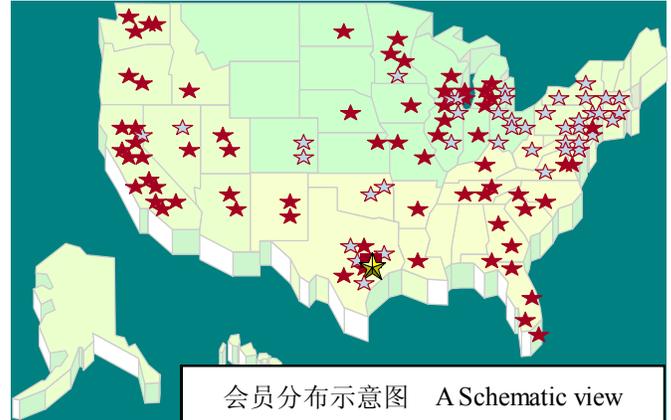


Welcome to The CSAUS 4th National Conference Dec. 6~8, 2002, Sheraton at O'hare Airport, Chicago

We sincerely invite you to our 4th National Conference as stated above.

The Chinese School Association in the United States (CSAUS) is a (501) (C) (3) not-for-profit organization established in 1994 by Chinese School leaders and educators in the United States.

CSAUS's Missions are to provide information, networking, services to member schools in promoting Chinese language and cultural education, helping the younger generation to preserve and appreciate Chinese heritage, bridging educational and cultural exchanges and friendship between USA and the People's Republic of China, and representing its member schools in marketing and maximizing organizational efforts to gain resources and supports from related institutions in the United States and from China.



Currently, CSAUS has over 200 membership schools in the United States, covering 38 states and all the major cities. Most Chinese schools operate on weekends and/or after school hours all year round. Classes are provided to anyone who is interested in Chinese Language and Cultural Arts regardless ethnic and cultural background. Many schools actively participate in local International Cultural events and serve as Chinese Community Centers as well. CSAUS has been growing rapidly in the past few years. The enrollment has well exceeded 60,000. Services and impact reached out to tens of thousands of Chinese-American families. **Run by all volunteers**, CSAUS has successfully coordinated many nationwide projects such as advocate of a new Chinese textbook series ("Zhong Wen" North America edition), language evaluation tests (Mock SAT Chinese Test), Chinese arts and cultural performance tours in US cities, and projects in bridging friendship among Children in America and in China etc.

CSAUS's National Conferences are held every two years. The First National Conference was held in Columbus, Ohio in October 1995. The Second National Conference was held in Houston, Texas in November 1997. And the third time it was in Washington DC in December 1999. Conference participants included educators and representatives from Chinese Schools all over the United States, officials, and experts from educational institutions in the United States and the People's Republic of China. All previous Conferences were very successful, which not only provided opportunities for the schools in networking and facilitated efforts to plan and respond to major issues in Chinese school development, but also had a great impact on other related organizations to initiate joint efforts with CSAUS and to allocate more resources to Chinese Language and Heritage education in the United States.

The CSAUS Fourth National Conference has been planned for December 6 to 8, 2002 in Chicago. Again, it will be the greatest event of CSAUS, as celebration for our achievements in the past and a new milestone for its further development in the new century. We welcome you to join us for the 4th Conference. Please let us know if your schedule permits, so we may arrange for more details. Or please visit <http://csaus.org> for more information.

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