

References should speak to an applicant's ability to be a dynamic educator and mentor for adolescents and to work effectively and harmoniously with adult colleagues.

**Salary/Benefits.** Lakeside School is committed to attracting and retaining outstanding employees through a compensation plan that compares favorably with those of peer schools both locally and nationwide. Individual salary levels—negotiable depending on education and experience—are very competitive. A full benefits package includes TIAA/CREF retirement and generous medical/dental coverage, and equals the best plans in private industry. Lakeside's down-payment assistance program

(available after successful evaluation) supports first-time home purchases in the Puget Sound area.

**Application Process.** Applicants should call 206/440-2763 to request an application form or download a form from the Lakeside School web site ([www.lakesideschool.org](http://www.lakesideschool.org)), and should submit this with a resumé and cover letter of interest to Lakeside School Employment, 14050 First Avenue NE, Seattle, Washington, 98125-3099. Applications will be reviewed beginning February 20; this position will be open until filled. Lakeside School is an Equal Opportunity Employer seeking to diversify its workplace.

## BOOK NEWS

### FUNDAMENTALS OF CHINESE CHARACTERS 汉字基础

Author: John Jing-hua Yin 印京华  
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This book acknowledges that the writing system of the Chinese language is drastically different from that of a language using an alphabet such as English. It adopts a new approach to learning Chinese characters, making it possible for those students who have no knowledge of Chinese writing system to learn to recognize and write Chinese characters without waiting to learn to speak Chinese first. The book elucidates the connections between the shapes and meanings of basic Chinese characters, teaching students to recognize and write characters systematically. If students can already speak some standard Chinese, the book has rhymes, written with the basic characters covered in the book, to help these students to establish the link between the shapes and pronunciations of these characters. With the knowledge and skills learned from using

this book, students are expected to continue to learn Chinese with ease and confidence.

An examination copy can be requested online at [yalebooks.com/languageexam](http://yalebooks.com/languageexam)  
The book can be purchased by phone: 1-800-405-1619 or by e-mail: [Jennifer.matty@yale.edu](mailto:Jennifer.matty@yale.edu)

### CHINESE LANGUAGE – A SHORT COURSE

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With the 300 Chinese characters learned, 500 bilingual sample sentences and 1000+ in vocabulary and expressions are generated and explained. The book also provides Romanized phonetic transcriptions (*pinyin* in Chinese) and sentence structure comparison between Chinese and English, with a broad foundational understanding of the Chinese language, including character tones, character structure (radicals), comparison of traditional print