

CHINESE IN HENRICO COUNTY

An Update on the Chinese
language program

INITIAL OFFERINGS

- ▶ Chinese was added to the world language course offerings in the fall of 2009 at Byrd and Brookland Middle Schools and Tucker High School based on an interest survey.
- ▶ Funding was provided to establish the program through a Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP) grant for a period of 3 years.

EXPANSION

- ▶ In the fall of 2010, Chinese was added to the middle school IB course offerings at Fairfield Middle School, Moody Middle School and Tuckahoe Middle School. It continued to be offered at Byrd and Tucker.
- ▶ In the fall of 2011-2012, the enrollment increased enough to require the addition of a part-time teacher.

GROWTH

Course	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Foundations A	22	55	47
Foundations B		10	54
Chinese I	19	55	26
Chinese II		18	13
Chinese III			4*

*The decrease is related to students who took Chinese for 2 years to complete a graduation requirement and those who were seniors in 2010-2011.

FUTURE OF CHINESE

- ▶ Based on increased interest and the value of Chinese as a language for the competitive global job market, Chinese will continue to be offered in the following way:
 - ▶ Offer Foundations of Chinese and Chinese II at Fairfield, Moody and Tuckahoe Middle Schools as part of the International Baccalaureate Program.
 - ▶ Offer Chinese I – AP at Tucker High School for all students and make it an integral part of the Center for World Languages as choice for their requirement to take two languages.
 - ▶ Offer Chinese I-V at Henrico High School as part of the International Baccalaureate Program.

BUDGETARY IMPACT

- ▶ To maintain the current program for 2012-2013
 - ▶ 2.5 FTE (currently funded through the grant)
- ▶ To maintain and support the program to account for growth for 2012-2013
 - ▶ 3.0 (an increase of .5 (FTE (to account for level 2 courses in the IB middle schools and potential growth in all schools