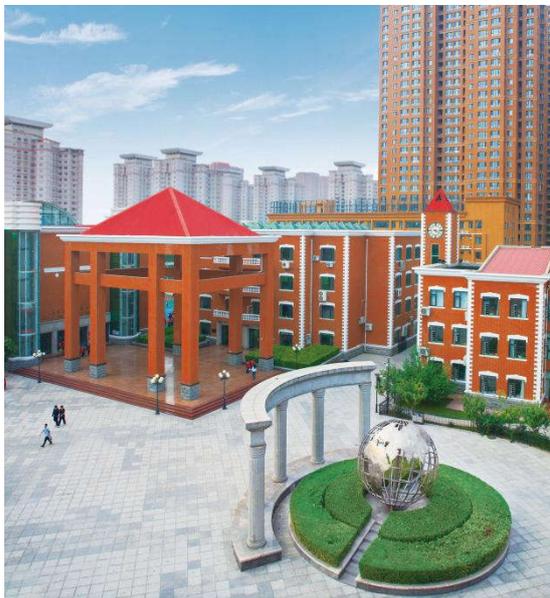


## **Shijiazhuang Foreign Language Education Group Profile**

Shijiazhuang Foreign Language Education Group (SFLEG), built in 1994, consists of four schools, namely Shijiazhuang Foreign Language School, Shijiazhuang Foreign Studies School, Shijiazhuang Foreign Language Primary School and Bilingual Kindergarten Attached to Shijiazhuang Foreign Language Primary School. Occupying an area of 160 mu with a total floor space of 110,000 square meters, SFLEG has 218 classes, 960 teachers and over 11,000 students. SFLEG enjoys the following titles: National Civilized Unit, National First Civilized Campus, National Advanced Educational Collective, National Advanced Unit of Minor Ideological and Moral Construction, National School of Mental Health Education in Primary and Secondary Schools, National May 4<sup>th</sup> Red Flag Youth League Committee, National Campus Football Characteristic School, National Advanced Unit in Mass Sports, National Advanced Unit in Art Education and National advanced Confucius Class.



SFLEG has always adhered to the principle of “Human-oriented”. She is committed to cultivating students to develop morally, intellectually, physically and aesthetically and become a patriotic, communicative, collaborative, civilized, healthy, innovative person. The main aim of school education is to cultivate students to become an independent person bearing in mind the concept of "independent study, independent development , Independent education and self-management " and to cultivate students to become the person with correct world outlook, outlook on life and values. More importantly, the ultimate goal is to cultivate competitive students who not only have a good understanding of outstanding traditional Chinese culture, but also possess a perspective of international issues.



SFLEG pays special attention to the development of students' all-around abilities. Besides all the compulsory courses required by the Ministry of Education, SFLEG has 29 school curricula of PE, arts and comprehensive practical courses. The PE courses consist of 9 subjects, namely track and field, football, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, gymnastics, aerobic dancing, Kongfu, track and field, bowling. The arts courses include 13 subjects: keyboard, Erhu, violin, vocal music, dancing, drama, music appreciation, sketch, traditional Chinese painting, wood block, paper cutting, graphic design and painting appreciation. The 7 comprehensive practical courses include mechanics, robotic science, aero-modeling technology, soil-less cultivation, general technology, electronic control technology and 3D printing technology.



SFLEG has always adhered to open teaching. Six language classes are opened, including English, Japanese, Russian, French, Spanish, and there are 15 foreign teachers employed to teach all year around. SFLEG has successively founded sister-school relationships with 172 schools in 21 countries, including USA, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand , Sweden, Denmark, Italy, Germany, Finland, Russia, Singapore, Japan, Korea, South Africa, Spain, Romania, Zambia, Qatar, India and Costa Rica. It launches a campaign of exchanging teachers and students annually, making every excellent students enjoy the equal chance to go abroad.



The 20-year friendly exchanges between SFLEG and Iowa State have aroused great concern from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Friendship Association, the Hebei provincial government and the state government of Iowa. The present United States ambassador to China, former Governor of Iowa State, Mr. Branstad has played a significant role in the extensive and in-depth exchanges between SFLEG and Iowa youths. For seven times, he met the visiting SFLEG teachers and students in his office. He also led an Iowa delegation of 21 members to SFLEG for a special visit in June, 2012 and had a conversation with students on Sino-US friendship and growth of youth. Students' fluent English impressed him deeply. Under his and Ms. Sarah Lande's help, since 2013, every year 5 high school students from SFLEG attend World Food Prize Youth Forum held in Iowa State on behalf of China, showing the brilliance of Chinese students on the world stages.



In 2014, SFLEG took the initiative to set up Global K-12 Education Research Association and now it has 103 member schools from 15 countries. The association holds annual conference to discuss the hot issues of common concern in the world of K-12 education. The goal of Global K-12 Education Research Association is to take the lead in the development of K-12 education worldwide.

