

News release



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Everett High School offers Chinese language classes in 2013-14

Everett High School hosts guest teacher from China



Guest teacher, Han Jing (Crystal), is from Qingdao, China

[Everett High School](#) was selected to host a native Mandarin-speaking teacher from China for the 2013-14 school year as part of the *Chinese Guest Teacher Program*, a collaboration of the *College Board* and *China's Confucius Institute Headquarters/Hanban*.

The program places visiting teachers from China in U.S. elementary, middle and high schools for one to three years, in order to jump-start or expand school Chinese language and culture programs.

For the 2013-14 school year, Han Jing (Crystal) is among 187 Chinese guest

teachers, including 129 new arrivals, who will be teaching at schools across 30 states.

Crystal is from Qingdao, a seaside city in the east of China. She graduated from Ocean University of China, majoring in English. She has been teaching college English for non-English majors at Qingdao University for ten years. Crystal, her husband and their 3-year old child are looking forward to spending time in the United States.

Everett High School welcomed Crystal this summer and this fall she will begin teaching students to speak, understand, read and write Chinese. Upon successfully completing this course, students will be able to communicate in Chinese about the alphabet, numbers, colors, the calendar, themselves and their lives. Students will also learn about cultures and customs through readings, videos, and supplementary exercises.

"Crystal is already proving to be a great addition to Everett High School," said Principal Sally Lancaster. "She is energetic, friendly and very excited about teaching Everett students about the Chinese culture and the Mandarin Language. We are thrilled to be able to offer Mandarin to our students and know she will do a great job as a teacher."

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Prior to their selection, guest teachers underwent a rigorous screening process and were interviewed by a team from the College Board and the National Council of State Supervisors for Languages (NCSSFL) to assess teaching skills, adaptability and English proficiency.

Everett High School is the first high school in the Everett School District to begin a Chinese language course. In addition, guest teachers assist with curriculum development, student recruitment, and materials development and serve as a cultural resource for other subject areas and for cultural enrichment activities.

More information on how teachers are selected and trained can be found at:

College Board's Chinese Language & Culture Initiatives (<http://www.collegeboard.org/k12chinese>)

China's Confucius Institute Headquarters/Hanban (http://english.hanban.org/node_7716.htm)

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