



Overview

Shenzhen (Nanshan) Concord College of Sino-Canada (SCCSC) is a private Chinese boarding high school consisting of over 750 students in 34 classes in grades 10, 11, and 12. Our students receive approximately 400 minutes of instruction per week from English speakers. English Language Arts, Social Studies, Theatre Arts (Drama), Writing, and Environmental Science provides the platform for delivery of the instruction. The curriculum for these subjects follows course outcomes outlined by the Department of Education of the province of New Brunswick, Canada. SCCSC is a dual diploma school. Our students can earn both a Chinese and New Brunswick graduating diploma.

The actual curriculum material must be adjusted as our students' primary goal is to improve their English language skills, so they can apply for post-secondary education in English speaking countries. Our lessons make use of Western teaching philosophy and methodologies and introduce 21st century learning skills – the critical attributes students require when attending a Western institution of higher learning.

The school does stream classes. However, you may have some very high-level English learners in the regular class and some low-level learners in the higher stream classes. Teachers must be prepared to meet different English proficiency levels within the class.

The average teaching load is some twenty-four 40-minute periods per week, with several extra-curricular activities during the week. The first class starts at 7:30 am, though no international teacher teaches until period 2 at 8:30 am. The office hours are 8:00 – 5:30 pm. The lunch break is two hours, from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. Friday dismissal is at 3:30 pm. As one activity, all international teachers become award leaders for the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

The school follows the Chinese school calendar. In China, it is not uncommon to have to work a weekend day to make up for a mid-week holiday. For example, the Chinese National Week (Golden Week) is October 1-7. However, the actual 'holidays' are only three days. Two days are the weekend. Therefore, the remaining two days are made up by working Saturday and Sunday. The international staff get Christmas Day off though the school remains open. We have a month-long break at Chinese New Year/Spring Festival.

Some Saturdays during the second semester, international teachers are asked to teach a demonstration class. As a private school we must recruit students, so these demo classes help promote our bilingualism and character education emphasis.

SCCSC is a Round Square Global Member school. We follow the IDEALS of internationalism, democracy, environment, adventure, leadership, and service. These IDEALS also dovetail with the principles of the International Award, MUN, and World Scholars Cup. SCCSC students attend international conferences and exchanges with other Round Square member schools. Our goal is to develop the soft skills of students as well as build the hard skills that will serve students well in post-secondary studies.

Professional development opportunities are offered by the school. Twice a year, presenters from North America deliver full day sessions to the English Department. Teachers are also encouraged to apply for workshops and conferences that they believe will enhance their teaching practices and professionalism.