnam, Israel, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: English and

Chinese

Languages taught: Chinese and English

Class size: 25

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5

School hours: 7:40am-5pm

After school activities: Art, dance, science, wushu, piano and calligraphy

School facilities: Children's kitchen, library, indoor and outdoor play areas

School nurse: Yes

Contact: Bldg 61, Area D, Fulicheng (north of Shuangjing Qiao), Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District (5876 1319, mcyo521@163.com) 朝阳区东三环双井桥北富力城D区西门61号楼

Bldg 7, Wanke Lanshan (northwest of Yaowahu Bridge), 3 Nanmofang Lu, Dongsihuan, Chaoyang

Word from a parent:

"From what I saw in the first three days of accompanying Benji to school, the teachers gave the kids a chance to express themselves. During story time, they encouraged the children to share their ideas. We were also very impressed when we learned of a parent who complained about a teacher's attitude to the school and immediate action was taken to address the situation. My husband and I appreciate New Garden's daily reports; teachers take parents seriously when it comes to taking note of the child's attitude and emotions. Overall, we are very happy with the New Garden and are looking forward to the progress of both our child and the school."

— Ruby Shiu, mother of Benjamin (age 4)

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Positive Foundations School (PFS)

北京灵睿国际学校

Blending Montessori and American early childhood approaches

Positive Foundations School is an international school dedicated to early childhood education. It is the only school in Asia to cooperate with Heutink Group, which was founded more than 100 years ago in the Netherlands. At PFS, every student is taken care of and parents are kept up-to-date by the teacher. The school applies the Educotriad Learning System with the educational philosophies of Maria Montessori, Lev Vygotsky and Jean Piaget. This unique learning concept gives a clear overview of all the learning goals that children have to achieve. All teachers are trained and certified by NAMC and Heutink.

Founding date: 2009

School type: Toddler, nursery and kindergarten

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Registration fee: RMB 2,000

Full day: RMB 80,000/year

Half day: RMB 56,000/year

Lunch fee: RMB 50/day. Includes nutritious snacks and lunches prepared onsite, with a menu composed of Western and Chinese foods.

Transportation fee: RMB 7,000-13,000/year (according to area)

Age range: 18 months-6 years

Number of students: Max capacity of 30

Nationality of students: US, Canada, UK, Egypt, China and more

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Class size: Max 15

Teacher/student ratio: 1:3 (Toddler and Nursery); 1:4 (Kindergarten)

School hours: 9am-3.30pm

After school activities: Art, music, dancing, cooking, sinology and sports

School facilities: 632sqm building with four classrooms, front and rear playgrounds, indoor physical education room, napping room, dancing room and a library, equipped with teaching implements and materials imported from the US and Europe

School nurse: All teachers and assistant teachers are trained and certified in infant and adult first aid and CPR by the American Heart Association

Contact: 3006 Gahood Villa, Xibaixingzhuang, Houshayu, Shunyi District (8046 6302,

Word from a parent:

"The first time I visited PFS with my daughter, she was 2 years and 4 months. She is smart but shy. The school is in a villa, giving it a feeling of familiarity, like a home. We arrived during free activity; it was quiet. The kids sat on the floor by twos and threes to work, while the teacher told a story to whoever wanted to listen. Looking around the whole room, I didn't find any desks or chairs. All the toys were placed on the shelves. We were invited to join in on music time. The kids and teachers sat on the floor in a circle – listening to music, they danced and clapped hands. It was like a party rather than a class. After that experience, I decided to send my daughter to PFS. PFS will have a bright future, without a doubt."

– Maggie Shao (China), mother of Hanica

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Prestige Education Centre (PEC)

An enriching learning center in Beijing's villa community



Prestige Education Centre (PEC) is a newly-opened school at the heart of the villa community in Beijing. Its curriculum is based on the Independent English School system and teaches children about the world around them in small, personalized classes. Currently, PEC's headmaster and the majority of its teachers are from the UK, and the rest are from the US. The school's mix of children from local schools and international schools gives students a culturally rich experience that comes together in a 100 percent English environment. PEC offers the highest standards as it caters to students who would like to study abroad, study in an international school in the future, or who would like to enrich their learning in general. PEC's weekend classes run for one day or two days, half days, or whole-day sessions. A well-rounded UK education is provided, which includes math, English, geography, science, history, music, art, drama, and design, as well as specific topic-based activities for younger learners. By making weekend study fun, PEC aims to help individuals to achieve their academic potential.

Founding date: May 2012

School type: Weekend school with UK curriculum

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

One full day's tuition: RMB 27,000

Two full days' tuition: RMB 52,000

Lunch fee*:

Annual lunch fee for one day: RMB 1,080

Annual lunch fee for two days: RMB 2,160

**Healthy Chinese and western options offered. Local and organic produce to be used whenever available.*

Age range: 4-13

Number of students: Capacity of 100

Nationality of students: UK, China, France, US, Singapore and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: English

Class size: Max 8, min 3

Teacher/student ratio: Average 1:4, maximum 1:8

School hours: Saturday and/or Sunday 9.30am-4.30pm (half days also available). In addition, PEC offers tailor-made after school classes from Monday to Friday

After school activities: Creative writing, reading, and weekly topic-based classes

Extra help offered? Yes

School facilities: Large sunny classrooms, library (free book lending for students),

Word from a parent:

"I thank PEC and its teachers very much for making my daughter feel welcome both inside and out of the classroom. Cindy loves to attend class, as she really enjoys the teacher's education method and sense of humor, not to mention the delicious lunches! The children have not only obtained more knowledge, but also a new concept of learning. Even though we haven't been with the school for very long, we feel that the staff – particularly the teachers – is committed to ensuring the progress and well-being of the students. The students are allowed and encouraged to feel the power of learning, and continuously feel inspired and, as a result, are eager to learn."

– Weijie Hong (China), mother of Cindy (age 7)

computers, a cafeteria, and an art and media room.

School nurse: No

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Russian Children's Education Center (RCEC)

A preschool, kindergarten, and grade school with a Russian/English bilingual curriculum

The motto of the Russian Children's Education Center is "To know, to feel, to do," signifying a commitment to hands-on learning. The Russian-centered program seeks to nurture children's cognitive activity, curiosity, and desire for self-knowledge while stimulating their imagination and developing creativity, speech, and intellectual abilities. The school focuses on increasing children's self-awareness and establishing an environment of emotional support. Learning materials feature the super popular animal characters from the Russian animation Smeshariki, also known in China as Kaixinqiu (开心球).

Founding Date: January 2011

School type: Russian preschool, kindergarten, grade school, and culture center with bilingual Russian/English program

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year): RMB 6,500/month (full day); RMB 5,000/month (half day)

Lunch fee: Lunch is included in the tuition fees for preschool and kindergarten, but Grade 1 students from the new school program pack their own lunch. Includes Russian and European cuisine.

Transportation fee: Varies according to distance and frequency. Most parents pick their kids up, but RCEC has the option of being dropped off at home if pre-arranged with the school.

Age range: 3-12

Number of students: 150

Nationality of students: Russia, US, Hungary, Israel, Belarus, Thailand, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Primary teaching language: Russian

Languages taught: Russian, Chinese, English

Class size: 20

Teacher/student ratio: 1:10

School hours: 8.30am-6pm

After school activities: Music, art, English, and Chinese

School facilities: Brand new campus with nearby park, spacious classrooms with large work areas, big bright windows for natural light, and children's furniture. Classrooms are tailored to meet the developmental needs of each age group.

Word from a parent:

"[RCEC] stands out from other preschools in the city with its warm, bright, joyful, and almost magical atmosphere. Everything here – from the interior decoration to teachers' attitudes, administration, and technical staff – shows that everything is done with great love for the children. The kids are offered many different classes, like choreography, drawing, art, singing, swimming, foreign languages, and more. There's something for everyone. Most importantly, the center provides Russian traditions, literature, and folklore for those who do not want their children to lose sight of their rich cultural heritage."

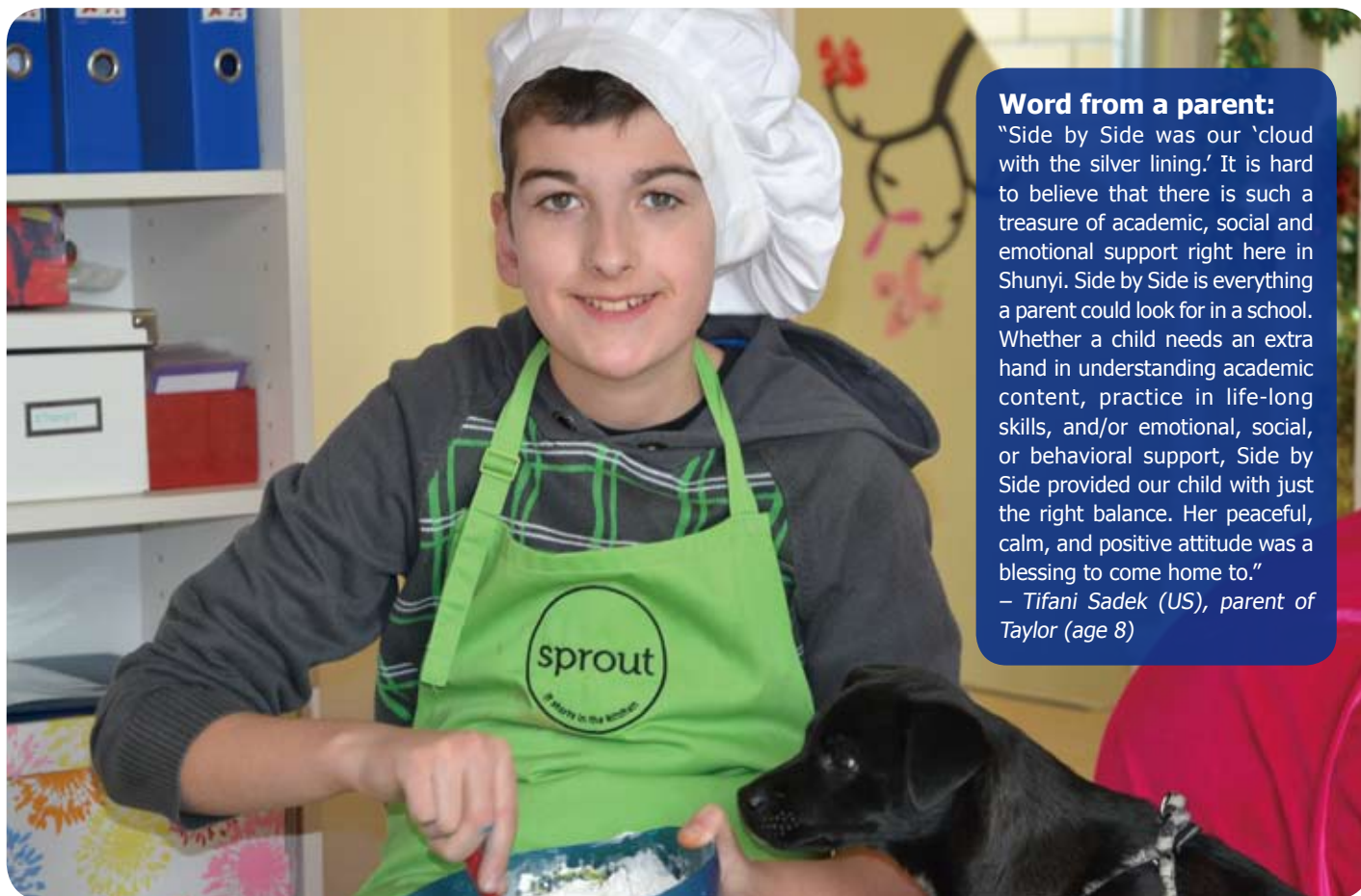
– Svetlana Puzanova (Russia), mother of Lisa (age 3)

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Side by Side

Providing special education, support, and therapy for all ages



Word from a parent:

"Side by Side was our 'cloud with the silver lining.' It is hard to believe that there is such a treasure of academic, social and emotional support right here in Shunyi. Side by Side is everything a parent could look for in a school. Whether a child needs an extra hand in understanding academic content, practice in life-long skills, and/or emotional, social, or behavioral support, Side by Side provided our child with just the right balance. Her peaceful, calm, and positive attitude was a blessing to come home to."

– Tifani Sadek (US), parent of Taylor (age 8)

Side by Side is a foreign-owned and foreign-managed center for individuals with special needs and learning difficulties. The center works with all ages, from preschool to adult, as well as families, schools, and community groups. Side by Side offers a small special education day program, learning support, music therapy, behavior support, parenting sessions, family support, and a variety of workshops. The school works with clients who have academic, communication, social, emotional, behavioral and/or organizational difficulties. Qualified and experienced team members work with other professionals like teachers, occupational therapists, and psychologists to provide personalized support. Side by Side's team has experience working in an international context and a passion for bringing out the potential in their clients.

Founding date: July 2010

School type: Special education center

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Learning support: RMB 550/session

Music therapy: RMB 400/session

Day program: Priced depending on number of hours and days per week.

Community support services: Priced on an individual basis depending on services and hours requested

Initial consultations are free of charge.

Lunch fee: Lunch is included with the full day program. The center uses produce from

its own garden as much as possible and works with all dietary needs.

