

GLOSSARY

“compulsory education”	grade one to grade nine education, which all citizens in China must receive, according to the Compulsory Education Law of the PRC
“Entrance Exam”	the Senior High School Entrance Examination, the academic examination held annually in the PRC to distinguish junior high school graduates
“ESL”	English as a second language
“ESL certificate”	a certificate acknowledging the holder’s competence in teaching ESL courses, which is usually issued by an educational institution that offers programs to train ESL teachers
“elementary schools”	schools that provide education for students in grade one through six
“high schools”	schools that provide education for students in grade 10 through grade 12
“international school”	a school that promotes education either by adopting a foreign curriculum or by following a national curriculum different from that of the school’s country of residence
“K-9”	preschool to grade nine
“K-12”	preschool to grade 12
“middle class”	the broad group of people who fall socio-economically between the working class and upper class
“middle schools”	schools that provide education for students in grade seven through grade nine
“one-child policy”	China’s population control policy implemented by the Population and Family Planning Law of the PRC, according to which a family can have only one child, with certain exceptions
“SAT”	the Scholastic Assessment Test, a standardized test for most college admissions in the United States
“school year”	except for our preschools, the school year for all of our schools, which generally starts on September 1 of each calendar year and ends on June 30 of the next calendar year
“preschools”	educational establishments offering early childhood education to children prior to the commencement of compulsory education
“private schools”	schools which are not administered by local, provincial or national governments
“public schools”	schools administered by local, provincial or national governments