

Mandarin for Your Co-op

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THE TEACHER

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WHAT YOUR CO-OP GETS

A real program: weekly 45–60 minute classes at your co-op, grouped by age band (K-2, 3-5, 6-8), 6–12 students per class.

Sequenced curriculum: a multi-year curriculum with levels, milestones, certificates, and semester progress reports — refined across four years of district teaching.

Documentation up front: Ohio license and BCI/FBI background-check documentation for your board.

All materials: workbooks, printables, games, and songs included — families purchase nothing.

Try before you commit: a free demo class or cultural workshop so your families can experience the program before enrolling.

SAMPLE CURRICULUM — SEMESTER 1 (BEGINNER)

你好

Greetings &
self

家

My family

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Numbers &
colors

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Food & drink

节

Festivals &
culture

Every unit builds speaking, listening, and early character recognition through games, songs, and stories — and the sequence continues each semester. Older students can document lessons for high-school world-language credit.

LOGISTICS & RATES

- Scheduling is by semester; multiple age-band sections can run on a single visit day.
- Serving co-ops throughout Columbus, Gahanna, New Albany, Westerville, Dublin, Powell & Upper Arlington.
- Billed per student, per semester — the most affordable per-child format. Exact rates quoted within 1 business day.

Next step: a free demo class for your families

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