Age range: All ages (including children and adults)

Number of students: Around 20

Nationality of students: 12 nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: English (day program and learning support); English and German (music therapy)

Languages taught: Side by Side's day program is instructed in English, but can

include Chinese lessons.

Class size: Max 4

Teacher/student ratio: 1:1-1:4

School hours: Mon-Fri 8am-3pm (day program); Mon-Fri 3-6pm (other services)

After school activities: Side by Side works with other schools and organizations to offer extracurricular activities for full day students.

School facilities: Kitchen, herb and vegetable garden, dining area, play/break area with educational toys and a piano, sensory space, learning support room, music therapy room, office area, and computer area equipped with a computer and iPad for supervised use. Side by Side also has access to Capital Paradise's clubhouse for swimming, the playground, and permission to feed the animals at the zoo.

School nurse: There is always someone with advanced first aid training at the center

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Springboard International Bilingual School

君诚国际双语学校

A bilingual international school in the heart of Shunyi

Springboard International Bilingual School (SIBS) is where children come from all around the world to work and learn together in a safe, friendly, educational environment. The international curriculum is complimented by twice daily instruction for Chinese language and math. SIBS' teachers are dedicated professionals from the UK and the US. Here, good teaching and real learning outcomes go hand-in-hand.

Founding date: April 2002

School type: Kindergarten to Grade 6, high school

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Application fee: RMB 10,000

One-year tuition: RMB 60,000 (kindergarten), RMB 90,000 (Grade 1-6), RMB 90,000 (Grade 10-12)

Lunch fee: RMB 25/day, international weekly menu. Chinese/Western menu with vegetarian and Halal options

Transportation fee: RMB 7,000-12,000

Types of scholarships offered: Offered on a case-by-case basis.

Age range: 4-18

Number of students: 420

Nationality of students: Europe, South Korea, Africa, Canada, China, US, Singapore

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: English and Chinese

Class size: Max 20, min 5

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8.30am-3.10pm or 4.10pm

After school activitie: Offered twice a week from 3.10-4pm on Tue and Thu

Special needs programs offered: Several teachers have SEN teaching experience so we can make provisions.

Extra help offered: ESL tutoring

School facilities: Specialist grade teaching classrooms, an ESL classroom, a school library, a science classroom, a music/dance studio, an art classroom, an outdoor jungle gym, and a multi sports soccer field and track with Astro turf

Word from a parent:

"I am really impressed by the teachers at SIBS. They are excellent facilitators and they have great rapport with both parents and students. The small class sizes allow my child to excel faster and at a deeper level. Students can have much more 1-on-1 time with the teacher. SIBS offers a warm, inviting, close knit community feel and a family atmosphere that looks out for everyone. I high recommend sending you child to SIBS if you are looking for a school that will personalize your child's schooling experience."

– Emily McCowan, parent of Graham Jesse McCowan (age 5)s

School nurse: Yes

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Saint Paul American School (SPAS)

北京师范大学第二附属中学

An American-style high school education in the heart of Beijing



Word from a parent:

"It was a long way to go for a birthday party, but it was my son's 15th birthday and I was going to be there. So from our home in Vail, Colorado, I was standing at the SPAS gate 23 hours later. SPAS was so welcoming. I ate lunch with the students in the cafeteria, hung out in his dorm room, and even took the bus with some of the students to attend church service. I felt like I was part of the SPAS family. Back home in the US, we were missing him terribly, especially his mother Xin (who was raised in Beijing), but I knew I could report back that Johnny was doing fine; not just fine, but extremely fine. He had good friends, supportive teachers and staff and good facilities. As parents, we chose this high school, so that he could learn Chinese language, appreciate other cultures, and not compromise academics. While we had concerns regarding our objectives and our son's ability to adjust, we now know we didn't need to worry."

— Bob Barron (US), parent of John Barron (age 14, Grade 9)

Saint Paul American School (SPAS) is a private residential school, part of the Nacel International School System, dedicated to meeting the educational needs of international students at the middle and high school level. Partnered with the No. 2 High School attached to Beijing Normal University, SPAS offers both an American curriculum, as well as intensive study in Chinese language and culture. This arrangement provides a unique dual diploma system that is fully accredited by the North Central Association on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA). Saint Paul American School's intercultural program now serves students from 23 countries around the world, and is truly dedicated to providing a new concept of high school for future leaders in the global community.

Founding date: 2007

School type: Middle and High School, Grade 7-12

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year): Application fee: USD 100; One-year tuition: USD 16, 135 (Grade 7, 8, 9), USD 17, 135 (Grade 10, 11, 12); Dormitory fee: USD 1,770 (three bed), USD 2,650 (two bed); Enrollment fee USD 850

Food offered: Day students are offered a wide variety of Chinese, Korean, and Western cuisine, as well as other international dishes for breakfast, lunch and dinner

Types of scholarships offered: Merit-based scholarships available

Age range: 13-19

Number of students: 302

Nationality of students: China, South Korea, the US, Russia, and Kazakhstan

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: English, Chinese, Spanish

Class size: Max 25, min 5, average 15-16

Teacher/student ratio: 1:9

School hours: 8am-5.45pm

After school activities offered: Art club, basketball, book club, debate, drama, games, fitness club, jazz band, knitting, ping pong, soccer, study session, student council, student newsletter, volleyball, volunteering, yearbook.

Following the regular school day, each student participates in a club or activity of their choosing from 3.10-4pm. Students have the opportunity to choose a different club or activity every nine weeks, or remain with the same one. They may also create their own with a teacher advisor.

Extra help offered: English Language Learners (ELL) language programs available, nightly study hall (6.30-8.30pm) supervised by teaching staff, peer-mentoring program, a school counselor

School facilities: Teaching building, boys and girls dormitories, a computer lab, a cafeteria, a gymnasium, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, an outdoor multi-purpose field, which includes running track, basketball courts, and soccer field

School nurse: Yes, two; 24-hr in office and on call for emergencies – in which case, parents are contacted.

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Tsinghua International School (THIS)

清华大学附属中学国际部

Providing world-class education in a local setting

A division of the local high school attached to Tsinghua University, Tsinghua International School integrates progressive American educational philosophies with Chinese educational perspectives. The primary school curriculum follows the Bank Street Model of education, in which "lively intellectual curiosities turn the world into an exciting laboratory and keep one ever a learner." The secondary school encourages students to explore a wide variety of interests, develop exceptional academic skills and become motivated self-directed learners. The curriculum prepares students for universities in the US, Canada, and other Western countries.

Founding date: March 2009

School type: Day school for Grades 1-12, with boarding available

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Application fee: RMB 1,000

Grades 1-5: RMB 89,000

Grades 6-12: RMB 99,000

Textbook deposit: RMB 3,000

Lunch fee: Average RMB 23/day, mostly Chinese meals

Transportation fee: Varies according to location (ask school administration for details)

Age range: 6-18

Number of students: 370

Nationality of students: 15 nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: English, Chinese, Spanish

Class size: Max 22 (primary); Max 24 (secondary)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:7

School hours: 8am-3.15pm

After school activities: Sports, drama, music, cooking, art, math games, Model United Nations, Volunteer Club, choir, speech and debate club, Japanese club, ice skating, school newspaper, movie making, fashion design club, wall climbing, cycling, and more. ASAs can be developed according to student interest.

School facilities: Five primary school and 20 secondary school classrooms equipped with SmartBoards and at least one computer, science labs, computer labs, music rooms, art rooms, sports facilities, multiple auditoriums, and a cafeteria

Word from a parent:

"The first time I visited two years ago, I was immediately taken by the beautiful campus and crowds of Tsinghua students. But it was a new international school, and I wondered if it was the right choice for my son; now, I couldn't be happier with my decision. My son Rickey has shown passion for global issues like the revolution in the Middle East and charity activities for migrant children and earthquake victims. The education he has received at THIS has helped him grow. He now takes initiative and responsibility, embraces challenges, and is respectful of those around him."

– Carol Guo (US), mother of Rickey (age 12)

School nurse: Yes, shared with Tsinghua High School.

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Western Academy of Beijing (WAB)

北京京西学校

Connecting, inspiring, and challenging students



Western Academy of Beijing (WAB) is a leading international IB World School. Founded in 1994, WAB prides itself on its world-class facilities, highly qualified teachers, global curriculum, warm and supportive environment, and service-oriented culture. WAB provides a learner-centered atmosphere that nurtures a strong sense of community among its 1,550 students with the mission to "Connect, Inspire, Challenge: Make a Difference." WAB students are encouraged to take their place as responsible citizens of the world who can influence their surroundings through careful reflection and positive action.

Founding date: 1994

School type: Independent international school (Nursery-Grade 12); International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum

Tuition fees (2012-2013 Academic Year):

Nursery: RMB 94,000

Pre-Kindergarten: RMB 153,000

Grade K-5: RMB 196,000

Grade 6-8: RMB 203,000

Grade 9-10: RMB 226,000

Grade 11-12: RMB 233,000

Lunch fee: Students purchase snacks and meals with a prepaid SmartCard. The menu features a range of Western, Chinese and vegetarian options.

Transportation fee: Included in tuition fees

Age range: 3-18

Number of students: 1,550

Nationality of students: 54 nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: Chinese, French, Spanish, and Dutch (for native speakers)

Class size: 14 (early childhood); 21 (elementary through high school)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:8

School hours: 8.30am-3.30pm

After school activities: Volleyball, soccer, badminton, choir, rock school, China club, art, photography, speech and debate club, global citizenship project groups, and more.

Word from a parent:

"The Western Academy of Beijing is a wonderful school. It's like a big family. WAB accepts individuality and encourages kids to develop in all aspects. It's the best school I have ever experienced. Three more of my daughter's friends are joining WAB next year! Hooray!"

— Zixia Li (UK), mother of Hannah Louie (age 5)

School facilities: Six buildings, four of which provide a self-contained environment for each of the school sections - Early Childhood Center, Elementary School, Middle School and High School - with the HUB Sports, Arts and Technology Center as a shared resource for middle and high school students.

School nurse: Yes, expat nurse in each school section

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Western Academy of Beijing: The Story of a Dream

The world-class school that is the Western Academy of Beijing was founded in 1994 with a strong sense of purpose. The "Story of a Dream" tells of the values and dedication that propelled the creation of WAB and that continue to inspire.

"In any close-knit community stories are shared so that all know of the roads traveled together, the paths chosen, and the reasons for the journey itself. WAB is just such a community, thus the desire and need to tell our story." - Sabina Brady, one of WAB's founders.

Why WAB?

Back in the early 90's, a group of parents in Beijing believed that a new school could fulfill a pressing need - that of providing greater educational choice in China's capital city. The dream was to create something different: a non-profit, independent international school for foreign children in Beijing, guided by a parent board - a school that embraced Chinese language and culture, had a truly international curriculum, and most critically, accomplished all of that within a child-centered and inquiry-based learning environment. "Our students exemplify these values through their awareness of the world around them, service to others, can-do spirit and commitment to excellence," says WAB Director Geoffrey Andrews.

Brady continues, "The WAB dream was of a school that celebrated the joy of learning - a place where all could realize their own personal levels of excellence and light candles instead of merely complaining of the darkness; a place where all would be equipped to go out into the world confident of themselves and of their power and responsibility to light candles for others. This was, and continues to be, WAB's vision."

WAB first opened its doors in 1994 to just 146 students, and now WAB brings together over 1500 students from more than 50 different nationalities. A place of engaged, innovative learning opportunities, WAB's campus features impressively beautiful grounds and facilities, which reflect 'jing shen' - a spirit of being welcoming, friendly, vibrant and creative. WAB's Early Childhood



Center, Elementary School, Middle School and High School provide self-contained environments for the different age groups, with the HUB Sports, Arts and Technology Center as a shared resource for Middle and High School students.

The Western Academy of Beijing is a top tier international school, well known in Asia and around the world, with international educators, staff and students eager to join the extraordinary WAB learning community. Year after year, WAB students are admitted to top universities and colleges, and WAB is proud to have graduated several students with perfect scores on the IB exams - two in 2012 alone.

Opportunities for learning beyond the classroom are constantly being embraced and developed at WAB. The recent addition of the Miao Liang Environmental Education Center, situated close to Beijing in the Miyun mountains, offers WAB students extended environmental science, geography and outward bound programs. WAB's wetlands, developed in partnership with the Jane Goodall

Institute and with the corporate support of Bayer, is another example of an environmental initiative, offering students educational opportunities in line with WAB's Mission and Core Values.

Today, just as in the beginning, both on and off campus, WAB offers a challenging and caring, community-based educational environment in which students, staff and parents cooperate in the educational process. A world-class school that is proud of its accomplishments and sure of its future, WAB remains committed to its continued development as a model school educating the world's future leaders.

Looking forward, founder Sabina Brady's words continue to ring true:

"We believe WAB will continue to grow and flourish as long as we ensure that [our] expectations stretch beyond the imaginings of any one single individual and as long as we keep dreaming our dreams together." To find out more about WAB, visit www.wab.edu, or call 5986 5588.



