

A 5-year-old's 15-page resume *captivates* China

The young applicant is described as confident and courageous. His resume, at 15 pages, is *glittering*, complete with performance reviews(“full of energy”), a map of his travels (trips to Tokyo and Bali) and a list of books he has read this year (408 in total). It includes discussion of his adversity *quotient* and his artistic talent. But the applicant is not a *seasoned* job seeker. He is a 5-year-old boy from southern China applying for a spot in first grade at a Shanghai private school.

captivate 迷住

glittering 闪闪发光的

seasoned 经验丰富的

quotient 程度; 指数

The resume, which was leaked and shared widely online this week, has provoked a mix of *fascination, indignation* and debate about whether children in China's test-crazed education system are being raised as *soulless strivers*.

fascination 魅力; 魔力

indignation 愤怒

soulless 没有灵魂的

striver 奋斗者

Some called for the parents of the boy to be arrested. Others wondered whether today's children would know true happiness, given the intense pressure to perform well and land good jobs. Still, some defended the parents, saying they were trying to promote their child's best interests in a flawed system.

Yong Zhao, a professor of education at the University of Kansas, said the debate reflected widespread anxiety among Chinese parents about getting their children into top schools. In China's test-dominated system, exam scores determine where students go to college and what careers they can pursue.

Xiong Bingqi, deputy head of the 21st Century Education Research Institute in Beijing, said China needed to distribute education resources more *evenly* and to begin evaluating students on more than just test scores.

evenly 均匀的; 平衡的

“There is a competition to rank every student,” he said. “Under these circumstances, of course parents want their kids to rank in the top. Then it worsens this kind of anxious competition.”

adaptable 适应性强的; 适合的

aggressive 侵略性的; 有进取心的

amiable 和蔼可亲的

audacious 无畏的; 大胆的

candid 公正的

disciplined 守纪律的

dutiful 尽职的; 忠实的

genteel 有教养的; 文雅的

impartial 公正的