

A copy of email communication with Mr. Cheng from Stratford Schools

On Mar 21, 2022, at 3:19 PM, Harrison Cheng
<hcheng1@stratfordschools.com> wrote:

Hi Madhu,

With regards to your questions:

1. We don't plan to list approved schools, we are simply allowing all accredited schools, and will list it as such.
2. Yes, you may include us as an approved school based on this email.
3. We do not require any other documents from you right now
4. Once the official policy is written and approved and posted on our website, we would be happy to send you that page so you can save it for your records. We do of course reserve the right to make changes with appropriate notice to our students.
5. We will be transferring pass/fail only
6. The limit for transfer is currently set at 50% of all units earned, so it's the equivalent of about 12-16 classes, it's unlikely that you would exceed this amount.
7. The exam we use is the Avant Placement Exam, the test will be administered by this 3rd party vendor and must be paid for by the student.
8. While I'm sure your exam has no problems, our goal is to standardize our language programs across all languages and schools, which can be challenging. Using a 3rd party company that standardizes their requirements helps ensure consistency across the different language offerings.

Best,
Harrison

On Mon, Mar 21, 2022 at 10:01 AM Madhu Aggarwal
<madhu@mbkhindi.org> wrote:

Thanks for the information. This is great.

Based on my experience with different schools and school districts, I would like to get some clarifications.

Would you be listing approved schools/institutions on your site?

Is this email adequate for us to include your schools in our list of approved schools?

Do you need any other documents from us?

Would you be willing to provide a letter of approval for our records, so down the road there is no confusion?

Would Stratford be transferring letter grades or pass/fail only?

Is there a limit to how many units can be transferred?

Who will be giving that exam?

Our students do take the comprehensive exam at the end of each semester.

We will be happy to provide a copy of that assessment to your school if need be.

Respectfully,
Madhu

On Mon, Mar 21, 2022 at 9:45 AM Harrison Cheng
<hcheng1@stratfordschools.com> wrote:

Hi Madhu,

We have decided to accept credit taken from outside institutions. However, we are also requiring that our students pass a "language proficiency exam" at the end of each year to confirm that they've mastered the language at that level in order to ensure consistency across outside institutional instruction.

Best,
Harrison

On Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 11:36 AM Madhu Aggarwal
<madhu@mbkhindi.org> wrote:

Dear Mr. Cheng,

Good to hear from you.

Our school is WASC accredited, and has approval from multiple schools/school districts for transfer of grades and credits for students in grade 7th-12th.

We have posted some of this information on our site at
<https://mbkhindi.org/academics/hindi-for-credit/faq>

Curriculum is aligned with State and National Standards for the World Languages in the 21st Century.

I will be happy to schedule a virtual meeting if need be.

These courses do satisfy the a-g requirements for college admission once approved by the school administration/principal.

Here is our communication with UCOP in this regard.

I Hope this is helpful.

Let me know if you would like me to send you any other information or documents.

Respectfully,
Madhu

You may refer them to UC's principal certification policy, of which they may already be aware. As a reminder, principal certification permits the school principal, or another appropriate individual at the school, to opt to agree to certify courses are comparable to other college prep courses offered at their schools without placing them on their A-G lists. These courses may then be listed on a transcript without being listed on an A-G list, and may be used by students to fulfill A-G requirements. The full policy is described on page 15 of [The Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions](#).

Thank you,
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On Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 11:00 AM Harrison Cheng
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Hi,

My name is Harrison Cheng, I am the college counselor and one of the directors of a new private school in the Bay Area. Our campus is located in Sunnyvale, though we have students attending from all of our middle schools including Fremont, Palo Alto, San Francisco, Pleasanton, Milpitas, San Jose, and more.

We are currently looking to make a decision on our foreign language policy for student graduation. We need something that would meet UC A-G requirements for college admissions and something that would meet our academic requirements. I wanted to learn more about your existing transfer policies with other schools and school districts, what information you've submitted to them in order to earn that approval and any accreditations that your program may have.

Our students begin course registration April 1st, so we would like to present them with alternative options before that date.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Best,
Harrison

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