Windsor Bilingual Kindergarten

温莎双语幼儿园

A global education combining the best of East and West



Windsor Bilingual Kindergartens hold true to one very simple philosophy: children come first. The school's expertly-trained teachers deliver a unique, tailor-made curriculum that combines the strongest elements and values of educational theory from the UK with a traditional Chinese education. Windsor treats all children as individuals and caters specifically to their emotional, cognitive, and physical growth – recognizing that these factors are interrelated and essential to creating a whole child. Married with Windsor's multicultural environment, this allows the schools to nurture learners who are self-motivated and ready for the multinational world in which they will play active roles. Windsor's state-of-the-art facilities are purpose-built with fun and safety in mind, catering to all from the most rambunctious of individuals to the most serene.

Founding date: 2007

School type: Kindergarten

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Application fee: RMB 500

Bilingual class: RMB 66,000

International class: RMB 100,000

Uniforms: RMB 450

Lunch fee: RMB 600/year. Lunch consists of Western and Chinese dishes, plus snacks and fruit. Nutrition is monitored by the school nurse in accordance with Chinese guidelines.

Transportation fee: RMB 600-900/year

Age range: 18 months to 6 years

Number of students: 150

Nationality of students: China, UK, and more

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching languages: English and

Chinese (50/50 split throughout the day)

Languages taught: English and Chinese

Class size: 18 min, 25 max

Teacher/student ratio: 1:5-1:8 (depending on age)

School hours: 8.30am-4.30pm

After school activities: Chess, cooking, creative art, dance, taekwondo, and roller skating

School facilities: Cooking rooms, libraries, indoor gym with climbing facilities, playgrounds and gardens

School nurse: Yes, qualified nurse available. Teachers are trained in first aid.

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Word from a parent:

"Both of my daughters are studying at Windsor. The reason my husband and I chose Windsor is that we hoped our daughters could receive an international-standard education starting from their childhood. The ideal kindergarten for us would provide a high-quality and continual educational environment that fits our daughters best, where they can learn from exploring and being happy. Windsor Bilingual Kindergarten makes me feel like I am still in Australia; the atmosphere is easy and happy, and the staff here are really hospitable. The only difference between Australia and Windsor is that the latter provides a bilingual educational environment, in which my two daughters have the best opportunity to study two languages."

– Jiayun Cai (Australia), mother of Audrey (age 6) and Chloe (age 4)

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Yew Chung International School of Beijing (YCIS Beijing)

北京耀中国际学校

A global education combining the best of East and West

Located downtown next to Honglingjin Park, Yew Chung International School of Beijing offers a global education for foreign students from Early Childhood Education (ECE) through graduation in Year 13 (Grade 12). YCIS adheres to the National Curriculum for England (NCE) standards that are internationalized, integrates a rigorous Chinese language curriculum, and a character program. The pioneering co-teaching model of one Western teacher and one Chinese native teacher within the ECE and primary school, ensures that students become bilingual citizens at an early age. Within the secondary school, students hold a 100 percent pass rate for International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP), and a 100 percent university acceptance rate.

Founding date: August 1995

School type: International ECE, primary, and secondary school (K2-Year 13)

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Application fee (non-refundable): RMB 1,660

Placement deposit: RMB 5,000-14,000 (depends on grade level)

K2: RMB 67,000 (half day); RMB 110,000 (full day)

K3: RMB 147,000

K4: RMB 154,000

Year 1-3: RMB 185,000

Year 4-6: RMB 190,000

Year 7-9: RMB 207,000

Year 10-11: RMB 221,000

Year 12-13: RMB 227,000

Lunch fee: Fees not included in tuition. Meals

catered by outside company

Transportation fee: Optional, depends on distance

Age range: 2-18

Number of students: 870

Nationalities of students: 45 nationalities

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? No

Primary teaching languages: English and Chinese

Class size: 16-25 (depends on year level)

Teacher/student ratio: 1:8 (ECE and Primary); 1:24 (Secondary)

School hours: 8am-3.15pm

After school activities: Art, drama, music, sports, Model United Nations, orchestra, inter-school sports competitions, and more

School facilities: Computer and science

Word from a parent:

"For our family, the most attractive aspect of YCIS Beijing is the bilingual classes. We wanted to give our son the best chance of learning Mandarin without the stress of immersion in a non-English speaking environment. My son's class at YCIS Beijing has two teachers, one who speaks English and one who speaks Chinese and it's very multicultural with 7 different nations represented. General instruction takes place in both languages, and he has Chinese class everyday as well.

— Melanie Duhon (US), mother of Jack (Year 5)

laboratories, music suites, a design and technology classroom, gymnasium, performing arts centers, multi-purpose auditorium, a secondary library, a primary library learning Center and outdoor activity areas

School nurse: Yes

Contact: East gate of Honglingjin Park, 5 Houbalizhuang, Chaoyang District (8583 3731, enquiry@bj.ycef.com) www.ycis-bj.com 朝阳区后八里庄5号红领巾公园东门



Yew Wah Infant and Toddler Education Centre (YWITEC)

耀华婴幼儿教育中心

An early education center built on decades of experience



Yew Wah international education services are founded upon Yew Chung Education Foundation's experience in offering quality international education in Hong Kong and mainland China. YWITEC adheres to a child-centered philosophy for children 18 months to 6 years of age and advocates children's rights. The curriculum draws from advanced research and both local and international early childhood education practices. The center values the individual development of each child and plans a challenging but enjoyable experience across all the domains of learning and development, with age-appropriate learning goals.

Founding date: September 2010

School type: Kindergarten for ages 18 months-6 years

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Application fee: RMB 100

International class with full day expat teacher: RMB 80,000

Bilingual class with half day expat teacher: RMB 55,000

Uniform: RMB 405

A sibling discount of five percent applies.

Lunch fee: RMB 5,300/year. Onsite kitchen provides Western and Chinese dishes, and vegetarian options; organic produce; nutritionist consulted.

Transportation fee: RMB 7,500/year

Age range: 18 months-6 years

Number of students: 90

Nationality of students: China, UK, Canada, US

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes, provided one of the parents holds a Chinese passport

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes (If parent holds an overseas passport, he/she must have a copy of a Chinese ID certificate)

Primary teaching languages: Chinese and English

Languages taught: English and Chinese

Class size: Max 20

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 8.30am-4.15pm (full day)

School facilities: Bright and spacious

Word from a parent:

"After Shangshang transferred from another school to Yew Wah's K4 class, we saw striking changes. When we go outside now, he tells us: 'Drive less, we need to protect our environment. We only have one world.' He started caring about the environment and asked adults to do the same. Yew Wah totally went beyond our expectations. We are thankful for all the teachers' hard work and hope Yew Wah has a good future."

— Maria Zhai and Lei Shi (China), parents of Shangyu Shi (age 4)

classrooms, music and dancing areas, art area, indoor multi-functional area, and more

School nurse: Yes

Contact: Block F, Honglingjin Park, 5 Houbalishuang, Chaoyang District (8583 9223, 8581 8466 ext 817, itec@bj.ycef.com) www.ywitec.com 朝阳区后八里庄5号红领巾公园东门 F 楼

Young Starters Academy (YSA)

A bilingual kindergarten with a holistic approach to early childhood education

Young Starters Academy (formerly known as Beijing2Fun) is a bilingual kindergarten that takes a holistic approach to young children's education. The curriculum boasts individualized programs in music, reading, and brain training. The school values the uniqueness of each child and promotes self-development in these programs. The latter are approached in a way that makes learning fun. The students are taught how to problem solve and exercise empathy and reason. The school monitors the development of each child on a weekly basis. Devoted teachers receive weekly training and practice responsive nurturing; student to teacher ratio is kept low so that more attention is given to each child. YSA's small campus is a home away from home, allowing your child to easily make the transition to school life.

Founding date: 2011

School type: Preschool academy

Tuition fees (2013-2014 Academic Year):

Registration fee: RMB 1,000

Tuition fees range from RMB 17,500/semester (three half days) to RMB 35,000/semester (five full days).

Lunch fee: RMB 25/day. Organic, vegetarian lunch is offered.

Age range: 2-6

Number of students: 22 at the Lido campus and currently enrolling at the Jiudu campus

Nationality of students: US, UK, Singapore, Malaysia, France, Spain, China, and Australia

Foreign passport holders accepted? Yes

Local Chinese students accepted? Yes

Primary teaching language: English

Languages taught: English and Chinese

Class size: 6-10

Teacher/student ratio: 1:6

School hours: 9.30am-4.30pm

After school activities: Art, kung fu, reading, cooking, science, paper folding, abacus math

School facilities: Music room and gym facilities at Mixion campus

School nurse: The school is staffed with first aid-trained teachers.

Contact: 1) Young Starters@Upper East Side: Rm 101, Unit 5, Block 5, Area 2, Upper East Side Apartments, 6 Dongsihuan Beilu,

Word from a parent:

"[YSA] is supported by a team of staff that is responsible and genuinely interested in the children's well-being. They have created an effective and dynamic curriculum that captivates and stimulates my 2-year-old. As a parent, I am well-informed of my child's progress in school through daily reports and pictures. I feel at ease and know that he is in good hands."

— Stella Antakusuma, mother of Dylan (age 2)

Chaoyang District (186 0004 9065 Joyce, 135 2256 3767 Kris, theyoungstarters@gmail.com) www.theyoungstarters.com 朝阳区东四环北路6号二区阳光上东5号楼5单元101室; 2) Young Starters@Mixon: Rm 102, Unit 4, Block 6, Jiuduhui Apartments (near Ladies Street), Chaoyang District (186 0004 9065 Joyce, 135 2256 3767 Kris, theyoungstarters@gmail.com) www.theyoungstarters.com 朝阳区朝阳区华远九都汇6号楼4单元102室 (近女人街)



Family Health

Clinics & Hospitals

AmAsia International Medical Center

Formerly known as American-Sino Hospital, AmAsia International Medical Center focuses on meeting women's and children's healthcare needs in a warm and relaxing environment. AmAsia uses the latest international medical technology and is staffed by English-speaking doctors experienced in the fields of obstetrics and gynecology. Nurses and midwives also speak English and the center can provide language services in both Japanese and Russian. Provides direct billing with most major international insurance providers, as well as allowing direct payments. Daily 24hrs. 218 Xiaoguan Beili, Anwai Dajie, east of Olympic Center, Chaoyang District. (6496 8888/5151) www.asog-beijing.com 东方美华医院。朝阳区安外大街小关北里218号(奥体中心东)

Amcare Women's & Children's Hospital

This newly opened hospital near the Lido focuses on maternity services, women's health and pediatrics. Foreign language support is available upon request. 24-hr appointment service. 1) Daily 8am-4.30pm. 9 Fangyuan Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6434 2399 24hr hotline, 800 610 6200); 2) 9-9 Jiangtai Xilu, Chaoyang District. www.amcare.com.cn 北京美中宜和妇儿医院。1) 朝阳区芳园西路9号; 2) 朝阳区将台西路9-9号

Beijing HarMoniCare Women and Children's Hospital (HMC)

Beijing HarMoniCare Women and Children's Hospital (HMC) offers medical services both Chinese and western families with JCI (Joint Commission International) standard. HMC is strategic partner of PHMI and cooperates with Teaching Hospital of Harvard Medical School—Boston Women's Hospital, Boston Children's Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital. Located next to Olympic Forest Park, HMC covers an area of 13,000 square meters. HMC is a medical center in Obstetrics, Gynecology and Pediatrics. Daily 8am-5pm. A2 Xiaoguan Beili, Beiyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (6499 0000, contact@hmcare.org) www.hmcare.net and 美妇儿医院。朝阳区北苑路小关北里甲2号

Beijing Puhua International Clinic

Beijing Puhua International Clinic's unique services include orthopedic and trauma surgery conforming to European standards. They also offer physical rehabilitation, an eye clinic with certified US ophthalmologist, a chiropractic clinic, comprehensive family medical services, a Western-style pharmacy, and emergency services. The clinic offers services in English, Chinese, Arabic, Russian, Filipino, Amharic, and Taiwanese. Conveniently located in Jinsong, the center has free parking available for customers. Mon-Sun 9am-6pm. 54 Wusheng Beilu, Dongsanhuan, Chaoyang District. (8773 5522, 5245 2585 (24hr hotline)) www.puhuaclinic.com 北京普华门诊。朝阳区东三环武圣北路54号

Beijing Puhua International Hospital

Beijing Puhua International Hospital is the first International-Standard Hospital in Beijing, and has been open in Beijing since 1994. Inpatient, Outpatient, Surgery, Inpatient Care and ICU Services. English-speaking staff on 24/7 call. Wide range of Medical, Surgical and Consulting Services. Direct-billing with International Insurance Companies. The reference-level Medical Facility in Beijing for all Neurology, Neurosurgery and Rehabilitation Issues. World leader & Pioneer in Regenerative Medicine. Member of Asia Pacific Medicine (APMG) the leading, and the largest, International-Standard Medical Services Group in Asia. 12 Tiantan Nanli (800m west of the South Gate of the Temple of Heaven), Chongwen District. (8911 6665 (24hr hotline)) www.puhuaclinic.com 崇文区天坛南里12号(天坛南里往西800米)

