

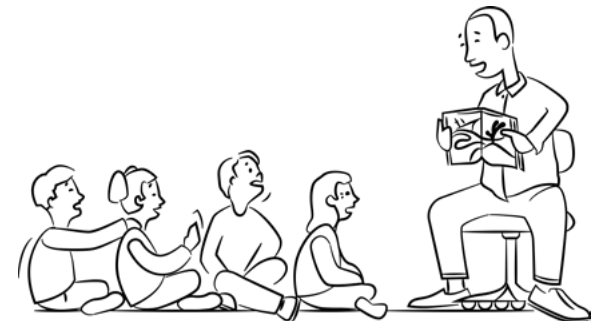
A photograph of a basketball game in progress. A male student in a red jersey is jumping high, reaching for an orange basketball. He is surrounded by other students, some in green jerseys (one with the number 5 visible) and others in red. The background shows a basketball court with a black padded wall and a red vertical stripe. The text "Inspiring learners to make a life-changing difference for the common good." is overlaid in white on the lower half of the image.

**Inspiring
learners to make
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common good.**



Hello, welcome to Chengdu International School. We are a vibrant international community in Chengdu that provides transformative, holistic Pre K–12 education to develop globally minded individuals who learn, love and lead.

As a LifePlus international school, we inspire our students to go and make a life-changing difference for the common good.



Worldwide learning for all

Head of School's welcome

We're so excited that you have taken an interest in Chengdu International School—the school we lovingly refer to as the “Heart of the City.” We're the oldest international school in Chengdu, having operated for over 20 years. In all we do, we keep our students, their families, and staff in our own hearts—providing a rigorous educational program built upon academic excellence in a caring emotional and social setting where we learn, love, and lead.

We're part of LifePlus—a world-class family of international schools in China and the UAE, and an online Academy—growing servant leaders of outstanding character, competence and calling. Through LifePlus, our accreditation with Cognia recognizes the exceptional standards of our work. We are also accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

We remain a long-standing member of Association of China and Mongolia International Schools and Chengdu International Schools Association.

This international outlook gives our students the opportunity to compete and collaborate with other schools in athletic competitions, academic events, and fine arts activities. In addition, our staff benefit from continual professional development and support on educational trends and innovative teaching methods.

Warmly,
Dr Will Hatten
Head of School



Growing up in Chengdu

A brief history



1997

Small beginnings

The very first international school in Chengdu, we started in 1997 with just 18 students and four full-time teachers. Within three years we'd grown to 72 students and had expanded our secondary program to include Grades 7–10.

2002

Moving with the times

Our growth continued, and we moved to the Jinguan Xincheng School. This was our first opportunity to offer Pre K–12 programs. Three years later, we were on the move again, relocating to the Zhonghai International Community campus.

“Learn, love, lead. These three words represent the spirit of our school. I can see that in all of our teachers and staff here.”
Current teacher

2007

Recognized for excellence

We became the first international school in western China to receive accreditation by the US-based Western Association of Schools and Colleges. We were also the first school to be certified to teach foreign students by the Ministry of Education, and shortly after were accredited by China's National Center for School Curriculum and Textbook Development.

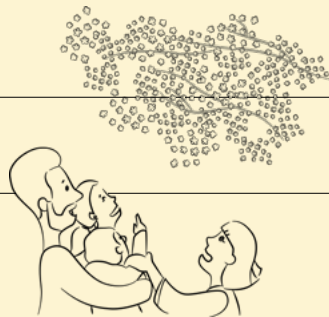
2013

Rooted in the city

We outgrew our facilities yet again, and relocated to Tonggui Road in Jinjiang district for five years. In 2018 we moved closer to the bustling heart of the city of Chengdu, settling into our current campus located on Shuonianhe Nanlu.

