



**Northern Westchester Chinese School**  
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**Northern Westchester Chinese School (NWCS)** is a not-for-profit school teaching Chinese Mandarin since 1969. NWCS is a member of the Association of Chinese Schools (ACA).

Language classes for students from Pre-K to Level 12 meet on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, and electives meet from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon at Briarcliff Middle School. The school year begins in September and ends in June.

NWCS welcomes students from all backgrounds. In addition to classes for families who speak Mandarin, there are classes designed for families who do not speak Mandarin at home, for older children beginning their Chinese studies later, and for adults.

In addition to courses in Mandarin, NWCS offers electives in Chinese dance, Kung Fu, origami, arts and crafts, and Chinese chess.

# 北盛中文學校

*A Tradition of Excellence In Teaching  
Chinese Language and Culture*

## Five Reasons to Choose NWCS

- 1. OUR REPUTATION:** NWCS has been providing high-quality instruction in Mandarin for 45 years. In a survey of our member families, the school's reputation was their #1 reason for choosing NWCS.
- 2. OUR TEACHERS:** NWCS teachers are passionate about teaching Chinese. As one family put it, "We have found the level of dedication of the teachers is exceptional."
- 3. OUR COMMUNITY:** NWCS is a warm and welcoming community of families from all over the world who share an interest in learning about the Chinese language and culture.
- 4. OUR LOCATION:** NWCS is conveniently located at the Briarcliff Middle School, and is easily accessible to families throughout Westchester County and surrounding areas. Parking is free and on the school grounds.
- 5. OUR TUITION:** As a not-for-profit organization, NWCS is able to keep its tuition and fees low, making quality instruction in Mandarin affordable.

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**LOCATION:** Briarcliff Middle School

444 Pleasantville Road  
Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510

**TERM:** Saturdays, September – June  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**GRADES:** Pre-K through Level 12

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# Our Curriculum

What we teach	What it is	Why we teach it	Who learns it
<b>Standard Mandarin</b>	The official language of both mainland China and Taiwan	This is the Chinese dialect that is most often used in the diplomatic, business, and scientific communities; it is spoken by over 1 billion people.	Adults and children from grades Pre-K – Level 12
<b>Zhuyin Fuhao (Bo Po Mo Fo)</b>	Phonetic symbols derived from Chinese characters; each corresponds to one of the basic sounds in Mandarin	Helpful for teaching young children who are just learning to read; avoids confusion between English phonetics and PinYin	Pre-K – Level 3
<b>PinYin</b>	A phonetic system developed in 1950's for transcribing Mandarin into the English alphabet	The most widely used method for transcribing Mandarin into English.	Level 3 – Level 12
<b>Traditional Written Characters</b>	The traditional written language used throughout China for millennia	Traditional characters provide a foundation for reading Chinese classics; they are still used Taiwan and Hong Kong, and among overseas Chinese.	Pre-K – Level 12
<b>Simplified Written Characters</b>	A simplification of the more complex common characters that was begun as a literacy campaign in mainland China in the 1950's	The official written language taught in mainland China.	Introduced to older students in Levels 9-12