Beijing United Family Hospital Beijing United Family Hospital and Clinics (BJU) offers international-standard care to thousands of Beijing's expatriate and Chinese families. BJU features an international team of doctors from more than 20 countries and since 2005, it has been consistently re-accredited by Joint Commission International (JCI) and the College of American Pathologists (CAP). Since 1997, BJU's multilingual staff has provided professional expertise with heartfelt care. The hospital and clinics offer a full range of medical services. In addition to departments of family medicine, surgery, pediatrics, and dentistry, BJU has attracted top medical professionals in cardiology, neurology, internal medicine, dermatology, psychological health, obstetrics and gynecology, emergency medicine, integrative medicine, ophthalmology and ENT. 1) Mon-Fri 9.30-7.30pm, Sat-Sun 9.30am-4.30pm. 818, Pinnacle Plaza, Tianzhu Real Estate Development Zone, Shunyi District. (8046 5432); 2) Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm. DRC, Liangma Qiao, Chaoyang District. (5927 7005); 3) Mon-Sun 8.30am-3.30pm. St Regis Wellness Center. B1/F, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (8532 1678); 4) Mon-Sat 8.30am-5.30pm. 24-hour emergency care. 2) Jiangtai Lu (in the Lido area), Chaoyang District. (5927 7000, 5927 7120 (ER), fax 5927 7200) www.uhf.com.cn 北京和睦家医院。1) 顺义区顺义区天竺房地产开发区荣祥广场818号; 2) 朝阳区亮马桥外交公寓; 3) 朝阳区朝阳区建国门外大街21号国际俱乐部饭店地下1层; 4) 朝阳区将台路2号

GlobalCare Women & Children's Hospital

Formally known as the famous Beijing Wuzhou Women's Hospital. Global Care, now provides a full range of health care services from gynecology, pediatrics, obstetrics, dentistry, general practice, dermatology, basic medicine, and traditional Chinese medicine. With over 12,000 square meters and 80 beds, the hospital provides first class comprehensive health care services to expatriates and internationals. Being one of the first hospitals in Beijing to offer membership healthcare programs, Global Care Women and Children's Hospital also offers luxury VIP services at its beauty boutique and healthcare facilities at an affordable price. If your new in Beijing or still don't have your health insurance taken care of, the hospital can provide you with a free insurance consultation. Currently, Global Care, has direct billing relationships with many international insurance providers. The hospital provides healthcare for women, children, and men. Special offers are given for group packages. Mon-Sun 8am-8pm, 24h emergency services. 24 Dawang Xilu, Chaoyang District, Chaoyang District. (8776 9899, 800 810 8911, 6770 5558) www.globalcarecn.com 北京五洲妇儿医院。朝阳区望路西大24号。朝阳区

Hong Kong International Medical Clinic, Beijing

Beijing's first joint-venture medical organization operates according to international standards, has a high-quality international administration system, high-level medical staff, and warm service. A 24hr helpline offers medical support in English, Chinese and Japanese, and other languages on request. A basic consultation costs RMB 680. Direct billing with over 50 international insurers. Daily 9am-9pm (after 9pm nurse on duty). 9/F, office tower of the Swissôtel, 2 Chaoyangmen Beidajie, Dongcheng District. (65532288 ext 2345/6/7, 6553 9752) www.hkclinic.com 北京港澳国际医务诊所。东城区北京港澳国际医务诊所。朝阳区门大街2号港澳中心瑞士酒店办公楼9层

International Medical Center (IMC)

Foreign doctors on-site offering a wide range of medical services, including family medicine, psychological services, dental, Ob/Gyn, pediatrics and TCM. Drop-in services for travelers; x-rays and ultrasounds available on-site. English, Chinese, Arabic and Russian spoken. Daily 24hrs. S106, S111 Lufthansa

Center, 50 Liangmahe Lu, Chaoyang District. (6465 1561/2/3, 6465 1384/28, marketing@imcclinics.com) http://www.imcclinics.com/ 北京国际医疗中心。朝阳区亮马桥路50号燕莎中心写字楼1层S106

International SOS

One of the world's leading international healthcare, medical and security assistance company with 66% of the world's Fortune 500 companies choosing International SOS. Since 1989, International SOS has led international-standard medical care in China, with a 24/7 alarm center hotline, a dedicated air ambulance, four international quality clinics staffed with expat and foreign doctors and 200+ network of medical service partners. International SOS Beijing clinic is the city's leading family practice and specialist services clinic, represented by 15 nationalities, including English, French, Japanese, German, Spanish, Korean and Chinese-speaking doctors. Offers 24/7 Emergency Services, GP, Pediatrics, Gynecology, specialists, Pharmacy, Psychology, Physiotherapy, Dentistry and Orthodontics, Optometry. Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat-Sun 9am-6pm. Suite 105, Wing 1, Kunsha Building, 16 Xinyuanli, Chaoyang District. (Clinic: 6462 9112, 24hr hotline 6462 9100, china.inquiries@internationalsos.com) www.internationalsos.com, www.clinicsinchina.com 北京国际救援中心。朝阳区新源里16号琨莎中心一座105室

OASIS Healthcare

OASIS is a full-service private hospital. Their international medical team provides patient-centered care in a modern facility designed for comfort, safety and privacy. OASIS offers attentive service in a soothing environment and expert medicine backed by leading technology, including the most advanced MRI and CT scans available from a private hospital in China. The hospital currently provides services in family medicine, pediatrics, gynecology, general surgery, traditional Chinese medicine (TCM), and dentistry. Direct billing is available for many insurance providers. Daily 24hrs (emergency care), Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sun 8.30-12.30am. 9 Juxianqiao Beilu, Chaoyang District, Chaoyang District. (400 UR OASIS (876 2747)) www.oasishealth.cn 明德医院。朝阳区朝阳区酒仙桥北路9号

United Family Jianguomen Health & Wellness Center

A satellite clinic of BJU located in the St. Regis complex in the heart of Beijing's Central Business District, this clinic makes high-quality healthcare accessible to CBD residents and employees. It offers integrative medicine, family counseling services, and provides health checkups for immigration purposes. B1/F, the St. Regis Residence, the St. Regis Hotel, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (8532 1221, 8532 1678 Immigration clinic) www.uhf.com.cn 北京和睦家健康中心。朝阳区建国门外大街21号北京国际俱乐部饭店公寓楼地下一层

United Family Shunyi Clinic

United Family Shunyi Clinic serves Beijing's suburban area and international school district with internationally-accredited family medicine, pediatrics, rehabilitation (physical therapy), psychological counseling, Traditional Chinese Medicine, laboratory, and pharmacy services. A multinational clinic staff of experienced doctors and bilingual nurses will ensure that you and your family receive the highest quality medical care available. The Shunyi Clinic is a satellite facility of BJU. Like other BJU satellite facilities, the Shunyi Clinic strictly adheres to Joint Commission International (JCI) and international infection control standards. Mon-Thu 9.30am-7.30pm, Fri-Sun 9.30am-4.30pm. Unit 806, Pinnacle Plaza, Tianzhu Real Estate Development Zone, Shunyi District (8046 5432, fax 8046 4383) www.uhf.com.cn 北京和睦家医院诊所。顺义区天竺开发区荣祥广场806号

Vista Medical Center Medical services including family and internal medicine, OB/GYN, pediatrics, dentistry, ophthalmology, dermatology, ENT, TCM, physiotherapy,

psychiatry, imaging laboratory and pharmacy service. Also offers pre- and postnatal care and infant health check-ups. English-speaking staff onsite 24hrs a day. A consultation with a GP costs RMB 660. Direct billing with more than 40 international insurance providers. Daily 24hrs. 3/F, Kerry Centre, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (8529 6618, fax 8529 6615, vista@vista-china.net) www.vista-china.net 维世达诊所。朝阳区光华路1号嘉里中心3层

Dentists

Arrail Dental Clinic

Offers the full spectrum of non-surgical dentistry. All dentists speak English and some have overseas training. The Haidian branch specializes in cosmetic dentistry and implants. A basic consultation costs RMB 100 (first-time registration including a check-up and consultation costs RMB 100). 1) Mon-Thu 9am-5pm, Fri-Sun 9am-5pm. Rm A205, CITIC Bldg, 19 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6500 6472/3); 2) Mon-Thu 9am-5.30pm. Rm 308, Raycom Infotech Park, Tower A, 2 Kexueyuan Nanlu, Haidian District. (8286 1956, 24hr: 139 1100 1367); 3) Mon-Thu 9am-6pm, Fri-Sun 9am-5.30pm. Rm 201, The Exchange-Beijing, B118 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (6567 5670); 4) Mon-Thu 9am-5.30pm, Fri-Sun 9am-5pm. 1/F, Somerset Fortune Garden, 46 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (8440 1926/7/8) www.arrail-dental.com 瑞尔牙科。1) 朝阳区建国门外大街19号国际大厦A205; 2) 海淀区科学院南路2号融科资讯中心A座308室; 3) 朝阳区建国路2118号京汇大厦201室; 4) 朝阳区亮马桥路46号盛捷福景苑1层

Beijing Vista Dental Clinic

Provides comprehensive dental services including teeth cleaning, whitening, gum treatment, white filling, crowns and bridges, root canal treatment, wisdom tooth extraction, orthodontics and implants. Daily 8.30am-6pm. Level 3, Kerry Centre, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (vista@vista-china.net) www.vista-china.net 朝阳区光华路1号北京嘉里中心三层

IDC Dental

Standing for International Standards, Dedicated Professionals and Compassionate Care, IDC is a multi-specialty clinic offering a broad spectrum of family and restorative dental care. Experts in cosmetic makeovers and CT-guided implant surgeries. A certified clinic with Progressive Orthodontics and Beijing's only Western-trained root canal specialist. Multi-tier pricing. IDC is a Preferred Provider with CIGNA, Allianz, and MediLink. Daily 9am-6pm. Rm 209, Bldg 7, Yard 9, Richmond Park Clubhouse, Fangyuan Nanli, Chaoyang District. (6538 8111, info@idcdentalbj.com) www.idcdentalbj.com IDC国际齿科中心。朝阳区芳园南路9号院7号楼209室

IMC Dental Clinic

IMC dental clinic has the longest history of any expatriate dental service in Beijing. Provides general, cosmetic and restorative treatment. English, Chinese, Russian are spoken. Mon-Sat 9am-5pm. S111, Lufthansa Center, 50 Liangmahe Lu, Chaoyang District. (6465 1384, 6465 1328, marketing@imcclinics.com) 北京国际医疗中心牙科诊所。朝阳区亮马桥路50号燕莎中心写字楼1层S111

International SOS Dental, Orthodontics

Provides comprehensive dental services for the whole family, including routine cleaning, X-rays, fillings, whitening, crowns, bridges and cosmetic makeovers. Mon-Sat 9am-5pm. Suite 105, Wing 1, Kunsha Building, 16 Xinyuanli, Chaoyang District. (6462 0333) www.clinicsinchina.com 北京国际SOS牙科。牙齿矫正诊所。朝阳区新源里16号琨莎中心一座105室

King's Dental

Offers general, laser, cosmetic and pediatric dentistry, including crowns for baby teeth. Orthodontic work also available. Daily 9am-9pm. Shop 118, 1/F, Beijing Towercrest Plaza, 3 Maizidian Xilu, Chaoyang District. (8458 0388, fax: 8458

0603) www.kingsdental.com 京典口腔, 朝阳区麦子店西路3号新恒基大厦1层118室

OASIS Dental Clinic OASIS Dental provides complete dental care for families through internationally-trained dentists. Services include routine cleaning, fillings, root canals, crowns and bridges, veneers, whitening, orthodontics, prevention orthodontics, periodontics, and implants. Mon-Sat 6am-9pm. 9 Jiuxianqiao Beilu, Chaoyang District. (5985 0305) 朝阳区酒仙桥北路9号

United Family Hospital, Dental Clinic Provides comprehensive dental services for families, including cleaning, crown and bridges, dental implants, fillings, tooth whitening and more. 2 Jiangtai Lu, Chaoyang District. (5927 7058) www.ufh.com.cn 朝阳区将台路2号

United Family Shunyi Dental Clinic United Family Shunyi Dental Clinic is located in Pinnacle Plaza, just around the corner from the United Family Shunyi Clinic. A multinational clinic staff of experienced doctors and bilingual nurses will ensure that you and your family receive the highest quality dental care available. Like other BJU satellite facilities, the Shunyi Dental Clinic strictly adheres to Joint Commission International (JCI) standards, which enables the Shunyi Dental Clinic to be officially recognized as an international-standard dental clinic. Mon-Tue 9am-7.20pm, Fri-Sat 9am-5.30pm. 818 Pinnacle Plaza, Tianzhu Real Estate Development Zone, Shunyi District. (8046 1102) www.ufh.com.cn 北京和睦家医院牙科诊所, 顺义区天竺开发区荣祥广场818

Support Groups

Baby Cafe Baby Cafe is opened by an experienced UK midwife to support parents with feeding in the early weeks and months following birth. Baby Cafe follows a model from the UK in providing a drop in centre where new parents can spend an hour or two on a regular basis meeting with other new parents to share their feeding advice. Attendance is by email confirmation only. There is a minimal charge to cover the cost of the refreshments. (anne.hemsley@gmail.com)

Beijing Homeschoolers A support network, information source and social hub for families homeschooling their children. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/beijing_homeschoolers

Beijing Mamas Yahoo Group Yahoo support group where you can "share resources, ask questions and grow as women and moms ... It does not matter what age your children are, if you are a mama who wants a safe place to ask parenting questions, make other mama friends, hang out, start playgroup meetings or mama nights out, ask for gear recommendations, sell your used gear, etc....come and join." http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Beijing_Mamas/

