

District Chosen as Member of Hanban–Asia Society Confucius Classrooms Network

In recognition of its potential as a model Chinese language program for the U.S., strong local leadership, demonstrated commitment to international exchange and collaboration, and global vision for the future, the Simsbury Public Schools was invited to apply and has been accepted as a member of the first cohort of schools in the Hanban–Asia Society Confucius Classrooms Network. This national network of 100 exemplary Chinese language programs will be developed over the next three years, starting in February 2010 with 20 “pioneer” schools or districts that represent the future of Chinese language education in the United States.

Funds provided by this three-year grant will strengthen and expand the existing Chinese language program, including providing for a part-time Chinese teacher; allow more teachers, students, and administrators to participate in exchanges with our middle- and high school sister schools in China’s Shandong Province; provide a number of professional development opportunities; and bring cultural and community programs and activities to not only our students but to the wider Simsbury community.

