

Sui Wah School

粹華學校

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Mission: To stimulate and develop students' interest in and appreciation for the Chinese (Cantonese) language and Chinese culture in general, by engaging in various creative activities in a lively and motivational environment.



Above: Mini Olympics for the school, at a Christmas celebration.

Below: Students learning Chinese rhymes in a typical class.



Activities Classes in the school follow a 10-month annual term beginning in September and ending the following June. Students are divided into beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels, based on age and level of ability. The beginning level focuses on vocabulary development, oral skills, listening comprehension, and character recognition. The intermediate level emphasizes textbook learning, vocabulary expansion, work with sentence building, and a higher level of conversational development. The advanced level offers grade 1–6 textbook learning, writing, translation, and conversation. Chinese calligraphy and cultural activities are also important parts of the curriculum. All classes are conducted in Cantonese. Classes meet every Sunday from 9:00 am to noon, at 135 North Kukui Street (Sun Yat Sen School).



A paper-cutting activity in celebration of Chinese New Year.

History: The school was founded in 1986 by Chee Ping Lee Lum and Rolanse Crisafulli. It is governed by a nine-member board of directors. All teachers are native speakers of Cantonese, who have attained a professional or college level of education.

School principal

1986–pres. Chee Ping Lee Lum

Sources: UCS directory and correspondence with Chee Ping Lee Lum

Membership:

Classes are open to children from age 3 to 18. For the 2000–01 academic year, 150 students were enrolled. Tuition is \$280 per year, plus an operating fee of \$35 per year.