A world-class education

Our community in numbers



Average class size

20

By program

Early Childhood ×15
Elementary ×18
Middle School ×20
High School ×17

Teacher:Student

1:5

Student population

Early Childhood ×72
Elementary ×228
Middle School ×97
High School ×79

College destinations

108

Student nationalities

10

Countries include

Australia, Brazil, Canada,
Japan, Malaysia, Poland,
South Korea, USA,
and more

Average SAT® score, 2022

1,410

Staff nationalities

06

Home countries include
China, USA, South
Korea, France, India,
and Philippines

Recognized for excellence

Aiming higher, taking students further



Through LifePlus, our school is accredited by Cognia, a world-renowned educational body that recognizes the incredibly high standards of our work and continues to evaluate our performance. LifePlus also benefits us in three important areas.

First, LifePlus helps us to innovate: sharing research, knowledge and ideas. Second, LifePlus is a truly international and robust setup that lets us focus on what we do best: growing servant leaders of outstanding character, competence and calling. Third, LifePlus makes Chengdu International School more than a local school, connecting us to a worldwide network of talent, knowledge and support. To learn more, visit lifeplusworldwide.com

"I believe that diversity is a strength of our school. Everyone brings their own culture and unique experiences that shape us. It's a privilege to guide students from around the world as they learn, grow and form a community."
Dr Will Hatten,
Head of School



Our Early Childhood Center

Chengdu's Early Childhood Center is a vibrant and joyful community where every child is cherished. Guided by loving and committed teachers, students learn to make wise choices, work and play well with others and demonstrate high standards of character and courtesy.



Purposeful play

Purposeful play is a hallmark of our program. Research shows it is one of the most important factors in young students' social-emotional, physical and cognitive development. With the teacher modeling, students use real-world materials and tools to explore learning themes in math, literacy, and

science while practicing verbal language and persevering in problem-solving in both indoor and outdoor environments. Furthermore, students gain a critical foundation in early reading as they learn all English letter sounds, practice their writing skills, and listen to rich stories read aloud daily.

Fundamentals

Early childhood is a critical age to begin laying a foundation in fundamental life skills such as developing values and learning integrity, showing good moral character, thinking carefully, communicating clearly, working well with others and taking care of the world around us. The educational experience provided at Chengdu is balanced and varied as the child's world of awareness is extended from the home to the classroom.

Development

The Early Childhood program provides initial learning experiences in language development, number concepts, creative skills, and social and physical development. Students receive the building blocks for perceiving, thinking and problem-solving through the use of

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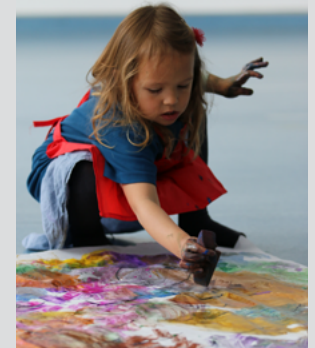


concrete experiences. It also provides a warm, safe and family-like environment for our youngest students. Play and physical development are important parts of our program. Art, music and movement are all incorporated into daily activities.

Character

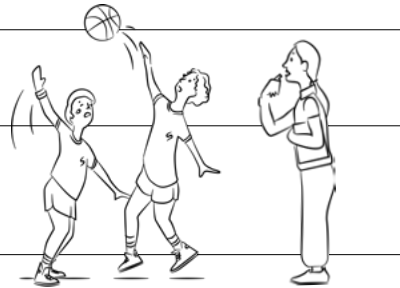
Every day matters as we instill the growth mindset and habits of character that develop innovative thinkers, skilled communicators and courageous leaders. This is achieved

through the LifePlus 9 Qualities for Life our students begin to learn at Early Childhood, and continue to embrace for the rest of their education with us. For more information, visit lifeplusworldwide.com/qualities



Grades 1-5

Our Elementary School



Chengdu's Elementary program is designed with the knowledge that children in Grades 1-5 learn best through hands-on experience and creativity. The program is an in-depth, hands-on experience that addresses the individualized learning styles and intelligence levels of each child. Our children are accepted for who they are and encouraged to blossom at their own rate. Classes promote the joy of learning and are opportunities for our children to learn control over their lives and the development of their sense of self. Our comprehensive curriculum emphasizes language arts and math while our specialized enrichment programs in music, art, physical education, language and technology enable our students to receive a well-rounded education.

Leadership

Our students learn to solve problems and think critically as they actively participate in the learning process. Listen in as both teachers and students ask questions, explore and investigate together. Watch as students learn to communicate skillfully in written, verbal and aesthetic forms of expression. Be encouraged as students learn to make wise choices in leading themselves and practice leading their peers.

