

Hello everyone! I am Rachel Ann Cimera. I am a Bloomsburg University alumni. I come from Bethlehem, PA. I graduated on August 11th, 2017 with a bachelor's of arts. I majored in Chinese and minored in politics. After graduation I obtained a job working at English First. English First (EF) is an international company. Its presence is known in many countries, western as well as eastern countries. I work at an English First center in Beijing. I teach kids and teens from the age range of three to eighteen years old. EF has adult centers as well.



Knowing Chinese in China is very convenient as well as provides a capable application of living life more fully without enormous stress of whether someone understands you or not. Chinese language is everywhere if you want to buy anything, do anything, travel, communicate, or just get around! Speaking Chinese allows more opportunities because the majority of communication takes place in Chinese of course!

At my workplace, I cannot use Chinese within the classroom, but I can understand what my students say when they're not speaking English. I can understand if they feel tired, have a problem, or feel restless, if the symptoms are not visibly noticeable. I can change the activity according to their needs and energy level. I can hear whether they find something very fun and know what type of activities my students like and cater to their interests to make my lessons more stimulating and fun. I can also pay attention to their needs, if they need to go to the bathroom, plan mischief, or experience other symptoms of discomfort. I can attend to their needs as well as their interests to make a fun, safe, and inviting learning environment.



Outside of the classroom and in my work center, I speak Chinese with colleagues and parents. I work with progress advisors and parents to provide quality English education with care to students' progress and development. Children are the future! I provide health and safety training monthly to staff and have provided development trainings in regards to topics such as classroom management. Some of my colleagues come from other countries such as South Africa, Australia, and England. I could not have asked for a better batch of colleagues. <3

English is a valuable asset to have in China and there are many parents seeking to have their children educated with English language knowledge. English is the lingua franca of the world and everyone has their reasons to obtaining the knowledge of English language whether for business, travel, communicating with others abroad, or future career paths. English may seem difficult to a native Chinese speaker and vice versa, a native English speaker may find it difficult to learn Chinese. Chinese is definitely a language, which takes time to learn, but it is well worth it to learn! Living in China definitely accelerates the rate you learn Chinese as long as you're open and willing to set your mind to it, anything is possible for you!



I am able to apply what I learned from my associate's degree in secondary education from Northampton Community College as well as continue to learn new concepts and methodology in education. EF offers training courses and workshops for their teachers to gain more teaching knowledge as well as allowing them to become better masters within the classroom. I find teaching to be very rewarding as well as a way to engage, inspire, and guide individuals towards following their dreams. Knowing a language provides outlets to go other places, meet people you never knew you were going to meet, and can lead you to great places where you did not expect yourself to be.

I wish to continue my education to learn more Chinese, while also continuing to work with EF to further develop myself as an educator. I intend to continue staying in China and continuing to grow in my wealth of knowledge in regards to Chinese culture, language, and China's general way of life! ~

