



## Teaching Philosophy

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As a passionate Chinese teacher and a lifelong learner, I am trying to refresh myself and constantly improve my teaching in order to help my students to become competent learners.

Although it is crucial to build up linguistic competence, students' awareness of and appreciation for Chinese culture is extremely important for Chinese language acquisition at all levels of instruction. I'll try to expose my students to authentic, traditional Chinese culture. I am proud of the five thousand years Chinese culture, which is extremely rich, profound, and full of diversity. I'll help to build up students' language competence and culture awareness.

I'll use more authentic materials. My class will be performed in immersion format, students and teachers communicate primarily in the target language in a meaningful and communicative context. Three modes of communication (interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational) will be incorporated into my instruction. Students will be exposed to a variety of resources, including online resources, DVDs, newspaper, magazines, story books, songs, movies, and so on. Five Cs will be used as guidelines in my teaching. I'll try my best to incorporate into my foreign language instruction more of the five National Standards (Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities) articulated in the *Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* by American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).

I am also interested in the method of assessments. Students should be assessed based on what they have learned with expectations made clear before the assessments. Therefore rubrics with clear instruction will be given before each test or assignment.

Students' study styles are different and must be taught in differentiated approaches in order to develop their language abilities to full potential. "It is not how smart your students are, but how they are smart". This statement is very true. A teacher plays a crucial role to help students to develop their language proficiency based on thorough understanding of the students. I will strive to instill in students passion and desire to become lifelong learners.