Celiac Disease and Gluten Intolerance Support Group An informal meeting for those diagnosed with Celiac Disease or with gluten intolerance - or their friends and family. The support group aims to provide an exchange of information on where to get gluten-free products; ideas for good recipe substitutions, a group-compiled gluten-free restaurant list, and emotional support and sharing of experiences. The Yurt, Beijing United Family Hospital, 2 Jiang Tai Lu, Chaoyang District, Chaoyang District. (5927 7061) 朝阳区蒙古包, 北京和睦家医院, 朝阳区将台路2号

La Leche League Information and support for breastfeeding mothers. Chinese-language meetings held the second Saturday of each month at 10.30am. (LLinQingdao@gmail.com) www.llli.org, <http://muruhui.org>

Family Life

Community Groups and Organizations

International Newcomers' Network A networking and information resource for all

newcomers to Beijing. Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month except December. Function Rm, 3/F, Athletic Center, Capital Mansion, 6 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (8486 2225 ext 110, innbeijing@hotmail.com) www.innbeijing.org 朝阳区新源南路6号京城大厦康乐中心3层

Roundabout Roundabout is a non-profit organization run by volunteers that accepts donations from the community and distributes them to people in need. They accept donations of almost anything: clothing, furniture and much more. Any items that are not needed by the charities, such as handbags and jewelry, are sold in their store. All proceeds fund their operation: truck hire, rent etc. The new building location is directly beside/behind Yosemite (the side towards Dragon Bay). Directions: Drive past ISB, with ISB on your left (this is Anhua Jie going west). Pass the intersection where BSB is on your right. Take the next left (leading to the back gate of Yosemite), and it is just down the road on the right past the blue and white migrant worker buildings. Mon-Sat 9.30am-5.30pm. Yuyang Road West, Off An Hua Road (Behind Yosemite Villa Compound), Shunyi District. (137 1877 7761 (English), 137 1805 3814 (Chinese only), roundaboutchina@gmail.com, thecharitystore@gmail.com) www.roundaboutchina.com 顺义区众爱商店, 顺义区榆阳路 (优山美地别墅后街, 从安华路转入)。

SinoRescue Sister company of highly-rated SinoScuba, SinoRescue is dedicated to serving and helping the Beijing community with the very best in emergency preparation, be it training in emergency first response, primary and secondary care, care for children, safety training, home proofing, and offering the most up-to-date information on being ready to care for your family when the need arises. (186 1113 3629)

Domestic Help

Beijing Ayi Service Company Beijing Ayi Service Company provides the experienced and professional aiyis, drivers and western chefs for expatriate families. Western cooking lessons are also available. (6040 9096, 136 4113 7690 (24 hours), service@beijingayiservice.com) www.beijingayiservice.com

Beijing Ex-pat Housemaid Service Serving over 2,000 families in Beijing, this service offers a supply of English-speaking aiyis trained to cook, clean, babysit and more. Price range: RMB 1,600 per month for 8-10 hours per day, 5-6 days per week. (6438 1634) www.expatslife.com 北京易杨美信息咨询有限公司

Religious Organizations & Places of Worship

Beijing International Christian Fellowship (BICF) BICF (Beijing International Christian Fellowship) is an international non-denominational church in Beijing China with people from over 70 nations. It is Multicultural, Bible-centered gathering for foreign passport holders. Services are conducted in 9 different languages including Korean, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Russian, English, Chinese, French, etc. Visitors can attend Sunday services and classes in multiple locations. (8454 3468, information@bicf.org) www.bicf.org 北京国际基督教联合会

Bet Yaakov Chabad House and Community Center 1) Bet Yaakov Chabad Community Center, Fangyuan Xilu, next to the south gate of Si De Park, Chaoyang District. (info@chabadbeijing.cn); 2) 1/F, King's Garden Villa, 18 Xiaoyun Lu, Chaoyang District. (8470 8238 ext 200, info@chabadbeijing.cn) www.chabadbeijing.com 1) 朝阳区芳园西路, 四得公园南门旁; 2) 朝阳区霄云路18号京润水上花园1层

Relocation Services

Asian Express International Movers Started from 1979 in mainland China,

Asian Express is an international domestic company which offers local household goods, office moving, storage and full relocation services. Quotations will be offered in different languages upon the request. Rm 1612, Tower D, Soho Xiandai Cheng, 88 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (8580 1471, beijing@aemovers.com.hk) www.aemovers.com.hk 朝阳区建国路88号Soho 现代城D座1612室

Crown Relocations, Beijing Crown Relocations services include domestic and international transportation of household goods, home and school search, storage, expense management, policy consulting and program administration, online tracking tools, transit protection and intercultural services. We provide services for corporations, diplomats and private customers. Crown Relocations, a division of the Crown Worldwide Group, serves over 10,000 customers from over 200 locations in 50 countries. (5801 8088) www.crownrelo.com

Links Moving Beijing Wholly owned moving company established in Hong Kong in 1997 with full range of household moving services and storage options. Now handles over 3,000 international moves worldwide each year. Great website, offering information including freight container sizes and details, online quotes available for smaller shipments. Keep an eye out for specials, such as free air freight with certain container sizes or percentage discounts for early booking during peak seasons. (8447 7496) www.linksmoving.asia

Supermarkets

April Gourmet Chain of stores purveying imported cheeses, olives and cold cuts, as well as staples like dried pasta, canned tomatoes (and beans) and cereal. Prices can be high for goods that can seem a bit shopworn. The Shunyi branch offers a small but constant "specials" section, which often features imported cookies and filter coffee. 1) Bldg 7, Richmond Park, 9 Fangyuan Xili, Chaoyang District. (8457 8116); 2) 8am-9pm. Outside South Gate of Capital Paradise, Shunyi District. (8046 4132); 3) Daily 8am-midnight. 1/F Jiezuo Mansion, Xingfucun Zhonglu, Sanlitun, Chaoyang District. (6417 7970); 4) Daily 8am-9pm. 1 Sanlitun Beixiaojie, Chaoyang District. (8455 1245) 绿叶子食品店, 1) 朝阳区芳园西里9号院丽都水岸会所7号楼; 2) 顺义区后沙峪乡白辛庄名都国际门外; 3) 朝阳区三里屯幸福村中路杰作大厦1层; 4) 朝阳区三里屯北小街1号

Jenny Lou's These Western grocery stores have, along with the usual staples, fresh meat and cheese, unusual pasta shapes, unsweetened yogurt, fresh herbs ... we could go on and on. 1) 8am-10pm. 101, Bldg 17, Central Park International Apartments, Chaoyang District. (6533 6792); 2) Daily 8am-10pm. Laiguangying Donglu (opposite Heping Hospital), Chaoyang District. (8470 1557); 3) Daily 8am-10pm. Bldg 4, Jianwai Soho, 39 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (5869 2253); 4) Daily 8am-9pm. Inside East Lake Villa Clubhouse, Chaoyang District. (6467 8018); 5) Daily 8am-midnight. 4 Ritan Beilu (opposite to Fancodi Primary School), Chaoyang District. (8563 0626); 6) Daily 8am-10pm. 6 Sanlitun Beixiaojie, Chaoyang District. (6461 6928); 7) Daily 8am-midnight. South of Chaoyang Park's West Gate, Chaoyang District. (6501 6249) www.jennylo.com.cn 珍妮露, 1) 朝阳区新城国际17号楼101; 2) 朝阳区来广营东路和平医院对面; 3) 朝阳区东三环中路39号建外SohO4号楼; 4) 朝阳区东湖别墅会所里; 5) 朝阳区日坛北路4号 (芳草小学对面); 6) 朝阳区三里屯北小街6号; 7) 朝阳区朝阳公园西门南侧

Veterinarians

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technicians. Hospitals are also emergency crisis centers. Ambulances available for collection and drop off of pets. Daily, 24 hours. 1) Unit 104, Tower B, Bldg 3, Hou Xiandai Cheng, Baizhiwanlu, Chaoyang District, Chaoyang District. (8774 8653, 135 0103 0572 (emergencies), info@drbns.com); 2) Daily 9am-7pm. Shop 0153, Tower B, Chaowai Soho, 6 Chaoyangmenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (5869 6401, 400 103 8686 (for appointments, pet pick-up and emergencies), info@drbns.com); 3) Daily 9am-9pm. Unit 104, Bldg 7, Compound 9, Fangyuan Nanli, Chaoyang District. (8457 8233, 400 103 8686 (for appointments, pet pick-up and emergencies), info@drbns.com); 4) Shop LB05, Euro Plaza, 99 Yu Xiang Lu, Shunyi District, Shunyi District. (8046 2886, 135 0103 0572 (emergencies), info@drbns.com) www.doctorsbeckandstone.com 思威 (北京) 国际动物医院有限公司, 1) 朝阳区百子湾路现代城3栋B座104底商; 2) 朝阳区朝阳门外大街6号朝外SohO8号楼0153; 3) 朝阳区芳园南里9号院7号楼104; 4) 顺义区顺义区天竺镇裕祥路99号欧陆广场LB05

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Family Travel

Hotels, Hostels and Resorts

China World Hotel With bragging rights to being the first super luxury hotel in town, the 716 room China World is an oldie but still a goodie thanks to its attentive service, location in the heart of the CBD and quality food outlets - especially Aria. The lobby is opulent and marble-laden enough for even the most discriminating Carraran and it leads, via an escalator, to the restaurants, offices and luxury retailers of the China World Trade Center. The main conference hall will be closed for renovation from January to March of 2007. Also, the affiliated Traders Hotel (Guomao Fandian) just behind the China World Hotel is a less-expensive alternative for business travelers. RMB 3,000-31,000. Daily 6am-11pm. 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6505 2266 ext 33, cwvh@shangri-la.com) www.shangri-la.com 中国大饭店, 朝阳区建国门外大街1号

CITIC Hotel Beijing Airport Formerly known as the Sino-Swiss Hotel, this hotel's main draws are convenient access to the airport and a great pool. The attached restaurants serve Swiss, Japanese and Mongolian, and other cuisines. Regular shuttle bus service makes getting in and out of the city fairly easy. RMB 1,300-2,200. 9 Xiaotianzhu Lu, Beijing Capital International Airport, Shunyi District. (6456 5588, info@citchotelbeijing.com) www.citchotelbeijing.com 北京首都国际机场小天鹅路9号

Commune by The Great Wall Kempinski Surrounded by verdant mountains and the Shuiguan Great Wall, the Commune blends natural beauty with modern art and

architecture – twelve leading Asian artists designed the 42 villas. While eleven villas – with fanciful names like “Bamboo Wall” – may only be rented in full, 190 rooms and suites are also available. Before a day of hiking, parents can drop off their kids at the Commune of the Children, which offers full-and half-day programs featuring swimming, storytelling, crafts and more (RMB 150-290). Rooms RMB 2,340-3,200; villas RMB 12,500-23,380. Daily 9.30am-4.30pm. The Shuiguan Great Wall exit on the Badaling Expressway, Yanqing County. (8118 1888 ext 5706) www.commune.com.cn 长城脚下的公社, 延庆县八达岭高速路水关长城出口

EAST Beijing 22 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6417 6688) www.east-beijing.com 北京东隅, 朝阳区酒仙桥路22号

Grand Hyatt Though it will always be overshadowed by the more glamorous Grand Hyatt Shanghai (in the Jinmao Tower), this hotel remains one of the most upscale in China – with prices to match. Great for shopping, business and sightseeing, with comfortable, sleekly lit and furnished rooms, the Grand Hyatt now also has a stunning new meeting venue, The Residence, in addition to their award-winning Chinese restaurant (Made in China) and indoor pool done up like a tropical grotto. RMB 3,500-34,200. 1 Dongchang'an Jie, Dongcheng District. (8518 1234) www.beijing.grand.hyatt.com 东方君悦大酒店, 东城区东长安街1号

Hilton Beijing Located along the east Third Ring Road, the Hilton Beijing offers easy access to Sanlitun, the CBD and the embassy district, as well as the Airport Expressway. Experience a higher realm of pampering and prestige with exclusivity, personalized service and upgraded amenities in the newly built nine-story Executive Tower and relax in the Executive Lounge. There are also 12 meeting rooms, as well as a fully equipped Business Center. Also has five restaurants and bars, including Pan-Asian cooking at Elements restaurant, contemporary American cuisine in One East or creative cocktails in Zeta Bar. Daily 24hrs. 1 Dongfang Lu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District. (5865 5000) http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/BJSHTW-Hilton-Beijing-hotel/index.do 北京希尔顿酒店, 朝阳区东三环北路东方路1号

Hilton Beijing Capital Airport Just minutes after clearing Customs you could be taking a snooze in your room, attending a business meeting or relaxing in the spa. This stylish departure from typical airport hotels offers five-star comforts and unique convenience for people in transit, business travelers, trade fair visitors and event organizers. One minute away from Terminal 3 by 24-hour hotel free airport shuttle bus, the city center just 16 minutes away by direct rail, and the most popular tourist sites within a 40-minute drive, it's also the perfect base for tourists. Terminal 3, Beijing Capital International Airport, Chaoyang District. (6458 8888) http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/BJSCAI-Hilton-Beijing-Capital-Airport/index.do 朝阳区北京首都机场三号航站楼

