The School
Hangzhou New Century Foreign Language School (HNCFLS) is a progressive bilingual elementary school that educates 700 Chinese youngsters, grades 1-7, 100 students per grade level.

The City
Hangzhou is the capital and largest city of Zhejiang Province in Eastern China. It is governed as a sub-provincial city. As of 2010, the prefecture had a registered population of 8.7 million people. It has been one of the most renowned and prosperous cities of China for much of the last 1,000 years, due in part to its beautiful natural scenery. The city's West Lake is its best-known attraction.

Geography
Hangzhou is located in northwestern Zhejiang province, eastern China, at the southern end of the Grand Canal of China, on the plain of the mid-lower reaches of the Yangtze River. A core city of the Yangtze River Delta, Hangzhou has a position on the Hangzhou Bay 110 miles southwest of Shanghai.

Climate
Hangzhou's climate is humid subtropical with four distinctive seasons, characterized by long, very hot, humid summers and chilly, cloudy and drier winters (with occasional snow). The mean annual temperature is 61.7 °F (16.5 °C). The city receives an average annual rainfall of 57.1 in (1,450 millimeters) and is affected by the plum rains of the Asian monsoon in June.

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 Hangzhou New Century Foreign Language 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 Hangzhou.