

# 1. Curriculum Information

## Elementary Program Overview (Ages 6-12)

Our comprehensive English curriculum is designed specifically for Chinese children learning English as a second language. The program follows a structured progression through 6 levels, each building foundational skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

### Level 1 - Beginner (Ages 6-7)

- Duration: 6 months (48 lessons)
- Focus: Basic phonics, sight words (100 high-frequency words), simple conversations
- Skills: Alphabet recognition, basic greetings, colors, numbers 1-20, family members
- Assessment: Can recognize and pronounce 26 letters, understand simple commands

### Level 2 - Elementary (Ages 7-8)

- Duration: 6 months (48 lessons)
- Focus: CVC words, simple sentence structures, basic reading comprehension
- Skills: Weather, body parts, classroom objects, simple present tense
- Assessment: Can read 3-4 letter words, form basic sentences

### Level 3 - Pre-Intermediate (Ages 8-9)

- Duration: 8 months (64 lessons)
- Focus: Reading fluency, paragraph comprehension, expanded vocabulary
- Skills: Past tense, future tense, descriptive adjectives, story sequencing
- Assessment: Can read short stories (50-100 words), answer comprehension questions

### Level 4 - Intermediate (Ages 9-10)

- Duration: 8 months (64 lessons)
- Focus: Complex sentence structures, creative writing, critical thinking
- Skills: Comparative forms, conditional sentences, expressing opinions
- Assessment: Can write short paragraphs, engage in extended conversations

### Level 5 - Upper-Intermediate (Ages 10-11)

- Duration: 10 months (80 lessons)
- Focus: Academic English, research skills, presentation abilities
- Skills: Complex grammar structures, essay writing, debate participation
- Assessment: Can write 200+ word essays, deliver 5-minute presentations

### Level 6 - Advanced (Ages 11-12)

- Duration: 10 months (80 lessons)
- Focus: Literature analysis, advanced composition, test preparation
- Skills: Critical analysis, creative storytelling, standardized test strategies
- Assessment: Ready for international English proficiency tests

## Teaching Methodology

- **Communicative Approach:** Emphasis on real-world communication skills
- **Task-Based Learning:** Students complete meaningful tasks using English
- **Phonics Foundation:** Systematic phonics instruction for reading development
- **Cultural Integration:** Introduction to Western culture and customs
- **Technology Enhancement:** Interactive whiteboards, educational games, multimedia content

## **Assessment Standards**

- **Lexile Reading Levels:** Aligned with international standards
- **CEFR Framework:** Common European Framework of Reference levels
- **Monthly Progress Reports:** Detailed feedback on all four skills
- **Portfolio Assessment:** Collection of student work showing progress over time