Hilton Beijing Wangfujing “Recently voted the ‘World’s Leading Lifestyle Hotel’ for the second year running at the prestigious World Travel Awards, the Hilton Beijing Wangfujing hotel offers some of the largest hotel rooms in the city. Set in the heart of Beijing’s shopping district, indulge in some retail therapy or visit nearby Beijing attractions. The iconic Tiananmen Square is just a ten minute walk from the hotel. After a busy day sightseeing, treat yourself to a holistic massage in the hotel’s Spa, swim laps of the rooftop pool or work out in the fitness center. Hold a conference in one of the 8 fully equipped meeting rooms then relax and enjoy stunning city views in the Executive Lounge or take advantage of the hotel’s Business Center. Sample delicious Macanese cuisine at Vasco’s restaurant or sip an expertly mixed cocktail in stylish Flames

bar at the Hilton Beijing Wangfujing hotel.” 8 Wangfujing Dongjie, Dongcheng District. (5812 8888) www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/BJSWFH-Hilton-Beijing-Wangfujing/index.do 东城区北京王府井希尔顿酒店

JW Marriott Standard rooms are elegantly appointed and super luxurious. Downstairs, the lounge Loong Bar aspires to the metro-chic networking set, while restaurants Asia Bistro and CRU Steakhouse maintain a high standard. Rooms RMB 1,500-2,500. 83 Jianguo Lu, China Central Place, Chaoyang District. (5908 6688) 北京JW万豪酒店, 朝阳区华贸中心建国路83号

Kempinski Hotel Beijing Lufthansa Center Located in the heart of Beijing’s central diplomatic and business district, the Kempinski Hotel Beijing boasts a blend of European style with elements of Beijing’s rich cultural history. In addition to 526 guestrooms and suites, including four executive floors and eight no-smoking floors, the hotel also has eight fully equipped banquet/conference facilities accommodating up to 1,300 people. The hotel also has seven restaurants and bars, including the Paulaner Bräuhaus boasting the city’s finest Bavarian food and micro-brewed beer, and Kempeli Deli, renowned for its gourmet European cakes and pastries. On the 18th floor overlooking Beijing’s skyline is the swimming pool of Pulse Health Club, which also includes a fitness center, tennis courts and squash courts. The Kempinski also manages a neighbouring eight-storey complex offering 12,500 square metres of office space, 42 shops and showrooms and 170 fully furnished one to four bedroom apartments. Facing the Liang Ma River, the complex also contains a 24-hour serviced international medical centre, dental clinics and fully equipped children’s park and nursery. Beijing Lufthansa Center, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6465 3388) www.kempinski.com/beijing 凯宾斯基饭店, 朝阳区亮马桥路50号

Kerry Hotel Beijing This Shangri-La property is noted for its modern design, business-friendly amenities, kid-friendly restaurant (Horizon) as well as the city’s most popular cocktails (at Centro). The Horizon Club’s executive floor will be upgraded in the coming months. The Kerry’s sports center wins kudos for its big pool, two indoor tennis courts, basketball court and rooftop track. RMB 1,300-23,000. 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (6561 8833) www.shangri-la.com 北京嘉里大酒店, 朝阳区光华路1号

Langham Place Beijing Capital Airport Langham Place Beijing Capital Airport boasts “372 spacious, stylish guest rooms and suites,” dining options, including Ming Court and Fuel Bar and Grill; a location just one minute from Beijing Capital Airport Terminal 3; a 24-hour gym and cardio studio; 22 function rooms, including a ballroom and various multi-purpose rooms; and the 24-hour private Club L Lounge offering “two floors of sleek luxury and an intimate, upscale vibe.” 1 Er Jing Lu, Terminal 3 Capital International Airport, Shunyi District. (6457 5555) http://beijingairport.langhamplacehotels.com/ 顺义区首都机场1号航站楼

Raffles Hotel Beijing Ideally situated at the crossroads of famous Chang An Avenue and the district of Wangfujing, Raffles Beijing Hotel is in the heart of the prestigious business and commercial districts and a few minutes from the mystical Forbidden City, historical Tiananmen Square, the Silk Market and other famous sights. It is also a short 15-minute walk from Beijing railway station and less than five minutes from Wangfujing subway station. Raffles Beijing Hotel epitomises elegance and exclusivity, as guests luxuriate in 171 beautifully appointed guest rooms and suites, which are some of the most expansive and decadent in Beijing. The inimitable Raffles experience is taken

a step further with sumptuous culinary creations to delight every palate, state-of-the-art meeting and banquet facilities and a Fitness Centre complete with its own indoor swimming pool. Raffles’ afternoon tea service was voted “Outstanding Afternoon Tea” in the Beijinger’s 2011 Restaurant Awards. 33 Dong Chang’an Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6526 3388) http://www.rafles.com/en_ra/property/rbj, http://www.rafles.com/en_ra/property/rbj 东城区东长安大街33号

Renaissance Beijing Capital Hotel The five star hotel in the Shuangjing area south of the China World Trade Center (Guo Mao) “offers 2,300 sqm of modern, innovative and well equipped meeting space and 531 stylish and spacious guest rooms, including 41 luxuriously appointed suites, each equipped with a plug-in connectivity panel that allows guests to turn their 42-inch flat-screen LCD into a personal entertainment center.” Wining and dining options include Fat Duck, Fratelli Fresh, The Lounge and D Bar. 61 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu (north of Viva Mall by Fuli City), Chaoyang District. (5863 8888) http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bjsbc-renaissance-beijing-capital-hotel/ 北京富力万丽酒店, 朝阳区朝阳区东三环中路 61 号

Renaissance Hotel Expect luxury service in a classy, reserved setting at the top-flight Renaissance Hotel. RMB 1,600 per night. 36 Xiaoyun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6468 9999) 国航万丽酒店, 朝阳区霄云路36号

Ritz-Carlton Beijing, Financial Street Another top-range hotel on Beijing’s “Wall Street.” With a striking glass and chrome exterior, the hotel boasts 253 guest rooms appointed with flat screen TVs, cordless phones and high-speed Internet and fax connections. The hotel features three restaurants (including the award-winning Cepe) and a lounge and bar serving Chinese, Italian and all-day cuisines. RMB 1,500-48,000. 1 Jinchengfang Dongjie, Financial Street, Xicheng District, Xicheng District. (6601 6666) www.ritzcarlton.com 北京丽嘉饭店, 西城区金融街金城坊东街1号

The Schoolhouse at Mutianyu This renovated elementary school proves there is more to Mutianyu than just the Great Wall. Located 90mins northeast of Beijing (via Jingcheng expressway) and offering a restaurant with fresh local ingredients, art glass studio and art room and is a creative way for the family to escape the city. Daily 7-10am, 3-5pm. Mutianyu Village (for detailed directions see website), Huairou District. (6162 6506) www.theschoolhouseatmutianyu.com 慕田峪小园餐厅, 怀柔区慕田峪 (具体路线请查看网站信息)

The Ritz-Carlton, Beijing Old World elegance, plush comfort – everything you’d expect from this hallowed name, including impeccable restaurants such as the internationally themed Aroma and Yu (Cantonese/Sichuan). An in-house wedding chapel sets this hotel apart, but the 109sqm executive suites with innovatively partitioned living and entertaining quarters are where the Ritz really shines. 83A Jianguo Lu, China Central Place, Chaoyang District. (5908 8888) 北京丽思卡尔顿酒店, 朝阳区建国路甲83号华贸中心

The Westin Beijing Chaoyang Fantastic location and first class amenities make the Westin Chaoyang one of Beijing’s premiere luxury hotels. All 550 guest rooms and suites are oversized and feature quality contemporary furnishings including the signature Heavenly Bed® and rainforest shower as well as wireless High Speed Internet Access. The Westin Executive Club Floor guest rooms and suites provide the ultimate comfort and convenience. The Heavenly Spa by Westin™ offers a range of treatments for the renewal of the body, soul, and mind. Facilities include an indoor pool, hydrotherapy centre, and WestinWORKOUT® gym. The business centre, located on Level 3, provides secretarial and business support

while the gift shop features a selection of premium souvenirs and gift items. Find a journey of culinary delights and moments to savor in our restaurants, bars, and lounges as you enjoy offerings from China, Europe, and Asia. With a total of 1,100 square meters of function space, our hotel has the capacity to accommodate events of various sizes. The Jinmao Ballroom and seven meeting rooms feature the latest in audiovisual technology and five-star service. 7 Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District. (5922 8888) 金茂北京威斯汀大酒店, 朝阳区东三环北路7号

Traders Upper East Hotel With a modern, contemporary design, this Beijing hotel has 392 guest rooms and 27 suites, including a large, luxurious Traders Suite. With a Grand Ballroom suitable for up to 400 persons supported by a boardroom and 14 breakout rooms of varying sizes, the hotel is also ideally suited for meetings and banquet events. 2 Dongsihuan Beilu (southeast of Xiaoyun Qiao), Chaoyang District. (5907 8888) www.tradershotels.com 朝阳区东四环北路2号 (霄云桥东南角)

Westin Beijing Financial Street This mega-hotel on Financial Street (West Second Ring Road) has spared no expense in meeting the high expectations of its well-heeled clientele, from its vast lobby and elegantly appointed rooms to its opulent spa and pool. The Westin also boasts seven restaurants and bars – including Senses, which offers what many cognoscenti consider to be Beijing’s most decadent Sunday brunch. RMB 1,500-21,100. 9B Jinrong Jie (Financial Street), Xicheng District, Xicheng District. (6606 8866) 威斯汀大酒店, 西城区金融街乙9号

Travel Agencies

Kingdom Travel This bilingual outfit arranges domestic and business air tickets, family vacation packages and weekend escapes. Apt 718, Bldg 2, Guanghualu Soho, 22 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (5870 3388, fit@kingdomtravel.com.cn) www.kingdomtravel.com.cn 中侨国际, 朝阳区光华路22号光华路SOHO 2号楼718室

SinoTour Founded in 1986, SinoTour offers hundreds of China tour packages, hotels, and cruises. Save up to 80 percent. 3/F, 10 Anhuili Sanqu, Chaoyang District. (8483 1380, tour@sintour.com.cn, www.sintour.com.cn) 朝阳区安慧里三区10号3层

Travel-Stone A travel agency catering specifically for foreigners, they offer services in English, Chinese and French. Travel-Stone organize everything from flights & hotels to tailored packages and large group trips. Daily 9am-7pm. Rm 1001, Dongwai Gongguan, 3 Xinzhong Jie, Dongcheng District. (5670 7458, booking@travel-stone.com) www.travel-stone.com 东城区新中街乙3号东外公馆办公楼1001室

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family vacation and are happy to program kid-centric activities like visits to schools or family homes, and arts and crafts workshops. Or, sign up for one of their family-friendly standard tours (trips to the Sichuan panda reserve are a popular choice). Rm 801, Oriental Place, 9 Dongfang Donglu, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6465 6602, info@wildchina.com) www.wildchina.com 中旅特种旅游部。朝阳区东三环北路东方东路9号东方国际大厦801室

Fun Stuff

Cinemas

Mega Box One of the more popular cinemas in Beijing, Mega Box screens both the latest Hollywood blockbusters and Chinese films. For RMB 20 per year, their membership program is well worth it. Non-members pay RMB 80 for regular tickets and RMB 120 for 3D tickets. With the discount, members get 50 percent off on weekdays and 30 percent off on weekends and holidays. 1) B1/F, Sanlitun Village South, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6417 6118); 2) 3/F, Area C, Zhongguancun Mall (West of Dinghao Mall), Haidian District. (5986 3777) www.imegabox.com 美嘉欢乐影城。1) 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village南区地下1层; 2) 海淀区中关村广场购物中心C区3层 (鼎好西侧)

Saga Cinema SA-42, Solana, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6868) www.sagacinema.com 传奇时代影城。朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾商业区SA-42

UME International Cineplex Built by well-known Hong Kong filmmaker See-Yuen Ng, this five-floor building is known for its state-of-the-art equipment, clean environment, and screenings of the latest foreign movies. Its biggest claim to fame, literally, is a 430 square meter screen. RMB 30-120. 1) 5th floor, Fuli Plaza, Shuangjing Qiao Bei, Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (5903 7171); 2) 44 Kexueyuan Nanlu, Shuangyushu, Haidian District. (8211 5566) www.bjume.com 华星影院。1) 朝阳区东三环中路双桥北路富力广场5层; 2) 海淀区双榆树科学院南路44号

Museums & Education

Beijing Planetarium Thanks to a RMB 300 million facelift, the once retro planetarium now boasts state of the art facilities. The SGI Digital Universe Theater takes patrons on a tour of the cosmos with six Carl Zeiss laser projectors that simulate the movement of stars and constellations. You can also travel through time in the 4-D theater, where you strap on a pair of goggles and watch a multidimensional film about the creation of the solar system and evolution of life on earth, replete with snarling T-Rexes and saber-toothed tigers. Other draws include the 3D space shuttle simulator and a cool exhibit about the sun. The new exhibition hall: RMB 10 (RMB 7 for students); GI Digital Universe Theater: RMB 45, RMB 35 (students); 4-D Theater: RMB 30, RMB 20 (students); 3D Space Shuttle Simulator: RMB 30, RMB 20 (students). Wed-Fri 9.30am-3.30pm (last ticket 3pm), Sat-Sun 9.30am-4.30pm (last ticket 4pm). 138 Xizhimenwai Dajie, Xicheng District. (6835 2453, 6831 2517) www.bjpp.org.cn 北京天文馆新馆。西城区西直门外大街138号

