



1. How far is Shaowu from Fuqing? Is there any information on bus travelling time between the two places?

Shaowu City is located approximately 260 kilometres north-west of Fuqing. The location of Shaowu City and Fuqing is illustrated in the map below.¹ No information was found on bus travelling times between Shaowu City and Fuqing City.



2. Is there military training in high schools in China (in Fujian in particular)?

Military training is conducted in high schools in China and in Fujian Province. Military training has been conducted in Chinese high schools since the mid-1980s.² In 2001 and

¹ Google Maps 2010, 'Shaowu', Google Maps website - Accessed 29 September 2010.

² '30 Million Chinese Students Receive Military Training' 2001, *Xinhua News Agency*, 10 November – Attachment 1.

2007, military training in high schools was formalised nationally with the issuance of government directives and management rules for student's military training.³

3. Is it compulsory?

Military training is compulsory. According to a 2007 article from the *Shanghai Daily*, military training in high schools became compulsory with the issuance of management rules on student's military training in April 2007.⁴ Punishments apply to those who refuse to undertake the training. The management rules specify that "[a]ny student that refuses to take part in training without a proper reason will receive punishment in accordance with the nation and the school's regulations".⁵ Sources were not found on the specific punishments for students who refuse to undertake training.

4. What does it involve and how long does it run?

Military training in high schools involves learning basic military procedures and skills. These procedures and skills include marching and parading in file, learning to follow orders from superiors, physical training, classes, singing army songs, learning self-defense, and studying weaponry.⁶ Examples were found of the military training lasting seven and eight days. One source indicates that military training can last for up to one month.⁷

Attachments

1. '30 Million Chinese Students Receive Military Training' 2001, *Xinhua News Agency*, 10 November. (FACTIVA)
2. 'Compulsory army drills' 2007, *Shanghai Daily*, 23 April. (FACTIVA)
3. 'Chinese kids undergo required military training' 2007, *USA Today*, http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2007-09-04-bootcamp_N.htm?csp=34 – Accessed 28 September 2010.
4. 'Students in military training' 2010, *Xinhua*, 19 August http://www.china.org.cn/photos/2010-08/19/content_20742395.htm – Accessed 29 September 2010.

³ 'Compulsory army drills' 2007, *Shanghai Daily*, 23 April – Attachment 2; 'Chinese kids undergo required military training' 2007, *USA Today*, http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2007-09-04-bootcamp_N.htm?csp=34 – Accessed 28 September 2010 – Attachment 3.

⁴ 'Compulsory army drills' 2007, *Shanghai Daily*, 23 April – Attachment 2.

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⁶ 'Students in military training' 2010, *Xinhua*, 19 August http://www.china.org.cn/photos/2010-08/19/content_20742395.htm – Accessed 29 September 2010 – Attachment 4; 'Chinese kids undergo required military training' 2007, *USA Today*, http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2007-09-04-bootcamp_N.htm?csp=34 – Accessed 28 September 2010 – Attachment 3.

⁷ 'Students in military training' 2010, *Xinhua*, 19 August http://www.china.org.cn/photos/2010-08/19/content_20742395.htm – Accessed 29 September 2010 – Attachment 4; 'Chinese kids undergo required military training' 2007, *USA Today*, http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2007-09-04-bootcamp_N.htm?csp=34 – Accessed 28 September 2010 – Attachment 4.