

# *A Parents' Guide to Mandarin Immersion*

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This book gives a thorough explanation of Chinese immersion programs from a parent's perspective. It is available from CreateSpace: <https://www.createspace.com/5001864>. See also <http://miparentscouncil.org> for more information about Mandarin immersion programs in California.

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