



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
EDUCATION ACTIVITY
HUMAN RESOURCES
4040 NORTH FAIRFAX DRIVE
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**Secondary School Chinese (Mandarin)
Minimum Qualification Requirements**

0370 Teacher, Chinese (Mandarin)

DoDEA or State certificate as a Chinese (Mandarin) Language Teacher

or,

DoDEA or State certificate as a secondary classroom teacher in any category AND Chinese (Mandarin) communication skill as verified by an ACTFL Foreign Language Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) rating of at least an intermediate high score.

or,

Applicants must possess **all** of the following:

1. Chinese (Mandarin) communication skill as verified by an ACTFL Foreign Language Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) rating of at least an intermediate high score; and
2. English language communication skill as verified by an ACTFL English Language Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) rating of at least an intermediate high score; and
3. A baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association. Credits or degrees earned from a foreign college or university must be evaluated prior to acceptance*; and
4. 15 semester hours in "professional teacher education" methods courses before the third year of employment; and
5. DoDEA or State certificate as a secondary classroom teacher by the end of the fifth school year of employment.

*Three evaluation procedures are acceptable:

- 1) Evaluated and interpreted by the International Education Research Foundation, Inc., Credential Evaluation Service, Post Office Box 3665, Culver City, CA 90231-3665 or www.ierf.org/ or telephone (310) 258-9451.
- 2) The foreign institution which awarded the degree is on a list endorsed by a regionally accredited university or on a list endorsed by a state department of education for the purpose of teacher certification in that state (this procedure will require an English translation of the transcript and a copy of the document awarding the degree, together with an authenticated list produced by an American university or a state department of education); or
- 3) The work may be evaluated by a graduate division of a regionally accredited university and declared the equivalent of similar undergraduate or graduate work in a U.S. institution.