



# 厦门外国语学校

## XIAMEN FOREIGN LANGUAGE SCHOOL

### Profile of Xiamen Foreign Language School (XMFLS)

#### Historical Background

Xiamen Foreign Language School (XMFLS), which was established in 1981, is one of the outstanding secondary and senior high schools in the Fujian Province, China. The school has acquired the right to recommend 20% of its students for a swift admission to key universities every year, including Peking University, Tsinghua University, Beijing Foreign Studies University, China Foreign Affairs University and Shanghai International Studies University among others.

XMFLS comprises the junior and the senior school campuses. They cover an area of 112,707 meters square. The junior middle school campus is located near Yuan Dang Lake and surrounded by mesmerizing scenery while the senior high school campus is situated next to the “Future Coast” in the Haicang District with an area of 81,000 meters square. Both campuses have well-equipped facilities, efficiently managed and comfortable accommodations, abundant resources, convenient grocery stores, stimulating extra-curriculum activities and family atmosphere.

#### Vital Educational Statistics

XMFLS has 86 classes, 4380 students and 356 thoroughly-selected professional teachers with impeccable credentials. The school strives to provide the highest quality of education to its students by offering a broad range of subjects. Our guiding principles are: “Focusing on Foreign Languages, Stressing both Arts and Sciences and Promoting all-round Development”.

XMFLS is running an elite program for its teaching staff. Previously, 120 teachers had attended training courses for the national, the provincial and the municipal elite levels. Among our instructors, 76 teachers hold master degrees, 69 teachers had attended non-degree postgraduate programs and 6 teachers hold PhD degrees, which led to ranking the school at the top in the Fujian Province. Each year, the school sends some teachers to America, England, Australia and Germany to advance their studies and polish their teaching skills. Xiamen Foreign Language School is renowned for its strong morals, excellent professional skills and a high caliber scientific research.

#### Facilities & International collaborations

XMFLS offers its students the opportunity to select from a diverse variety of courses to help acquire the knowledge needed for an all-round development. Apart from the basic courses, Japanese, German, French and Spanish classes are offered to the students. Furthermore, XMFLS, fully, takes advantage of its fine reputation and resources to set up various educational programs and mutually beneficial friendly partnerships with some prestigious foreign universities. Up to now, XMFLS has established collaborative relationships with 20 schools worldwide; such as Linden High

School of New Jersey; USA, Gymnasium Johanneum Loburg of Germany; Alain Chartier de Bayeux of France; Columbia International College of Canada; Melbourne Xavier College of Australia; Genazzano F.C.J. College of Melbourne, Australia; London International Academy and University of Sussex. Every year, the school organizes a study tour to USA, Australia, Canada, Singapore, Japan or Europe to broaden the horizons of both its teachers and students.

### **The Educational Curriculum**

Unlike the other traditional high schools in China, which focus on preparing students to get high scores on the National College Entrance Exam, SUIP's main objective is carrying on an internationally oriented quality education while paying great attention to the overall development of its students, including the leadership attributes, the individual characteristics, the hidden talents and the communication skills.

### **Grading System**

XMFLS is a highly competitive high school. Its students must maintain at least a 60 average in each subject. Grade equivalency is as follows:

A (Excellent)	4.0	<u>85-100</u>
B (Good)	3.0	<u>70-84</u>
C (Average)	2.0	<u>60-69</u>
D (Fail)	0.0	<u>0-59</u>

### **Ranking the Students in Classes**

XMFLS has adopted a policy of no ranking for its student on cumulative averages relative to their classmates.

### **Extra-curricular Activities**

The quality of education at XMFLS attempts to break the confinement of the classroom walls by creating possible opportunities for its students to grow. The school participates in various educational reform initiatives and programs. It has taken great measures to continuously add non-curricular activities to its educational program. One of its main objectives is strengthening its relationships with various communities and organizations. Through organizing various social and community activities, the school has broadened the perspectives of its students and enhanced their capabilities.