China Science and Technology Museum Mammoth 48,000 sqm facility features five themed exhibition rooms (the Children's Science Paradise, The Glory of China, Exploration and Discovery, Science, Technology and Life and Challenges and the Future) and an array of hands-on scientific exhibitions, a science playground and displays of Chinese exhibitions. Also boasts four state-of-the-art "4D" and 3D cinemas, and an array of dining options. Tue-Sun 9am-4.30pm, extended hours for special events (ticket selling 8.30am-3.30pm). 5 Beichen

Donglu (ten minutes east of the south gate of the Olympic Forest Park), Chaoyang District. (5904 1188) www.cstm.org.cn 中国科技馆。朝阳区朝阳区北辰东路5号

Sony ExploraScience Kids of all ages are sure to love this technologically sophisticated museum's host of interactive displays, including robotic dogs who play soccer, musical sculptures, sound and light distortion machines, soap bubble rings and much more. The staff regularly host live science shows in Chinese. RMB 30 (adults), RMB 20 (students), free (kids under 1.2m); buy your tickets at the museum booth outside the park's south or east gates and you won't have to buy park tickets as well. Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat-Sun 9am-6.30pm, closed on second Mon and Tue of each month. Inside Chaoyang Park (near the south gate), Chaoyang District. (6501 8800) www.explorascience.com 索尼探索。朝阳区朝阳公园内 (南门)

The Magic Bean House The Magic Bean House is the first American-designed Children's Museum in China. Exhibits include Tale of Magic Bean, Fantasy Forest, Green Foods, Bricks and Blocks, Car Service, World of Water, Experimental Hall, Toddler Land, Art Gallery and more. RMB 80 (kids aged 2 to 8), RMB (babies from 6 to 24 months) RMB 40 (adults). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat-Sun 9am-8pm. 7 Chaoyang Park Xilu, Chaoyang District. www.magicbeanhouse.com 豆点家科技馆。朝阳区朝阳公园西路7号

Places

Atelier Created by two French artists, Atelier is a school dedicated to the study of the visual, literary and performing arts. The center offers high-quality courses led by professionals in their field for children, adolescents, and adults. Current courses include drawing, painting, sculpture, sewing, as well as courses in writing and theater. Atelier courses are taught in French and English; courses taught in Chinese will be offered in the near future. Atelier courses run throughout the year. Rm 202, Building C, Jinxiu Yuan, Xingfucun Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (atelier@atelier.cn.com) www.atelier.cn.com 啊特黎尔。朝阳区朝阳区幸福村中路锦绣园C楼202室

Play Centers

ArtBug Singaporean art center ArtBug aims to make art accessible for everyone, with programs catering to children from ages 2-12. ArtBug focuses on nurturing a child's creativity, communication skills, and self-confidence through the arts. The center offers courses in a wide variety of subjects, including drawing, sculpture, photography, speech and drama, and performance arts. Rm 753, Tower A, Chaowai SOHO (north of Central Park), 6 Chaowai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (5900 0270) www.artbug.com.cn 朝阳区朝阳区朝外大街乙6号朝外SOHO写字楼A座753 (新城国际北侧)

The Familier This two-level, indoor family centre provides age-appropriate and kid-family play rooms and classes for children of all ages. Includes an expanded soft play area for babies and toddlers and a full-service cafe with a Western-trained chef and healthy menu options for the entire family. 2 hour: RMB 50 (1 adult, 1 child); all day: RMB 88 (1 adult, 1 child). Zhong'er Jie, 798, Chaoyang District. (5762 6017, service@thefamilier.com) http://www.thefamilier.com/ 朝阳区798艺术区

The New City Center The New City Center has a coffee shop with a closed in playroom that includes a ball pit and slide. Programs available for all ages, including "Mommy and Me", Phonics, Math and Art Classes as well as language lessons for adults. It also offers services including food, games and access to the playroom for birthday parties. A conference room is available to

be rented. Mon-Sat 9am-5pm. 112, Lize Xiyuan, Guangshun Beidajie, Wangjing (Opening Jan 2), Chaoyang District. (6475 1066, info@thenewcitycenter.com) www.thenewcitycenter.com 朝阳区望京广顺北大街丽泽西园112号

The Wiggly Tots Founded by licensed Kindermusik educator Alicia Tan, The Wiggly Tots offers Kindermusik and Tutu Tots Ballet classes for newborns and toddlers. Bond with your child as you play, sing, dance, and giggle together. Your child will learn and grow through activities that stimulate brain growth, build motor skills, enhance social-emotional development, and much more. Call or email to book for a free trial class. Classes take place on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10am to 10.45am. Studio, 1/F, Fuli Club (R&F Club), 59 Dongsanhuan Lu, Shuangjing, Chaoyang District. (183 0158 8133, info@thewigglytots.com) www.thewigglytots.com 朝阳区朝阳区双井东三环路59号富力会健身俱乐部1层

TreeHouse Family Cafe and Playground Dear mamas and papas! Are you looking for fun, engaging activities to do with your children? Families are invited to play and learn together at TreeHouse family cafe! We are located in the beautiful neighborhood of Sanlitun Soho, right across the road of Sanlitun Village. We offer a great space for independent play, library and a little crafts corner for all ages. All of the food at TreeHouse is made with the finest, freshest quality available. We offer a variety of organic, healthy dishes for adults and children. Our comfortable cafe also features coffee, soft drinks, freshly-squeezed juices and wi-fi. Come join us for what is promised to be a fun-filled day of learning, relaxation, and exploration! Come and know more about our specially designed classes and the schedule for the next several weeks and try our organic western food and drinks! Tue-Sun 10am-8pm. B1/F, B1-115, Bldg 1, Sanlitun Soho, Chaoyang District. (8590 0746, thetreehousebj@yahoo.com) www.thetreehousebj.com 朝阳区三里屯Soho1号楼地下1层B1-115

Shopping

Home Accessories and Gear

Aquasana Aquasana is a home water filtration company from the US. They manufacture drinking water filters, shower filters, and whole house filtration systems. The company's countertop water filter costs RMB 1,550, the undercounted version costs RMB 2,320, and a shower filter costs RMB 1,100. You'll also periodically need to buy replacement cartridges, which cost RMB 550-580 depending on the water filtration system. 5 Nongzhan South Rd, Beijing, China Jingchao Building 1271, Chaoyang District. (400 000 8320 Chinese, 136 5128 5157 English, shop@aquasana-china.com) www.aquasana-china.com 朝阳区北京市朝阳区农展南路5号北京市环境保护局 京朝大厦1271

BabyGro Beijing BabyGro is Beijing's one-stop shop for imported maternity, baby and toddler gear. Run by moms for moms, BabyGro stocks safe, innovative and high quality products. They have a large selection of maternity items and pregnancy clothes, as well as breast pumps, bottles, formula, safety items and toys for babies and kids. Brands include ERGObaby, Grobag, Medela, EGG Maternity, Sono Vaso, Crayola, Mini Micro, Recaro, Micralite, Trunki, Skip Hop, Playgro and Organic Family. 1) Mon-Fri 10am-7pm, closed on weekends until after CNY.. Shop 5058, 5/F, Chaowai SOHO, 6 Chaowai Lu (across from Central Park), Chaoyang District. (6597 0717, johanna@babygro.com.cn); 2) Wed-Sun 10am-5pm. Cathay View Garden Shopping Mall (next to Beijing Riviera Villas), 2 Xiangjiang Beilu, Chaoyang District. (8470 1690, johanna@babygro.com.cn) www.babygro.com.cn/ 慧宝。1) 朝阳区朝外

路6号朝外SOHO5层5058店铺 (新城国际对面); 2) 朝阳区香江北路甲2号观唐广场二期商铺

baby international Started by parents for parents, this Shanghai-based online store offers Chinawide shipping for its quality baby products, which include strollers, car seats, clothing, organic baby food and toiletries. No. 2371, 3/F North Tower, SOHO Shangdu, 8 Dongdaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (5900 1476, info@baby-international.com) www.baby-international.com 国际宝贝。朝阳区东大桥路8号SOHO商都3层2371店铺

Beijing Torana Clean Air Center

Air purifiers from Blueair and Alen Air, pollution masks from Tobotoboo. Free home assessments and delivery. 1) Daily 10am-8.30pm. Unit LB09, 1/F, Europlaza Mall, Shunyi District. (8459 0785); 2) 10.30am-6.30pm. Unit 308, Pinnacle Plaza, Shunyi District. (8046 1091) www.toranacleanair.com/index.html 1) 顺义区天竺镇裕翔路99号欧陆广场LB09; 2) 顺义区天竺镇花梨坎村南 " 荣祥广场308室

Counting Sheep Children's Boutique

Counting Sheep offers gear for moms, dads and kids. From maternityclothes, baby furniture, baby shower gifts to party items. International brands include Stokke, Bloom, Boob, Baby Bjorn, Ergo Carriers, Hotstings, Bravado, Chicobello, Fleurville, BamBam, Big Bobby Cars, and Trunki. Sun-Thurs 10am-7pm, Fri-Sat 10am-8pm. 17 Gongti Beilu (1/F of Bodhi bldg, directly across from north gate of Workers Stadium), Chaoyang District. (6417 7622, ask@countingsheepboutique.com) www.countingsheepboutique.com 洋洋宝宝店。朝阳区工体北路17号 (工体北门对面)

Cuccina Under new management and newly relocated, this Hong Kong based kitchenware shop is your one-stop source for all kinds of Western cooking equipment - blenders, baking ware, ceramics, cookbooks and more. Hundreds of items in stock. Daily 10am-9pm. 1) 17 Gongti Beilu (across from north gate of Workers' Stadium, in the same building as Bodhi), Chaoyang District. (6413 0223); 2) Shop 55, 1/F, Indigo Mall, 18 JiuXianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (8420 0971) 品厨。1) 朝阳区工体北路17号 (工体北门对面); 2) 朝阳区酒仙桥路18号颐堤港商场地铁层店铺LG55

IQ Air While little can be done about outdoor air pollution, you can certainly make a difference with the air you breathe in your home or office. IQAir has been the top-rated air purifier brand for more than a decade. The Health Pro 250 is their most popular product and is considered by most to be the best all-around air cleaning system available. With their HyperHEPA technology, you are guaranteed near perfect levels of efficiency for the life of your machine. IQAir China specializes in bringing clean air solutions to both residential and commercial users. 1) B1/F, OUSA Europlaza, 99 Yuxiang Lu, Tianzhu, Shunyi District. (6457 1922, info@iqair-china.com); 2) Daily 10am-10pm. 5/F, Household Appliance Area, Youyi Shopping City, 52 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (158 0136 1601, info@iqair-china.com); 3) 10am-8pm. 6/F, Parkson Plaza, 101 Fuxingmennei Dajie, Xicheng District. (157 1286 8485, info@iqair-china.com); 4) Daily 10am-10pm. B1/F, Parkson Plaza Taiyanggong, Bldg 1, 12 Qi Sheng Zhongjie, Chaoyang District, Beijing, Chaoyang District. (157 1286 8454, info@iqair-china.com); 5) Daily 10am-10pm. 5/F, Shin Kong Place, 87 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (5738 2401, info@iqair-china.com); 6) Daily 9am-6pm. Rm 1801-03, Air China Plaza, 36 Xiaoyun Lu, Chaoyang District. (8447 5800, info@iqair-china.com); 7) Daily 10am-9pm. 4/F, 417 Seasons Place, 2 Jinchengfang Jie, Xicheng District. (6622 0179, info@iqair-china.com); 8) Mon-Thu 10am-9pm, Fri-Sun 10am-10pm. B1/F, Golden Resources New Yansha Mall, 1 Yuanda Lu, Haidian District. (157 1286 9044, info@iqair-china.com); 9) 10am-10pm. B2/F, Scitech Plaza, 22 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Beijing, Chaoyang District. (188 1020 5987, info@iqair-china.com) www.iqair-china.com

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Lily's Antiques Furniture Established in 1999, Lily's Antiques has become one of the largest furniture dealers in Beijing. Famous for the best service in town and selling high-class Chinese antiques, the company has now expanded into a one-stop furniture and deco store, with a wide variety of traditional and modern styles from various countries: Pakistani rugs, Indian trunks, Italian sofas, Spanish design, Brazilian coffee tables, etc. To make the experience complete, there's also a rooftop for "Lily's Museum" and a "Lily's Cafe" for shoppers to take a rest. Overall, the prices for furniture from Lily's Antiques range from (RMB 1,000-5,000), and interested buyers can expect to pay around RMB 400 for a bedside cabinet, RMB 2,000 for a midsize dresser, and RMB 3,000 for a six-person dining table. Besides furniture there's a huge amount of deco accessories from chinoiserie to African wood carvings. Lily's offers fixed prices and a one-year guarantee on their furniture pieces, and is also one of the first companies to be certified for using eco-friendly wood materials. 1) Daily 8.30am-6pm. Gaobeidian Showroom, 69 Gaobeidian Furniture Street, Chaoyang District. (8579 2458); 2) Visit by Appointment. Factory and Warehouse Address, Baimeiao industry area, Songzhuang town, Tongzhou District. (138 0139 6309) www.lilysantiques.com 华伦古典家具。1) 朝阳区高碑店家具一条街69号; 2) 通州区工厂地址, 通州区宋庄镇白庙村工业大院

