

## HONGYU YANG – 2022 ARIZONA TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Teacher of the Year for Arizona Language Teacher Association. Hongyu Yang has been exposed to diverse cultures throughout her career and speaks Mandarin as well as several other languages. Mrs. Yang also serves as school immersion program professional learning community leader, leading K to 6th Grade mandarin immersion teachers planning together. Mrs. Yang comes from Shaoxing, China and she is delighted to be entering her 8th year in the United States as a mandarin immersion teacher. She has been working in education for 12 years, has a BA in China from Shaoxing University, and also received her M.A.in Elementary Education from the Northern Arizona University. Mrs. Yang loves teaching immersion programs and brings as much of her culture into the classroom as possible through music and learning about different traditions. In 2018, Mrs. Yang was invited by Arizona State University to be the master teacher and conducted a Professional Development Workshop for its DLI Academy. Through the years, she gave presentations on best practice in teaching in different conferences. The core of Mrs. Yang's educational philosophy is that through early and sustained immersion in the Chinese language with culture integrated throughout, students will achieve high academic attainment, be highly proficient in two languages and develop sensitivity and tolerance for other cultures.

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