

## Confucius Institute of the State of Washington

The Confucius Institute of the State of Washington is the first statewide Confucius Institute. It is a joint effort of the Office of the Chinese Language Council International (Hanban) in Beijing and the University of Washington, Seattle Public Schools, and the Alliance for Education (serving as fiscal agent), in partnership with the Office of the Governor and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in Washington State. The official partner institutions in China are Sichuan University and Chongqing Municipal Education Commission.



Pictured above: Wang Wenqiu, Michele Anciaux Aoki, Karen Kodama (founding Co-Director of CIWA 2009-2014), Jeffrey Riedinger, Deng Bo.

### Confucius Institute Directors

Dr. Jeffrey Riedinger, Vice Provost for Global Affairs at the University of Washington, chairs the Confucius Institute Board of Directors. Dr. Michele Anciaux Aoki, International Education Administrator for Seattle Public Schools, chairs the Education Advisory Board for the Confucius Institute Education Center. The Chinese Directors are Deng Bo from Sichuan University and Wang Wenqiu representing the Chongqing Municipal Education Commission.

## Strengthening Washington–China Relationship

Washington State has had long and close ties with China. The first ship after the opening of relations came to the Port of Seattle in 1979. On a per capita basis, Washington trades more with China than any other state. China is the largest trading partner through Washington ports, one of the largest sources of international students at our educational institutions, and the second-largest agricultural export market with exports of over \$1 billion. In other words, across nearly all categories of interaction, China is a huge partner for our region.

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Pictured on the cover: Washington high school students on the Chinese Bridge Summer Camp Trip at the Temple of Heaven in Beijing, summer 2011, sponsored by Hanban and the Confucius Institute of the State of Washington.

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## 华盛顿州孔子学院

CHINA AND WASHINGTON STATE:  
WORKING TOGETHER TO  
ACHIEVE GLOBAL CULTURAL COMPETENCE





## Program Focus Areas

### Pathways for students of all ages

- Access to Chinese language programs from preschool through college level, including online language learning
- Assessment of language proficiency, including the HSK Chinese language proficiency test
- Opportunities to use language skills in the community and abroad
- Support for schools and districts to create an articulated Chinese language program

### Pathways for teachers current and future

- Workshops on best practices in language learning and teaching
- Certification of teachers
- Mentoring of visiting teachers from China
- Educational trips to China

### Sharing of Chinese language and culture

- Cultural and educational programs for schools, business, and the community
- Chinese cultural tours to communities throughout Washington by Chinese artists, performers, and teachers



## Confucius Institute Partners

### Seattle Public Schools:

- Chief Sealth International High School
- Denny International Middle School
- Seattle Public Schools International Education

### University of Washington Higher Education Partners in Washington:

- Seattle University
- Shoreline Community College
- University of Puget Sound
- Washington State University

### Community organizations:

- Chinese Language Teachers Association – Washington
- Seattle Chinese Garden
- Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle
- Washington State China Relations Council

## Confucius Institute Education Center

Housed at Chief Sealth International High School and Denny International Middle School in Seattle Public Schools, the Confucius Institute Education Center provides a space dedicated to Chinese language and culture. The Education Center is open to teachers, students, and the public in the afternoon during the week and for evening classes and workshops, as well as language classes, workshops, and cultural programs on many weekends. It also provides space for the Confucius Institute Library for resources for loan and distribution.

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“I hear and I forget.  
I see and I remember.  
I do and I understand.”

– Confucius



Pictured to the left: Madame Xu Lin, Director-General of Hanban, at the opening ceremony for the Confucius Institute of the State of Washington in Seattle, April 26, 2010.