The Virginia Beach STARTALK Elementary Chinese and Russian Academies are immersive programs which foster critical language learning. During the program, students will use Mandarin Chinese or Russian at least 90 per cent of the time. Culture is embedded in the curriculum and students will have a variety of opportunities to explore and compare cultural practices, products, and perspectives first-hand.

Application: Included in this brochure.

Choose a language: Chinese or Russian. (The application must be received on or before **Friday, May 24**)

Forty-five (45) students will be selected by lottery for each program (Chinese and Russian).

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Eligibility: Rising 2019-2020 fifth

graders

Snacks: Healthy snacks and water

will be provided daily.

Transportation: VBCPS Bus Service

provided. (Students will be picked up and dropped off at centralized elementary

schools.)

Consent & Permission Forms:

Issued and returned before the beginning of sessions







Since 2006, STARTALK has provided summer learning opportunities in critical languages for students K-16. Currently, programs are being implemented in Arabic, Chinese, Dari, Hindi, Persian, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu in almost every state. Participation in STARTALK nationwide has grown to over 5,000 students and over 1,500 teachers as it continues its mission of offering creative and engaging summer experiences that exemplify best practices in language education. For more information, visit: startalk.umd.edu

Program details at virginiabeachstartalk.org

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2019 STARTALK Elementary Chinese and Russian Summer Academies For Rising Fifth Graders



No Fees Required

Location: Kempsville Elementary School

570 Kempsville Road Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Time: 8:00 am—12 noon

Dates: Monday—Thursday

June 24—July 18

(No class Thursday, July 4)

In-house Field Trip: July 11

Students who are accepted into the program must commit to attending every session as language builds sequentially.





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2019 STARTALK Elementary Chinese and Russian Summer Academies

APPLICATION FORM Indicate academy preference below.

□ 2nd choice □ either □ 2nd choice Print or type. If student uses a name other than Student's Name Snacks & Drinks are provided. List any his/her first name, please indicate allergy that requires attention of staff: First Name Middle Name Last Name here Allergy Grade 5 **Current School** Birthdate T-Shirts are provided for (Sept. 2019) Academy students. Circle Size Circle one. **Current Teacher** Student's Gender Circle one Youth-Small 6-8 Adult-Medium 38-40 Yes Νo Male **Female** Youth-Medium 10-12 Adult-Large 42-44 **Home or Primary Phone** Mother's Cell Phone Mother's Work Phone Youth-Large 14-16 Adult-XL 46-48 Required Youth-XL 18-20 **Father's Cell Phone Father's Work Phone** Adult-Small 34-36 Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) **Street Address / Mailing Address** (Post Office Box addresses are <u>not</u> acceptable.) If student is identified SPED or has an IEP or 504 Plan, please note here and provide a copy upon acceptance. Virginia Beach, Virginia 234 **Email Address** (print clearly) Confirmation of receipt of application will be sent by email. Please check your email. **Emergency Contact Person if other than** Phone(s) Relationship to Student Parent/Guardian

Please complete an application online at http://bit.ly/STARTALK2019 **or** send this completed paper application to Jennifer Carson by email: jennifer.carson@vbschools.com, by FAX: 757-263-1424, or by regular mail:

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