

A PARENT'S CONCERNS...

Chinese students studying in the United States and their parents must have peace of mind knowing that their American hosts are kind, sympathetic and attuned to the needs of guest students. Students must be provided a safe and fostering environment where language acquisition skills, academic performance and success are valued. These are the services offered by the Bridge to America program of Maine. These are the values by which we serve and by which we live...

Bridge Staff



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Bridge to America



Maine

Services for Chinese high school students studying in America offered in Maine by

Bangor Chinese School
and
Lee Academy

Ensure your student's success in American Education with:

- English language Preparation
- Academic assistance
- TOEFL/SAT exam preparation: *February & April vacation and weekend classes are available*
- Short and long-term residence
- Parental connection and involvement



Who we are...

Responding to a request from the Consulate-General of China in New York City, the schools teaching Chinese language in Maine banded together under the leadership of Lee Academy and the Bangor Chinese School to create a program which would ensure the academic and social success of Chinese students studying in American high schools.



Called "Bridge to America" this special opportunity offers visiting Chinese students a welcoming environment and a broad range of services to meet their educational and social needs. Located in Ban-

gor, Maine in one of America's safest small cities, this successful program is one in which your student will grow and become a competent young scholar able to compete successfully at all levels of American education. We look forward to your friendship .



Jing Zhang
Bridge Director

What we offer...

- Transition Education including instruction in cultural values, social issues, safety issues, interacting with other nationalities and cultural groups, the American university system and preparation for academic success and university admission
- Counseling assistance for students who have never before left home or who have emotional issues or dietary needs
- Interpreting for students who need medical assistance, school services, and community services
- Parental connectivity including academic reporting and monthly reports of student success, instruction in student use of SKYPE and other technological devices to maintain close home contact
- Guidance in Chinese grocery shopping, local restaurants and how to order food, the purchase of airline tickets, obtaining legal documents, visas, passports and monetary transfers
- Chinese holiday celebrations as relaxing times to maintain cultural connections
- A vacation and school break plan to assist students who wish to stay in Maine during school holidays, or need extra English lessons, assistance with travel arrangements and tours



Grandma's house in America

Our friendly staff are committed to providing high quality service to students and their parents. We will meet and transport students at the airport and assist students in making phone calls to their parents. The students may arrive as early as they wish. Such time will allow for adjustment to a new time zone and new environment. It is also a time for students to feel comfortable with their teachers and get further English instruction.

After this orientation period, students will be taken to their schools. When school is not in session, they can stay at the "House" and receive such educational and social services as they require. The Center will also provide affordable help with extra English training and TOEFL and SAT preparation for their later successful admission to university. There will also be help with travel arrangements and tours provided.

Visiting parents will be provided with assistance in shopping, food, and translation services along with guidance to local culture and customs. When needed, parents will also include real estate assistance and business introduction services.