During the two hours, allocated for extra-curricular activities each afternoon, students can participate in any activity that interests them. They may take part in the English Corner, the English Broadcasting program, the English Drama Club, the Chorus, the Dancing Group, the Orchestra, the Fine Arts Group, the Calligraphy Group, the Astronomy Group, the lectures offered, the debating conducted in the school, the "Young English MC" competition, the Handicraft Display, the film appreciation program, the Body-building Festival, or the Literature Societies. Such a wide range of activities, contributes enormously to the well-being and personal growth of the students.

The school, regularly, arranges for its students to attend the Model United Nations conferences hosted by Peking University, Fudan University and Foreign Affairs University respectively. Since 2010, the school has annually hosted Fujian Interscholastic

Model UN, which greatly promoted its development and popularity in the Fujian Province.

### **Awards and Achievements**

The school has been commended for the high quality of its education, especially for its achievements in the college entrance exam each year. Since 2007, 10 students from XMFLS ranked first in Xiamen with 5 of them ranking first in Fujian. Over the past eight years, 234 students from XMFLS have been admitted into the best universities in China Mainland and Hong Kong, such as the Peking University, the Tsinghua University and the Hong Kong University. In recent years, the school has recommended about 20% of its students for a swift admission to key universities. Up to now, 1316 students have been admitted to those universities accordingly. Dozens of its students got the opportunity of advancing their studies abroad. 248 of them entered top universities (top 50 US Universities or top 100 World Universities) right after graduation, such as Yale University, University of Chicago, Emory University, Pomona College, Cornell University, Middlebury College, Northwestern University, McGill University, University Of California-Berkeley, University of Toronto and University College of London.

Its students have been awarded 9 national gold medals. Up to now, Xiamen has achieved only three gold medals for Chinese Mathematical Olympiad, of which two were won by XMFLS students Zhu Yibo and Fan Ruituo. Teachers and students have obtained 58 patents.

In recognition of its fine reputation and achievement, XMFLS has been given various awards such as Excellent Foreign Language School at the national level, the Green School, the First-rate Secondary and Senior High School at the provincial level and the Civilization School among other awards.

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### **Admission to Universities**

In the past decades, the senior students have maintained excellent records in the highly competitive National College Entrance Examination (NCEE). Since 2012, over 90% of senior students are qualified to go to key universities and 100% go to 4-year universities.

In 2016, 69% of the graduates of XMFLS entered Project 985 and Project 211 Universities. Of whom, 19 students were granted admission by the top Chinese universities Peking University and Tsinghua University. Besides, 9 students were admitted to Hong Kong University, the Chinese University of Hong Kong as well as The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

## Universities Acceptances for 2016 XMFLS graduates, up to August 2016:

### USA Universities

Cornell University  
University of California at Los Angeles  
New York University  
Tufts University  
University of Rochester  
University of California at San Diego  
Ohio State University  
Pratt Institute  
University Of California Santa Barbara  
University of California-Irvine  
University of Pittsburgh  
University Of Illinois at Urbana Champaign  
Pennsylvania State University-University Park  
Ohio State University-Columbus  
University of Texas at Austin  
University of Minnesota--Twin Cities  
University of Richmond  
Fordham University  
Miami University-Oxford Campus  
University of Rochester  
Michigan State University  
Columbia College Chicago  
Dickinson College  
Babson College  
Whitman college  
George Washington University  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey-New Brunswick  
Foothill College  
University of Denver  
Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School  
Texas A&M University - College Station  
Wellesley College  
Oberlin College

### Canada Universities

University of Toronto

### UK Universities

University of Birmingham  
Durham University

### Australia Universities

University of New South Wales  
University of Sydney  
University of Melbourne

### Singapore Universities

The National University of Singapore  
Nanyang Technological University

### Japan Universities

Waseda University

### German University

Technische Universitaet München  
Universität Mannheim  
Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel

### French University

INSA Lyon  
ESIGELEC