



where there is a  
**WORLD**  
of opportunities

**Stough's Mission:**  
*Where we engage,  
empower and educate.*

**Stough's Vision:**  
*To focus on academic excellence  
through collaboration within  
the local and global community.*



**STOUGH MAGNET  
ELEMENTARY**

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**WAKE COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

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**MANDARIN LANGUAGE IMMERSION MAGNET ELEMENTARY**

**GLOBAL PASSPORT PROGRAM:** Stough Elementary joined the Global Schools Collaborative Network in the spring of 2011 as a Passport School. In a Passport school, children have the opportunity to engage with each region of the world. This regional approach provides students who matriculate from kindergarten to fifth grade with a comprehensive global education that promotes achievement in both cultural competencies and global knowledge.



### **What is a Mandarin Language Immersion Program?**

- Kindergartners continue within the program throughout fifth grade.
- Language proficiency in Mandarin Chinese and English becoming bilingual, biliterate and bicultural.
- Core instruction in Mandarin Chinese. Specials (Art, Music, Media, Physical Education and Technology) are taught in English with Chinese cultural connections.

### **Why Mandarin Immersion?**

- **Only** Mandarin Language Immersion Program in WCPSS.
- Chinese is the most widely spoken language in the world.
- Chinese is the fastest growing world language being taught in US schools.
- Students learn another culture and another way of looking at the world.

### **How is the curriculum different than in other classrooms?**

All **Mandarin Language Immersion Program** students are taught using the NC Standard Course of Study and NC Essential Standards. The curriculum will prepare our students to achieve and perform well on NC and district developed assessments, which are administered in English.

### **How do students benefit from participating in a Mandarin Language Immersion Program?**

Through participation in the Mandarin Language Immersion Program, students will:

- become proficient in English and Chinese;
- excel academically;
- increase academic performance;
- gain exposure of the Chinese culture and language; and
- prepare to meet the challenges of a globally-dependent society.

### **Is this program right for my child?**

- Do you value bilingualism and biliteracy?
- Does your child need academic challenges?
- Do you want your child to have an edge in tomorrow's market economy?
- Are you willing to make a long-term commitment to the **Mandarin Language Immersion Program**?

If you answered "yes" to any of the questions above, you may wish to consider **Stough Mandarin Language Immersion Magnet Elementary School** for your child.

### **Mandarin Immersion and Digital Learning**

Stough is proud to promote the 4Cs: **communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking**. Students use:

#### **Communication/Collaboration:**

- a variety of technology devices to connect with classrooms within the US and beyond.

#### **Creativity:**

- ipads and flip cameras to showcase their work and promote their learning on the morning news.
- laptops to create electronic newsletters and digital performance portfolios.

#### **Critical Thinking:**

- ipads and laptops to investigate and research different topics related to their learning objectives.
- Promethean boards through hands on activities and lessons.

