Redding School of the Arts offers an integrated, interdisciplinary approach for incorporating the visual and performing arts into the academic day. The curriculum consists of the basic concepts, content goals, and skills instruction reflected in the California State Frameworks in Language Arts, Science, Mathematics, Social Science, and Visual and Performance Arts.

Yearlong themes studied include:

* Africa, Asia and Early European History
* California and American History
* Ancient Civilizations

If there are not enough spaces in a class for all students who want to attend, RSA will use a random lottery for enrollment. There will be two separate lotteries for kindergarten and 1st grade; one for the Mandarin immersion program and one for traditional classes.
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Research suggests that the more difficult the language to learn, the greater the overall cognitive benefits.

Research shows that attaining fluency in a second language, particularly more difficult languages, makes learning a third or more languages much easier.

The four most widely spoken languages in the world:

- Chinese: 2 billion+ (Mandarin Chinese: 1 billion+)
- English: 514 million
- Hindustani: 496 million
- Spanish: 425 million

The growth and market potential of China, Taiwan, Singapore and other Mandarin-speaking countries are well known, and the most successful marketing always takes place in the language of the target country.

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