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Photography Studios & Services

Imagine Photography Studio If your kids never come out as cute as they really are in the photos you shoot yourself, deliver them into the hands of the professionals at this Shunyi-based photography studio that focuses on capturing children on film. A range of albums, calendars, greeting cards and frames let you get creative with the final products. Packages run from RMB 1,500-5,000; the Happy Together plan lets you gather your kid's friends, siblings and classmates for a free session and a free 10-inch photo. 10am-6pm. Unit 503, Pinnacle Plaza, Shunyi District. (8472 7478, info@imaginestudio.cn) www.imaginestudio.cn 顺义区荣祥广场503室

Littleones Kids & Family Portrait Studio This Western photography studio specializes in newborn, children, family, and maternity photos. Photo shoots are tailored to each family. Daily 9am-6pm. Swan Bay Building 16, suite 2203, Chao Yang Bei Lu, Chaoyang District. (8577-9987, service@littleones.com.cn) www.littleones.com.cn 美国乐童万色儿童摄影机构。朝阳区朝北北路天颐湾南区16号楼2203

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City, Shuangjing Qiao, Chaoyang District. (maxim@mishka.pro); 2) Rm 1910, CAMEO Center, Guangshun Dajie, Chaoyang District. (maxim@mishka.pro) www.mishka.pro, www.mishka.cn 1) 朝阳区双井桥富力城C3; 2) 朝阳区广顺南大街嘉美中心1910

Small World Photo Studio Professional photography services for families, kids and pregnant women, costumes can be offered to kids under 3. Stall 509-510, 5/F, Euro Plaza, 99 Yuxiang, Tianzhu Town, Shunyi District. (8046 1603, 138 1160 2673) www.smallworldkidsland.com 小小世界专业摄影。顺义区天竺镇裕翔路99号欧陆广场五层509-510

The Bloom Family Photography Owned and run by professional and enthusiastic photographer Irene, member of Professional Photographers of America (PPA), the Bloom Family Photography studio provides high-quality photography services. The studio is based in Beijing, but is also available for local and domestic travel. Daily 10am-6pm. 6 Xijiekouwai Dajie (opposite the east gate of Beijing Normal University), Xicheng District. (6202 7745, 155 1061 6900, hello@bloompic.com) www.bloompic.com 花开摄影机构。西城区新街口外大街6号(北京师范大学东门马路对面)

Sports

Sports Beijing Sports Beijing is a non-profit organization that provides sports and recreational activities to the children of Beijing. Modeled after North American and European community sports organizations, Sports Beijing offers more than 15 sports and recreational programs, including baseball, basketball, flag football, floor ball, gymnastics, ice hockey, martial arts, rugby, skiing, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field/athletics. Available for young athletes (ages 4-18) and their families. Mon-Fri 10am-6pm. Lido Country Club 2/F, Holiday Inn Lido Hotel, 6 Jiang Tai Road, Chaoyang District. (6430 1370) www.sportsbj.org 朝阳区将台路6号丽都饭店丽都乡村俱乐部2层

Basketball

Basketball World Basketball World is a program that aims to develop the skills of young basketball players within Beijing and throughout China. Sharing a facility with the International School of Beijing, BW's training programs for ages 7 to 15 focuses on both individual and team skills. The club's programs are offered at three different levels: ASAs (after school activities), community programs, and developmental teams. Programs are available in English. (186 0717 4318, hui@basketballworld.cn)

Football (Soccer)

ClubFootball This organization runs soccer coaching programs at 20+ locations in Beijing and Tianjin for boys and girls of all levels aged 4 to 18. Held after school, at weekends and during holidays, courses are designed and delivered in a fun environment by ClubFootball's English FA-qualified coaching staff. A nine week course averages RMB 750 and includes kit, beverages, player profile, certificate and team photo. 9am-6pm. Unit A212, Door 3, A1 Zone, Huadeng Building, 14 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (5130 6893/4/5/6, coaching@wanguoqunxing.com) www.clubfootball.com.cn 万国群星足球俱乐部。朝阳区酒仙桥路14号兆维华登大厦A1区3门212室

Ice Skating

All Star Champion Skating Club Lace up your skates and do a Kim Yu-Na of South Korea (Kim's the current world champion in ladies figure skating, couch potatoes). - All Star Ice Rink was founded by Wang Rui, figure skating gold medalist in the 1999 Asian Winter Games, and Li Ning, the legendary gymnast who lit the torch

during the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics opening ceremony. Located on the first floor of Solana mall, the ice rink covers 800 square meters and uses equipment that meets international standards, creating a rink fit for both entertainment and professional competition. For adolescents new to the sport, All-Star offers classes. Especially precocious athletes can request coaches from the Chinese national skating team. Private lessons (Chinese only) are priced at RMB 135-200/40min. RMB 30 (Before 6 pm), 40 (After 6pm), 50 (Holidays & Weekends) for admission. Daily 10am-10pm. 1/F, Solana Lifestyle Shopping Park, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu., Chaoyang District. (5905 6328) 全明星滑冰俱乐部。朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际商区首层

Skiing & Snowboarding

O'le Ski Since 2008, O'le Ski has offered a variety of activities related to winter sports, particularly skiing and snowboarding. Its affiliated resorts and partners include Duolemeidi, Jundushan, Huaibei, Silk Road, Wanlong, and Beidahu, as well as others in New Zealand, Japan, and the Italian and Austrian Alps. The staff is composed of qualified Chinese and international coaches. O'le Ski offers customized programs according to each student's needs and schedule. Programs are available for kids ages 5 and up, teens, and adults. Courses follow international standards for beginners, intermediate, and advanced skiers. 5 Shimencun Lu, Baiziwan Qiao Dong, Dongsihuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (186 1045 3101, oleskiing@gmail.com) www.ole-ski.com 朝阳区朝阳区东四环中路百子湾桥东石门村路5号

Scuba Diving

SinoScuba Offers safe, family scuba diving services! Kids aged 10 and up Underwater activities, including swimming with dolphins and full certification courses for ages 10 and up. Classes available in Chinese and English. (186 1113 3629, steven@sinoscuba.com) www.sinoscuba.com

Swimming

Dragon Fire Swim Team Nearly 130 international students receive training in competitive swimming under the tutelage of founder and head coach Kevin Hua. Instruction is offered for kids ages 4-18 at the beginning (able to swim 10m), intermediate and advanced levels. The team has competed in races in Singapore and Hong Kong, and also competes with local Chinese teams. RMB 60-90 per lesson, RMB 1,200-4,500 per season (depends on the level, number of times a week, etc), plus RMB 300 registration fee. Training is offered at various times and locations, seven days a week. To register, contact Coach Hua. (136 0106 4534, dragonfireswimming@gmail.com) www.dragonfire.com.cn

Yoga

Incy Wincy Yoga Children learn to walk like a dog, buzz like a bee, and moo like a barnyard cow while developing their motor skills and building their self-confidence. Founded in 2006 by a mother and experienced yoga instructor Angelina Liu, Incy Wincy Yoga is a yoga company dedicated to Children's and Baby yoga. Classes are 45-minute for muscular and bone development, balance and coordination, focus and concentration as well as fun. The programs are suitable for children 3-12 years old, babies, and teens. All classes are taught in English with over 15 centers around Beijing. Rm 1909, Bldg 4, U-Space Building, 8 Guangqumenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (5861 3809, info@incywincyoga.com) www.incywincyoga.com 朝阳区广渠门外大街8号优士阁A座, 1909室

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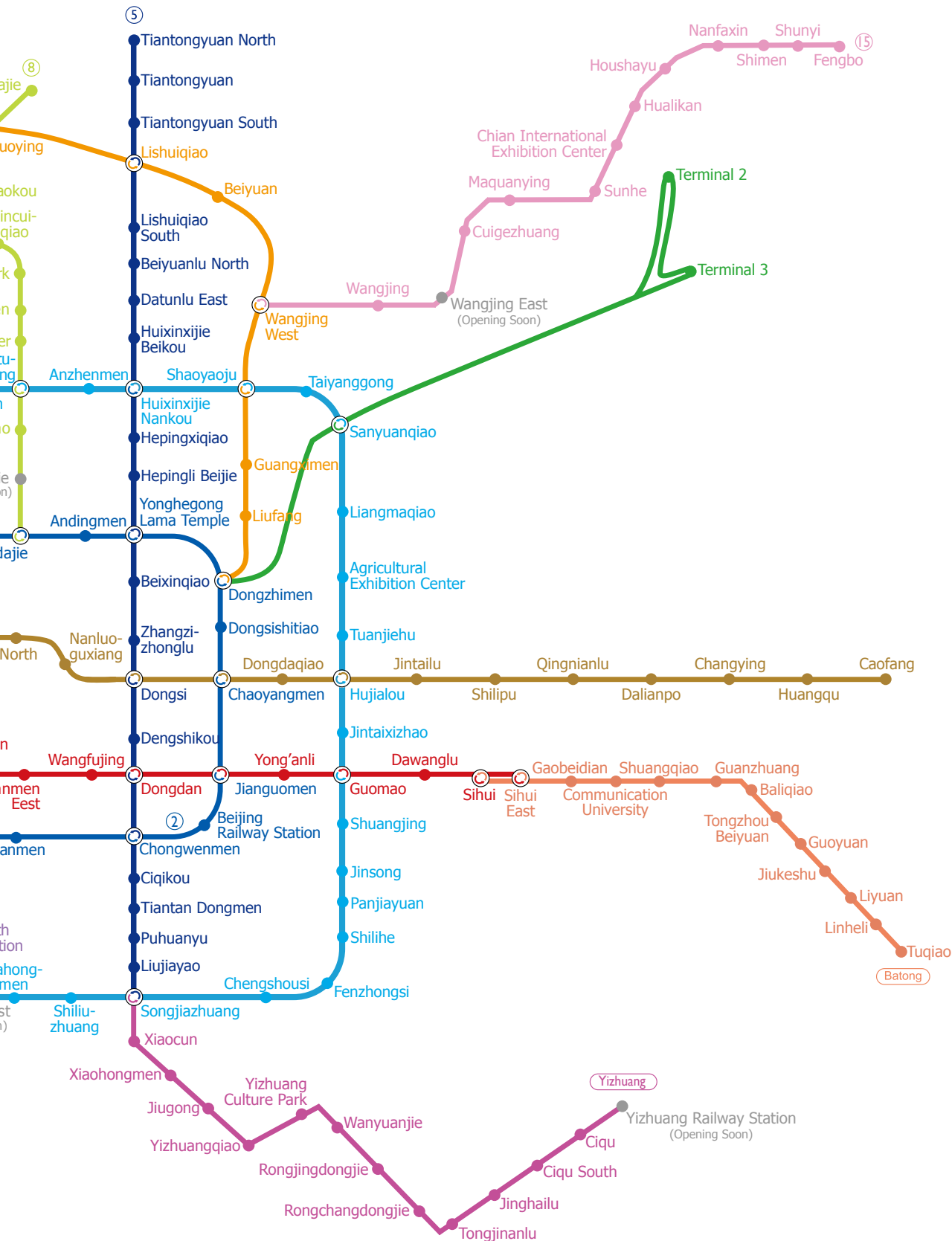
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Favorite Thing about the School

We pretty much love everything about YCIS Beijing, but the family-friendly environment is particularly wonderful. Our children wake up excited about going to school.

Favorite Teachers

Amelie loves her teacher Ms. Washko, while Matthew talks about his teacher Chu Laoshi all the time.

Would You Recommend YCIS Beijing?

This is a school for parents who want their children to get the most out of Beijing by benefiting from a bilingual education whilst meeting the criteria of an international curriculum defined by strong values and a character-based school community. The best part about the school is simply how happy our children are to be there. You can't go to this school without seeing a smile on every child's face.

Why YCIS Beijing?

We chose YCIS Beijing for its bilingual education and international curriculum.

Favorite After School Activity

Amelie loves **tennis**, while Matthew can't wait to get to Year 1 so that he can start doing **kung fu**.

Favorite School Event

Both Amelie and Matthew loved the rehearsals for the **Christmas concerts**. They would come home singing every day and were so excited to perform in front of their family.

Favorite Field Trip

The kids' favorite trip was to the **Beijing Zoo**.

Favorite Charity Project

There are so many events where the children get an opportunity to help less-fortunate kids their own age, such as the **ECE Trike-a-thon** and **Christmas Bazaar**. They also have regular bake sales, where all the money goes to the school charity **Seeds of Hope**.

Favorite Lunch Item

Matthew loves the fruit and Amelie loves the Italian selections.

The Carr Family

Australians Bryan and Sharon Carr have been living in Beijing for five years. Bryan is the CEO of a software company, while Sharon works as consultant and board director at the **Australian Chamber of Commerce**. They have two kids, Amelie (age 6) and Matthew (5) – both have been attending **Yew Chung International School of Beijing** for the past eight months. The Carrs shared with us some of their favorite things about their school. *Sijia Chen*

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