



School Facts

Our Mission:

To prepare our children to be global citizens who are intellectually curious, culturally aware and linguistically capable. We focus on Mandarin Chinese and Spanish, two of the most widely spoken first languages in the world.

Background:

Bilingual Buds is the first immersion school for children (ages 1-10) in New Jersey offering classes five days per week in Mandarin—and now Spanish. The Bilingual Buds program, taught by native speakers, has been featured in The New York Times, New Jersey Star Ledger, CNN, and CBS News TV.

Locations:

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Website: www.bilingualbuds.com

175 Riverside Blvd at 68th Street, New York, NY 10069
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Year Established:

New Jersey Program: February 2005
New York Program: 2010

Programs:

See websites for current programs offered, including:

- Preschool
- Full day kindergarten through 3rd grade
- After School classes
- Summer Camp in NJ, NY and Beijing
- Mommy& Me

Founder & Owners:

Sharon Huang: 17 years Fortune 500 business experience, Wharton MBA.

Bill Hicks: 20 years Fortune 500 business experience, Stanford MBA.

Current Enrollment:

Summit, NJ: Approx 100 in Day School and After School
 Additional 50-75 students in Mommy & Me and Summer Camp

New York, NY: Opening 2010; Enrollment to be determined

Student Base:

Note: The majority of our students do not come from families that speak the “target” language at home. Their language exposure and acquisition comes primarily from Bilingual Buds.

Mandarin Program:

1/3 of student enrollment is of Chinese or Asian heritage, 1/3 is adopted from China, and 1/3 is of Caucasian, African American or Latino heritage.

Spanish Program:

Students come from a diversity of backgrounds, including many with family connections to Spain and Latin America.