The School
Guizhou No. 4 Experimental Elementary school is located in Yunyan District, Guiyang. The school is attached to the Education Bureau of Yunyan District, and is a public elementary school. Founded in September 1995, it is a developing experimental school with 6 grades, 24 classes, 1,136 students and a faculty of 65.

The school covers an area of 9,000 square meters. In addition to 24 ordinary classrooms, there is a computer room, library, music classroom, natural laboratories, multimedia classroom, and 300 square meter student rehearsal and performance hall. The school also has a physical education building, the first floor of which is a standard constant temperature swimming pool for training, the second floor is a professional table tennis training center, and the third floor is a professional dancing training hall.

The City
Guizhou is the capital of Guizhou province of Southwest China. The city was first constructed as early as 1283 AD during the Yuan Dynasty. Until the Sino-Japanese War (1937–45), Guiyang was no more than the capital of one of China's least-developed provinces. As elsewhere in the southwest, considerable economic progress was made under the special circumstances of wartime. Guiyang has subsequently become a major provincial city and industrial base. In 1959 the rail network in Guangxi was completed, affording connection from Guizhou to Chongqing to the north, to Kunming to the west, and Changsha to the east.

Geography
Guizhou is located in the center of Guizhou province, situated on the east of the Yunnan–Guizhou Plateau, and on the north bank of the Nanming River, a branch of the Wu River (which eventually joins the Yangtze River). The city has an elevation of about 1,100 meters. It has an area of 8,034 square kilometers. The 2010 census marks the population at 4,324,561.

Climate
Guizhou has a four-season, humid subtropical climate, tempered by its low latitude and high elevation. It has fairly mild winters, very warm summers and a monsoon season, where the majority of the year's 44 in (1,120 millimeters) of precipitation falls. The seasons are not particularly distinct, with frequent unseasonable cold or warm spells, but extreme temperatures are rare. The mean temperature in January is 41.2 °F (5.1 °C) and for July 75.0 °F 23.9 °C). Rain is common throughout the year, with occasional flurries in winter. At only 1150 hours of sunshine, it is also one of China's least sunny cities.
**Student Teaching**

A formal partnership has been established between the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences at The University of Montana and Guiyang No. 4 Experimental Elementary School.

Teacher candidates interested in conducting the student teaching practicum at this site undergo an application and selection process. Those selected are responsible for paying for their Visa, round trip airfare, and additional university supervisor fees (~$1500).

The school graciously offers free room and board on campus for the duration of the student teaching practicum. Candidates can expect a safe, clean environment with modern conveniences and capabilities.

UM teacher education candidates teach English to young Chinese students as well as share with students aspects of American culture. Candidates student teach 8 weeks in a Montana placement and 8 weeks in Guiyang.