

Surrey Schools Spring Break 2019 Teacher Program in China



Surrey Schools is excited to present an opportunity for **12** teachers to participate in a Spring Break 2019 teaching and cultural exchange program between Zhejiang province, China and the province of BC. The intent of this trip is:

- To provide participants with an overseas experiential learning and teaching opportunity
- Have Surrey teachers globally exchange ideas regarding curriculum and teaching methods
- To promote internationalization and cultural awareness at home within our District

Dates

March 18-29, 2019 – Spring Break, plus two pre-departure orientation sessions (TBA) at DEC, and one post-trip reflections/sharing session at DEC (TBA).

Location

Shanghai, Hangzhou, Wuzhen and/or other cities in Zhejiang province, China

Trip Coordination

- **Trip Coordinator:** Joan Xu of Sun Education (local education agent) has presented this opportunity to the District because of the previous development of our district-to-district friendship agreements and sister school partnerships with select education bureaus in Zhejiang province.
- **District Coordination:** Surrey Schools International Education Department will coordinate the trip with Sun Education, assist with obtaining participant visas for China and other paperwork, hold two pre-departure orientation sessions, and a post-trip session.
- **Logistics:** The full group of Surrey teachers will travel overseas and be together at the start and end of the trip, but during the teaching week, teachers will be paired up and placed in a different city or city area. During the day, these pairs will split up and each teacher will go to their own school. They will be hosted by English-speaking staff at each school.

Surrey Teacher Responsibilities

- **Lesson Preparation:** Surrey teachers will be responsible for preparing 2 different student lessons to be used in either elementary or high schools (modified levels), and 1 lesson for teacher training and discussion. More information will be provided in orientation sessions.
- **Teaching:** 4 days of teaching at schools. Teachers will usually instruct 4-5 sessions each day, each session will be approximately 40-45 minutes.
- **Educational Forum:** 2 days of participation in an educational forum for Chinese and Canadian teachers and District/Education Bureau staff. Teachers may be required to present.
- **Administrative Details:** Teachers will be responsible for correctly completing various application and District financial forms such as expense claims, obtaining their photos for the Chinese visa application etc.
- **Pre and Post-trip Sessions:** Attendance at two pre-departure orientation sessions is mandatory for participants. After the trip is completed, teachers will be expected to prepare a presentation about their experience to share with the group, as well as back at their schools. There will be a concluding event at DEC to share post-trip reflections with other District members.

Cost

- **Sponsors:** Each participating school district in China, and Sun Education will collectively sponsor the cost of this exchange program, and in return, participants will be expected to teach 4 out of 11 days and attend a forum for 2 days while in China.
- **Accommodation:** Participants will share a hotel room with another participant of same gender.
- **Meals:** All meals will be provided by Sun Education or the sponsor schools.
- **Cost to teachers:** All overseas travel, accommodation, and fees for the Chinese visa will be paid for by the hosting schools and Sun Education. Gifts for schools, lesson supplies, and out-of-country medical insurance etc. will be paid for by the District. Participants will be responsible for their own travel to and from YVR, passport photos for the Chinese visa, voltage converters, travel immunizations, personal expenses, and money for shopping/souvenirs etc.

Who Should Apply?

All teachers must:

- Hold a valid Canadian passport with an expiry date **no earlier than December 1, 2020.**
- Be a currently teaching elementary or high school teacher employed with Surrey Schools who has demonstrated experience and a passion for working with international students, teaching ELL and exploring other cultures.
- Be willing to teach both elementary and high school lessons to students of varying English levels and one teacher training session/workshop.
- View this as a fantastic learning opportunity; excited about learning from and about other educational systems and cultures.
- Understand what it means to be a good ambassador for the District, and responsibly act with decorum and cultural sensitivity in a wide variety of settings.

- Have a strong sense of adventure and enthusiasm, along with a willingness to be flexible and “out of their comfort zone” in terms of culture, language, food, accommodation and activities.
- Be comfortable sharing a room with another teacher of the same gender.
- Be accepting of long days of work and travel, including possible evening events. Accepting of receiving instruction from coordinators and staff, and full immersion into a Chinese school.
- Be independent and comfortable teaching independently in a school without other trip participants.
- **Notes:**
 - Participants are not able to bring along families or other guests on the trip.
 - This opportunity is not currently open to administrators or other non-teaching District staff.

How to Apply?

- Complete the following application form
- Scan the color page of your passport and attach it to your application
- Email your application to internationaleled@surreyschools.ca by 4 pm on **November 16, 2018**
- **Note: Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted**

When Will I Find Out if I am Chosen?

- A committee will review all applications. All applicants will be notified no later than December 14, 2018.

Schedule *(subject to minor changes)*

Date	Schedule	Hotel	Details
Mar. 18 Mon.	YVR, AC025 13:20		10:30am: YVR group check in
Mar. 19 Tues.	Arrive Shanghai 16:20	Renaissance Shanghai Yu Garden	
Mar. 20 Wed.	Shanghai - Wuzhen- Hangzhou	Best Western Hangzhou	Teacher will all be in Hangzhou together
Mar. 21 Thurs.	Hangzhou Tour		
Mar. 22 Fri.	Education Forum		
Mar. 23 Sat.	Education Forum		
Mar. 24 Sun.	Local shopping and tour	Best Western Hangzhou or different city hotel	Teachers will go to different sister schools. One at a school. At least two teachers will stay in same hotel. Two teachers stay in one standard hotel room.
Mar. 25 Mon.	Teach in school		
Mar. 26 Tues.	Teach in school		
Mar. 27 Wed.	Teach in school		
Mar. 28 Thurs.	Teach in School		
Mar. 29 Fri.	PVG AC026 17:50 Arrive YVR 13:05		9am: check out and meet at Hotel Lobby with all luggage. Head to airport.

Application for the Surrey Schools Spring Break 2019 Teacher Program in China

1) Participant Information:

Last Name: _____

Male Female

First Name: _____

Current School: _____

Other Name(s): _____

Current Grade Taught: _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Employee Number: _____

Year Month Day

2) Expression of Interest:

1. Please outline your experience in relating to and working effectively with international students, teaching ELL, multiple language/grade levels, and how you approach culturally diverse *educational* situations.

2. Please outline your expectations for, and interest in participating in a cultural immersion program requiring personal flexibility and adaptability in a variety of situations.

3. Please explain what it means to you to represent Surrey Schools, and how you believe this experience will enrich your current practice (and those around you) upon your return.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____