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To who may concern,

My name is Yun (Lillian) Zhang, currently a Chinese teacher in EF International Academy, an independent school in New York. I have the NYS teaching Certificate (Mandarin 1-12). I'm on my H-1B working visa now. Before this job, I got my M.A. in Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language in New York University; and B.A. in Chinese Literature in China. I found your opening information through your school website. I feel the Chinese teacher's job could embody my personal interests, academic strength and professional development well.

Currently, as a full time faculty in an international boarding school, I immerse and function in various ways in the school system. I build up and teach the curriculum of IB Chinese A1 (Chinese Literature Arts) and Chinese Ab Initio (Chinese as a Foreign Language), and ESL (English though movies) in the school. Beside the heavy teaching load, I also supervise Group 1 Extent Essay writing; advise a group of 20 students; being a nationality specialist of Chinese students community and house-parent in a wild boys' dorm.

I'm a native Chinese speaker, who has studied English since I was 10 years old. I am fluent in both Chinese and English; I also speak basic Cantonese and Spanish, which helps addressing Chinese as a foreign language to various students' population. I have been systematically trained to teach for five years, and I am good at using differentiate instruction, backward design, target language setting as well as high-tech in teaching. Together with the sound knowledge of Chinese literature and culture, I built up a scaffolding to make my students engaged, enjoy and get works done every class. I highly value professional development opportunities, and actively participate in the workshops of DCLT / CLTA / STARTALK. In the winter 2009, I present the IB Chinese curriculum "What We Can Learn from the IB Classroom" on the conference of New York Asian Languages Bilingual/ESL Assistant Center. In the summer 2010, I attended the UVa STARTALK Chinese Teacher Academy and taught a beginner course in a pure immersion setting. To see the program portfolio, please click:

[http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/scmsAdmin/uploads/004/754/What\\_we\\_can\\_learn\\_from\\_the\\_IB\\_classroom\\_.pdf](http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/scmsAdmin/uploads/004/754/What_we_can_learn_from_the_IB_classroom_.pdf)

[Lillian Zhang, Chinese teaching portfolio, is coming up in August. 2010.](#)

In conclusion, your school is the types of school where I can contribute and continue grow professional. I hope I will have the chance to talk more about the position with you. Please feel free to click my video link, and view my resume attached. Recommendation letters and other information are available up to request. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,  
Yun Zhang