

QHSL

QUEENS HIGH SCHOOL FOR
LANGUAGE STUDIES

皇后语言研究高中



WELCOME, CLASS OF 2017!

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CODE FOR HS

APPLICATIONS:

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Our Mission and Vision

Join Queens HS for Language Studies as a pioneering member of our first graduating class.

In four years, you will be prepared for the next stage: confident in your academic skills and learning, ready for success in college, and fluent in Mandarin and English. At QHSL, you will have had four years of support and encouragement from dedicated teachers, counselors, and classmates.

Key Features of QHSL:

A DUAL LANGUAGE ENVIRONMENT: 50% of our students are native-Mandarin speakers learning English and 50% are English-proficient speakers learning Mandarin. Every student is a language learner.

AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM that meets student needs and interests: from beginner ESL to AP Language, algebra to calculus, biology to physics, and electives designed for students. English-proficient students take Mandarin in addition to a full schedule. English Language Learners receive bilingual support in their content classes and take ESL and Chinese Language Arts.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES provide a well-rounded high school experience and additional tutoring support. After school, students participate in a full range of PSAL sports, taekwondo, computer coding, volunteer club, and other student initiated and led clubs.

A CLOSE-KNIT, SAFE COMMUNITY: advisories and small-group instruction lend extra support from caring and expert teachers. Our counselors will also guide students through high school and the college application and funding process.



ACCESS THE WORLD

I know firsthand the tremendous value in learning language. I first learned Mandarin in college. At home, my parents spoke English as a second language. As a former ESL and social studies teacher at the High School for Dual Language and Asian Studies, I believe **learning language provides students the tools to understand, see, and access different worlds.** Below are two quotes from my former students about attending a high school with a 50% native-Mandarin and 50% English-proficient speaking population. I'm so proud of them. Welcome 欢迎!

Melanie Lee 李玫蘭
Proposed New Leader, QHSLS

"The bilingual environment addressed concerns unique to new immigrant students, such as language barriers and cultural shock. I enjoyed bonding with my peers and teachers who might have shared similar experiences to me. Classes were challenging, but all our efforts paid off."

- Jia Wen, studying Computer Science at Stanford University '16



5 FACTS ABOUT LANGUAGE STUDIES

1. More people speak English as a second language than as a first language.¹
2. Mandarin Chinese is the native language for 873 million people and is the most spoken first language in the world.²
3. Students who learn a second language outscore their peers on verbal *and* math sections of standardized tests.³
4. Bilingual children are better at focusing and avoiding distractions. They are also better at multi-tasking.³
5. Knowing another language boosts brain functioning, slowing mental decline due to aging.³

1 Lowry, Lauren. *Bilingualism in Young Children: Separating Fact from Fiction*. The Hanen Centre. <http://www.hanen.org/Helpful-Info/Articles/Bilingualism-in-Young-Children--Separating-Fact-fr.aspx>

2 Why Study Chinese? Boston University. <http://www.bu.edu/mlcl/home/why-study-chinese/>

3 Lloyd, Delia. *5 Facts About Bilingualism*. Huffington Post. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/delia-lloyd/bilingual-education_b_1007760.html

5 NEXT STEPS FOR APPLICANTS

1. Visit our website at **QHSLS.org** to learn more about our school.
2. Email: **info@qhsls.org!** Say hello, ask questions, and introduce yourself. We'll get back to you.
3. Attend our open house. Visit **QHSLS.org** for dates and locations.
4. Come to our table at the supplemental high school choice applications fair on **April 6-7th at the Martin Luther King Educational Complex** (122 Amsterdam Ave. at W66th St.). Don't forget to sign in with us!
5. **Rank us** on your high school choice applications due to your guidance counselor in April. Don't forget our code:

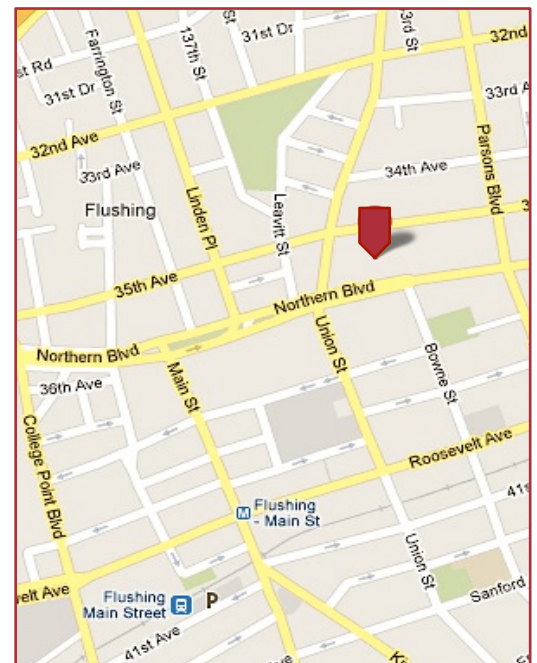
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OUR LOCATION

QHSLS is located in the vibrant, diverse community of Flushing, in NYC's most historic public high school building.

TRANSPORTATION

We are a 10-minute walk from the **7 train at Flushing-Main Street station** and accessible by a number of MTA bus lines: Q12, Q13, Q15, Q16, Q17, Q19, Q20A, Q25, Q26, Q27, Q28, Q34, Q48, Q50, Q65, Q66



"The challenge of learning Mandarin prepared me for the challenges I face in my classes in college today. I enjoyed every minute of going to school in a bilingual English-Chinese environment. Well, honestly, maybe not at first! But once I got to know my classmates and learn about them, it taught me that we're not that different at all."

- Neralda, studying Business and Finance at Lehman College '16