

The Expansion of Student Enrollment in Mandarin Chinese Program at Hoover High School and Spain Park High School

The new Mandarin Chinese program at Hoover High School and Spain Park High School received good news this week when teacher Steven Frost learned enrollment in the new program has increased 80% for year two. During the first year 35 students volunteered to take the HSK1 Chinese proficiency test, all of whom made qualifying scores. "The support of the Confucius Institute at Troy University has allowed me to sponsor cultural activities that have been fun for the students. I believe they tell other students how fun Chinese class is and this is a big reason for our growth and success. I am very appreciative of the help and support from our colleagues at Troy University" says Frost. Cindy Adams, Chief Academic Officer for Reading and Humanities at Hoover City Schools said, "Hoover City Schools are celebrating the success of the high school students in our Mandarin Chinese language course. Rarely does a foreign language program grow by 80% in a single school year. Fortunately, Hoover has an excellent instructor helping students feel confident in learning this new foreign language offering." A number of Hoover High and Spain Park students are applying to take part in the STARTALK Chinese Language Program this summer at Troy.

