



Chinese American Schools – Alameda

“Bridge the Nations... Better the World”

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) What grades does CAS-Alameda support?

For our inaugural year of 2009-2010, we will only offer the freshman year of our four-year high school program. We will subsequently add an additional grade level each year.

- 2) What is the tuition?

Tuition, including registration, is \$25,000 per academic year. This inclusive amount covers all labs, materials, field trips, course fees, and expenses necessary for the academic program except for textbooks and uniforms, which are purchased separately. After paying tuition, all other costs are optional and discretionary as far as completing the school's academic program. See our [Tuition & Fee Schedule](#).

- 3) Are scholarships available?

Yes, there are several needs-based and merit-based scholarships available. See our [Scholarships](#) page for more details.

- 4) What will the average student to teacher ratio be?

We anticipate the student to teacher ratio to be 10:1, and the average class size to be 15 students. The maximum class size for any class is 25 students.

- 5) What will be the mix between native and non-native English speaking students?

The school will initially have two tracks per grade level, one for native English students and one for non-native English students. These two tracks will be in place for English and Social Science classes, but students will be integrated for all other classes such as Math, Science, Physical Education, and electives.

- 6) What are the foreign language requirements for native English speaking students?

There is no foreign language admissions requirement, but all students will be required to demonstrate proficiency in another language before graduation. Language proficiency can be demonstrated by examination or through participation in an approved overseas exchange program.

7) What after school programs will CAS-Alameda students share with CCS?

CAS-Alameda students will be eligible to participate in every after school activity open to CCS high school students. For more details, see the [activities](#) page.

8) How will concurrent enrollment with CCS work?

Every student enrolled in CAS-Alameda will also be enrolled in CCS as a high school student. Courses will be recognized by CCS since they will be taught by CCS teachers using CCS curriculum and standards. In turn, the University of California and Western Association of Schools and Colleges will recognize the courses since CCS is fully approved with both entities. Students will receive their report cards and grades from CAS-Alameda, but official transcripts and documents will carry the CCS name to insure proper recognition and credit is granted.

9) What criteria will be used to determine acceptance into CAS-Alameda?

The three main criteria will be 1) demonstrated academic achievement, as measured through a student's grades and performance on standardized tests; 2) strength of character and good citizenship as demonstrated through discipline reports and personal recommendations; and 3) exceptional talents, abilities, skills, or experiences the student may possess that show the student is uniquely qualified to participate in or contribute to the school's mission and vision.

10) Are CCS students guaranteed any slots or given any special consideration in the admissions process?

The only advantage CCS students have is that the recommendations or strength of academic record may hold more credibility since they come from trusted and recognized individuals or sources. Otherwise, CCS students must compete for available roster spots as all other applicants.