Exploration

Elementary children explore the world with wonder. As teachers keep in mind students' developmental progress, students read, sing, move, explore, create and talk together about what they are doing. Literacy is a key foundation. Beginning with a structured synthetic phonics program, students grow in their capacity to read complex text, write at length and depth, and explore pressing issues in the world around them.

Well-rounded education

Through collaborative projects, use of technology, and increased independent learning, students become critical thinkers and skilled communicators in English language arts, math, science, social studies and Chinese. With a desire to develop well-rounded individuals, all students also receive specific instruction in art, music and physical education twice a week.

"When I was at Chengdu International School I had opportunities [to do new things as part of its] 'you can do anything if you try' culture. Because the culture at Chengdu was similar to university, it was easy for me to make friends."

Alum



Grades 6–12

Our Secondary School

The Secondary program at Chengdu has an emphasis on language arts, math, social studies and science. Other optional courses may include Chinese, technology, art, music and physical education. This works together to offer students the opportunity to enter universities and colleges around the world.

Technology

Our Secondary school has each student bring a laptop to school to use every day. Teachers utilize Canvas—a learning management system—where students can track courses, access and submit assignments and complete quizzes.



Technology is integrated into the Secondary curriculum enhancing students' research, communication and collaboration skills. Students learn appropriate 21st century technology skills and essential digital citizenship that prepares them for the world around them.

Advanced Placement® (AP)

Chengdu secondary students in Grades 10–12 have unique access to AP courses, delivered by the LifePlus Online Academy. Providing students with further credits for university, these courses range from math to English and social studies. AP tests



demonstrate a student's competency and measure their ability to study and pass university-level courses. LifePlus Online Academy is a caring, connected community of world-class educators and learners—across cultures, and beyond borders. As a LifePlus international school, it shares the same values and enjoys the same Cognia accreditation as Chengdu International School. Learn more about the LifePlus Online Academy at lifeplusonline.com

College preparation

Chengdu International School provides PSAT® (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) and SAT® (Scholastic Aptitude Test) entrance exams for students seeking college or university admission around the world. We also have a College and Career Counselor available for students to receive support as they make decisions about future education.

"I aim to meet students' needs holistically. Learning involves cognitive, social, and emotional processes. I also strive to make what they learn relevant to their daily lives or concerns."

Current teacher



Our students have gone on to study a wide variety of subjects, such as dentistry, teaching, engineering and various fields of medicine, at many universities around the world including...



Inspire to change

Our student services

At Chengdu International School we provide support to students of all abilities. We feel that a child's education should not be hindered because there are barriers to their learning. We believe those barriers can be overcome and that a child has every right to a bright future.

Learning Support

The Learning Support team is committed to giving every child the opportunity to learn and grow. Our Learning Support office provides various levels of academic support based on individual student needs. Working closely with teachers and parents, we identify students who need some extra academic and social support in the classroom. Our team then provides tailored support, and regularly checks up on students' progress through the year. The Learning Support office may also refer students for psychoeducational testing and coordinate a team of parents and teachers to develop a student-centered learning plan based on the unique goals and needs of the child.



"It's not meaningful to compare one child with another... We see the intrinsic values of our students and help them become the best versions of themselves—not someone else's idea of success."

Current teacher



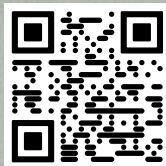
School Counseling

At Chengdu, we believe in a holistic approach to education through developing students in academics, strong character, social skills, and emotional wellness. Counseling is offered to any student seeking social and emotional growth or by request of parents and teachers. Counseling aims to guide students in growing their confidence, social skills, and behavior development. Our School Counselor meets with children, teachers and parents, as well as leading classes, to ensure all of our students are able to thrive.

English Language Support

Chengdu International School is committed to excellence and believes all students can reach their highest potential through a quality education program. Therefore, our English Language Support (ELS) department works diligently to ensure that all students are offered the proper English support to succeed. We celebrate that many of our students are doing something unique and challenging by receiving an education in a non-native language!

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