

## **ACCA General Information**

**The Atlanta Contemporary Chinese Academy (ACCA)**, formerly Emory Chinese Academy (ECA), was founded in 1992 by a group of community-oriented volunteers in Metro Atlanta, Georgia. ACCA is a non-profit organization registered with the office of Secretary of State of Georgia, and has tax exemption status under 501C (3) code. In the past twenty four years, ACCA has grown to be the largest learning center of Chinese language and culture for children of age five to eighteen in the Southeastern United States. Currently, ACCA has a total enrollment of approximately 1200 students and a faculty/staff of over seventy. It operates on three campuses – South Campus at Emory University, North Campus at Perimeter Church and West Campus at East Cobb Middle School, offering weekly classes in Chinese language.

Our staff at ACCA has been committed in creating an environment that is safe, friendly, and positive for all the students. Our goal is to server the children as well as the community to the best of our ability. We encourage parent involvement and enjoy a true partnership between the school and families. ACCA is well recognized locally and nationally for its exemplary programs.

## **School's Purpose**

### **Purpose Statement**

Atlanta Contemporary Chinese Academy (ACCA) is committed to promoting the Chinese language, culture, and heritage through education of the Chinese language and culture. It seeks to increase multicultural awareness, to develop better understanding between Chinese and other communities, and to promote Sino-US friendship. ACCA is dedicated to student success by providing top-notch foreign language education at affordable prices.

### **Vision Statement**

As one of the largest and most recognized children's learning centers for Chinese language and culture in Metropolitan Atlanta for 24 years, we expect to continue our excellence in educating as many students as we can, regardless of their race or ethnicity. We use effective curriculum that is designed by following 5Cs standards established by National Standards in Foreign Language Education (Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons and Communities).

### **Our Core Values**

- Respect for learning
- Respect for inspiration
- Respect for creativity
- Respect for honesty
- Respect for others

Respect for cultural awareness  
Respect for cultural appreciation

### **Shared Beliefs about Teaching and Learning**

At ACCA, we share the following beliefs about teaching and learning:

1. All students can learn and everyone is capable of learning Chinese.
2. Learning is a collaborative activity between teachers and students.
3. Learning happens best when student-teacher relationships are based on mutual trust and respect.
4. Students need to have the opportunity to observe, practice and teach each other.
5. Teaching is only effective when it results in student learning.
6. Teaching excellence is achieved when teachers reflect on and seek continuously to improve their teaching.
7. Aligning teaching and practices with student interest and ability will yield positive learning results.
8. Parent involvement is critical for children's learning success.
9. Program curriculum needs to be culturally and academically appropriate.
10. Providing training opportunities to teachers and administration staff helps assure the quality of teaching and services.
11. Innovative teaching approaches and selective curriculum promote effective learning.

In addition, ACCA promotes beliefs in excellence, continuous learning, cultural awareness and appreciation, on-going assessment and social responsibility. We believe our strong partnerships with parents and community continue to enhance our ability to provide quality education for present and future.

## **学校简介**

亚特兰大现代中文学校 (Atlanta Contemporary Chinese Academy, 简称 ACCA), 由乔治亚州亚特兰大社区志愿者创立于 1992 年, 前身为 Emory 中文学校 (Emory Chinese Academy)。ACCA 是在乔治亚州政府秘书办公室注册的非营利性组织, 具有 501C(3) 免税资格。在过去的 24 年发展中, ACCA 已成为美国东南部最大的儿童青少年 (5-18 岁) 中文语言及文化学习中心。目前, ACCA 总注册学生人数为 1200 人, 任职教师及工作人员超过 70 人, 并在以下三大校区每周提供中文课程: 位于 Emory 大学的南校区, 位于 Perimeter Church 的北校区以及位于 East Cobb 中学的西校区。

ACCA 的工作人员致力于创造安全、友好和积极向上的学习环境，竭诚服务于学生及社区。学校鼓励家长参与到 ACCA 的发展中，建立学校与家庭之间的互助合作关系。与此同时，ACCA 的标准课程也被同行认可，享誉全国。

## 学校宗旨

### 教育目标

亚特兰大现代中文学校（ACCA）致力于中文语言及文化教育，传播中文语言，继承中华文化。与此同时，ACCA 努力寻求增加跨文化交流意识，提升其他社区对华人社区的了解，在美国多元文化的环境中，凝聚华人力量，促进美中友好。学校通过合理收费并提供高水准的语言课程，始终关注学生的成长。

### 愿景宣言

在过去的 24 年里，作为亚特兰大地区最大及最被认可的青少年儿童中文及文化学习机构，ACCA 期望延续在教育领域的成功，尽最大努力培养更多来自各种背景的学生。经过不断地努力，目前学校的课程设计已达到了由美国外国语言教育委员会设定的 5Cs 标准（沟通、文化、联系、对比及社区）。

### 核心价值

- 鼓励学习
- 注重启发
- 提升创造力
- 宣扬诚实
- 尊重他人
- 促进文化了解
- 尊重多元文化

### 教学信念

ACCA 的师生坚持分享以下的教育学习信念：

- 每个学生都有能力学习中文。
- 学习是一个老师与学生之间共同合作的过程。
- 学习的最佳效果是基于老师和学生互相信任和尊重的基础上达到的。
- 学生应该利用机会来观察、练习及互相帮助。
- 只有使学生达到学习效果的教学才是有效的。
- 老师需持续寻求如何提高教学质量及技巧才能达到高水准的教学。
- 教学与练习要与学生兴趣及能力相符合才能达到有效的学习效果。
- 家长的参与对孩子的学习有至关重要的影响。
- 课程规划及大纲应在文化上和学术上相一致。
- 向老师及教务人员提供培训机会，有助于确保教学质量和服务。
- 创新的教育方法和有选择性的课程能提高学习效率。

除此之外，ACCA 坚持以下几方面的信仰：卓越成功、持续学习、文化意识及欣赏、定期评测及社会责任。学校相信，与家长、社区的合作伙伴关系，会促使 ACCA 不断地增强能力，为现在和未来提供更高质量的教育。