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Shu Ren International School is a private, Pre-K to 8th grade, coeducational day school in Berkeley, California, USA. Shu Ren International School is committed to empowering students to become internationally minded, critical thinkers and lifelong learners. Through our engaging, inquiry-based environment students reach their full academic potential and become caring, multilingual, and culturally literate global citizens. Shu Ren International School is a bilingual (English/Mandarin) IB World School authorized to deliver the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and a candidate school for the Middle Years Programme (MYP)*. Currently, Shu Ren is the only authorized bilingual (English/Mandarin) IB/PYP school in the state of California, and one of only a few in the United States. Shu Ren recently became accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Shu Ren International School's programs have three key components: inquiry-based education, multilingual and internationally-minded education and an education of the whole child.

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or interdisciplinary units of inquiry. For example, a 5th grade unit of inquiry on cinematic expression allowed our students to explore important concepts such as form, reflection, and perspective through an investigation into the characteristics of film, what film teaches us about our own lives and human experiences and the different points of view promoted by films. As part of the inquiry process, our students learned about social studies, the arts and math in both Mandarin and English, providing them with an insight into different perspectives and cultures. To address the education of the whole child, the students developed their research, social and self-management skills, whilst demonstrating creativity and cooperation.

The languages of instruction are English and Mandarin, and Spanish language acquisition is introduced through the units of inquiry starting in 3rd grade. The amount of instructional time for each language is dependent on the grade level of the student. Our Pre-Kindergarten uses 100% Mandarin instruction. In Kindergarten and 1st grade, the instructional language is 80% in Mandarin and 20% in English. In 2nd grade, the instructional language is 60% in Mandarin and 40% in English. From 3rd grade and above, we provide 90 minutes per week of Spanish instruction and the rest of instructional time is divided evenly between English and Mandarin. In our Middle School, instruction is conducted in Mandarin for approximately 35% of the time. Our students learn about different languages, cultures and perspectives through in-depth study of the IB's PYP and MYP programmes.

At Shu Ren, we take pride in our well-qualified, dedicated, and caring faculty and staff. The school currently employs a total of 24 faculty and staff from the United States, China/Taiwan/Hong Kong, Great Britain, and Mexico. Most Shu Ren students are from San Francisco East Bay communities such as Berkeley and Oakland, with additional families from San Francisco and other nearby communities. Most families (> 95%) identify as American, with a small percentage of families from China. We welcome families from around the world who share our philosophy and value being part of a diverse school community!

* Shu Ren International School is an authorized PYP school and is a candidate for the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP), which is designed to prepare students for the IB Diploma Programme (DP) or the Career-related Programme (CP). Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme (DP) or the Career related Programme (CP). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted.



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