

# GREAT NECK SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL COURSE EXPECTATION SHEET

Department: **Word Languages**

Course: **Chinese 9**

This course is a continuation of Chinese learning from middle school. It progresses with (1) basic listening and conversational skills in *Mandarin*, and (2) basic reading and writing skills, primarily in traditional characters, but with some exposure to simplified characters. Students may write in either traditional or simplified characters. Approximately 300 - 350 new characters will be taught. The split between listening/conversation and reading/writing is approximately 50-50.

*Hanyu pinyin* (an alphabetic means to express Chinese phonetic sounds) is used as a tool of instruction and testing. Although students are expected to write primarily in characters, they should be able to use pinyin accurately when needed and to recognize pinyin spelling where encountered.

### **Grading:**

Quizzes, tests, and projects count as 70%; homework and classroom participation count as 30% of the total grade. A final examination is given at the end of the year.

### **Quizzes and Tests:**

Quizzes or tests are usually given once a week. Any missed quiz or test due to a legal absence must be made up within two days of the student's return to school.

### **Homework:**

Homework is assigned on most days of the week. Homework is corrected in class, and a penalty is assigned for incomplete or missing homework. Some homework assignments are collected for more thorough review and grading.

### **Classroom Participation:**

Besides homework, classroom participation is based on such criteria as: (1) coming to class punctually and prepared; (2) actively contributing to the class; (3) staying on task during class; and (4) taking notes. The department's *Class Participation Rubrics* contains more details on the criteria for classroom work.

### **Plagiarism Statement:**

Plagiarism is defined as "the taking and passing off the thoughts, writings, etc, of other people as your own." Integrity of the academic process requires that credit be given where credit is due. Accordingly, it is unethical to present as one's own work, the ideas, representations, or words of another or to permit another to present one's own work without customary and proper acknowledgment of sources. The minimum penalty for plagiarism is zero for the assignment and notation on the offender's record.

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