



# Q&A

*For new parents who want to know more about  
Northern Virginia Experimental Chinese School (北維州實驗中文學校)*

**Thank you parents for your interests in ECS. Here are some quick facts to help you learn more about our school.**

## **Question 1: What does ECS offer?**

ECS offers Zhuyin and Pinyin classes from 3-year-old to 10th grade on Sundays between 2-4pm at Chantilly High School. ECS teaches traditional Chinese characters and adopts a yearly curriculum for all classes. One thing that makes ECS stand out among its peers is its curriculum incorporating a culture class where a wide range of topics on Chinese cultural heritage, such as yoyo, painting, calligraphy, dance, opera, paper-making, glove puppets, abacus, chess & go, and traditional kids' games, is introduced to students regularly.

## **Question 2: What are major events during a school year?**

Two academic events are important to students: Recitation/Speech contest in December (which take turns alternately), and vocabulary contest in May. Students are required to pass the vocabulary contest to advance to the next grade.

Two fun festivals: Fall Festival in October, and Chinese New Year Culture Festival/Field Day in February.

## **Question 3: What material is used in class?**

For Zhuyin class: MeiZhou Chinese (美洲華語)

For Pinyin class: Let's Learn Chinese (學華語向前走)

#### **Question 4: What role do parents play in ECS?**

ECS is a non-profit school and is operated by parents of current students. A system of service points is introduced to encourage parents to volunteer whenever volunteers are needed or serve as board members with a term of 2 years. A service point fee is charged up front, and parents earn credits by volunteering later during the year. A family of one registered student needs four points to be fully credited, and a family with two or more registered students needs eight points. Examples of how to earn points: Two points for being a judge in a contest, and three points for helping in CNY festival.

#### **Question 5: What other activities does ECS offer?**

ECS currently offers extracurricular activities such as Tai Chi, Chinese yoyo, Chinese painting, Chinese calligraphy, Chinese dance, gu zheng, glove puppets, oriental floral arrangement, and jewelry making to students and parents. Besides, ECS hosts two trips that are popular among ECS families: Ski trip during winter break and camping trip in the memorial long weekend.

#### **Question 6: Can I register online? When can I register?**

Yes, you can. Please go to our school's web page ([www.nvaecs.org](http://www.nvaecs.org)) and find "Parent Login" on the very top of the page. The link will take you to a page that allows you to create a new account and register.

Registration for new students begins on **July 1, 2020**.

#### **Question 7: Does ECS admit new students during the middle of the school year?**

We admit new students during the middle of the school year only under circumstances where students are transferred from other Chinese schools.

**If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact ECS registration at: [registration@nvaecs.org](mailto:registration@nvaecs.org). Thank you.**