Ouyang Yu Experimental Middle School

Teaching Fellow Post

Xintang, China

Post Summary:

As a foreign english teacher at Ouyang Yu Experimental middle school, VIA fellows will teach around eleven to fourteen classes a week to students in 7th, 8th, and 10th grade, ages 12-17. Students at OYY are eager and excited to have the opportunity to speak with a native speaker for the first time, and the average class size is approximately 65 students. Fellows may also help with extracurricular activities for the students such as the production and design of an all English magazine and an English speaking corner each week.

Partner:

OYY was imagined in 1986 when an American-Chinese man named Dr. Huang visited his hometown and learned that there was no secondary school. He decided to construct one and named it after his wife, Ouyang Yu. OYY is the first middle school in Hunan Province that employs foreigners and prides itself on being a good place for students to learn and perfect their English.

Location and Logistics:

Xintang Town is located in rural Hunan Province and is two hours from Hunan's capital city of Changsha. The city is well known for its spectacular Wulingyuan National Park, being the birthplace of Mao Zedong, and its spicy local cuisine.

Housing:

Fellows live on campus in a two-bedroom apartment with one other VIA fellow. The apartment is furnished and has a small kitchen, common room, bathroom, washing machine, and internet access.

Desired Qualifications:

2 years post graduate work experience needed, interest or experience in teaching preferred.