

COMPREHENSIVE EXPLORATION OF TRADITIONAL AND MODERN CHINESE CULTURE

Professional Development Program

Enrich Your Curriculum –
Wisdom and Insight from
Traditional Chinese Culture



About the Program



China, or 中國, " which literally means the "Middle Kingdom," has been a center of cultural and economic prosperity for 5,000 years. The Silk Road, which served as a conduit of exchange between China and the West for over 2,000 years, enabled the sharing of technological innovations, business, and China's rich culture.

In 1949, China underwent an abrupt change that altered traditional Chinese culture beyond recognition. After a period of seclusion from the world stage, China reemerged 30 years ago with a variety of economic reforms that opened the country up for imports, exports, and foreign investment. As China's prominence in the world increases, so does

the need to understand the foundation of traditional versus modern Chinese culture.

Our professional development program aims at addressing the need for educators to understand China through uncensored and unaltered resources, materials, and information. The program provides teaching materials to assist educators in history, social studies, languages, art, and music.

Our program fulfills the requirements for the National Core Arts Standards and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Social Studies, and is endorsed by the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA).

Unique Features

- 1 **Comprehensive exploration** of traditional and modern Chinese culture.
- 2 Unaltered and uncensored information on **Chinese language, philosophy, arts and music.**
- 3 Participants experience a journey from theory to reality by watching a **Shen Yun performance**, which focuses on reviving and sharing traditional Chinese culture with the world.
- 4 **Abundant resources** for lesson plans, student projects and other teaching materials.

What you will learn in this program

Segment 1:

The Essence of Chinese Culture

This workshop takes you on a journey through 5,000 years of history to discover the driving forces in Chinese civilization. This segment will lay the foundation for understanding China, its history, and its people.

Segment 2:

Beyond Dance and Music

Dance, martial arts, music, medical science, physics ... these seemingly different disciplines are closely correlated with ancient

ways of understanding and interacting with the world. This segment will illustrate how arts have shaped history.

Segment 3:

Contemporary History of China

China's traditional culture has endured tremendous challenges in the modern era. This segment will help you understand the forces that have impacted life in the past seven decades under communist rule.

Segment 4:

The Revival of Traditional Cultural Values

A cultural revival has manifested in recent years. This segment will help educators to differentiate the superficial use of Chinese culture as a hegemonic device versus the real renaissance in traditional Chinese culture.



Shen Yun Audience Reviews

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A visually dazzling tour of 5,000 years of Chinese history and culture.

-San Francisco Chronicle

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The experience will be not just one of entertainment but one of self development, knowledge and learning.

-David Sweet, Member Of The Canadian Parliament

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It's good for the children, culturally. That's why I wanted to bring them to see this, because you don't have to go anywhere, and you still get to experience culture... It's physical poetry. It's poetry through dancing.

-Victoria Chang, Award-Winning Poet And Writer

The PD program consists of two parts

Part I: A Luncheon Workshop on Traditional Chinese Culture



A unique feature of Chinese civilization is that its history, language, and national identity have been recorded and passed down virtually without interruption for 5,000 years. This multimedia workshop walks educators through significant aspects of China's authentic culture and its influence on the world.

Part II: Live Performance of Shen Yun Performing Arts



A 120-minute performance by Shen Yun Performing Arts, the world's premier classical Chinese dance and music company, will bring this culture to life. The program features authentic representations of ancient Chinese arts and culture, including timeless legends, historical heroes, and literary classics. Every dance embodies and celebrates the virtues that were at the heart of Chinese civilization for thousands of years: loyalty, courage, compassion, honor, and veneration for the divine.

Date & Location

WEDNESDAY MAY 2, 2018

Workshop & Lunch

Best Western Plus Robert Treat Hotel
50 Park Pl, Newark, NJ 07102

Shen Yun Performance

New Jersey Performing Art Center
(NJPAC)
1 Center St, Newark, NJ 07102

Check-in:

9:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

Workshop & Lunch:

10:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.

Shen Yun Performance:

2:00 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Program Fee: \$249.00

Fee includes: workshop, lunch, handout, PD Certificate, and a premium Shen Yun ticket.

PD Certificate: Upon completion participants will receive a certificate of **five hours** of professional development.

Registration: For more details and registration, please visit our website at <http://edu.sypi.org>

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2017 PD Program Quick Facts



Our professional development program on traditional Chinese culture in May 2017 received excellent feedback.

Who attended

- Superintendents
- Professors
- Principals
- Director of Curriculum
- Teachers of Music, History, Art, Languages, Social Studies

Based on the survey:

100% rated the program overall Excellent/Very Good/Good

95% would recommend this workshop to other educators

96% strongly agree/agree they would be able to use what they learned from the program



Who should attend?

- 1 K-12 educators, primarily in the subject areas of social studies, history, languages, art, and music
- 2 Curriculum and Instruction Directors/Supervisors
- 3 College professors, lecturers and researchers
- 4 Anyone wishing to learn more about China's customs, values, history, and trends

PD Program Reviews

“ I was fascinated to know that over 5,000 years, they've been able to record the history and put it together, and come to see Shen Yun, which is a nice walk-through of 5,000 years of history and things they believe, and I thought that was very special. ”

—Laurie Coletti, Principal, James McDivitt School from Old Bridge

“ They will take away a lot of ideas, whether it is art, or international relations courses, language courses, it will plant the seeds for a lot more, hopefully beautiful flowers. ”

—Alice Simonson, International Program Coordinator of Shore Regional High School