International Education resources

US Department of Education resources

International Education Week (IEW)

- International Education Week (IEW) is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of our efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences. For more information on this event, visit the U.S. Department of State - Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs website.

Teachers’ Guide to Online International Collaborative Projects

- This site, developed by the U.S. Department of Education, provides resources on international collaborative learning using the Internet. Sample projects, planning resources, and links to organizations that facilitate international collaboration between students are provided. For more information, visit the U.S. Department of Education website.

Kentucky resources

Global Lexington

- The Office of Multicultural Affairs – GLOBAL LEX – is a multilingual, multidisciplinary center where local residents and our growing foreign population celebrate cultural events, share an art gallery and befriend one another. For more information, visit the Global Lexington website.

World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Southern Indiana

- The World Affairs Council of Kentucky & Southern Indiana (WAC) is a non-profit member-based organization whose mission is to promote cross-cultural awareness, education and tolerance through nonpartisan discussions on current international issues. Through our speaker series, international visitors program and education-centered opportunities, WAC provides the community with the tools and knowledge to develop an informed citizenry and increase the global competency of students, educators and professionals. For more information, visit the World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Southern Indiana website.

National / Global resources

Mapping the Nation

- Mapping the Nation is an interactive map that pulls together demographic, economic, and education indicators—nearly one million data points—to show that the United States is a truly global nation. Educating for Global Competence: Preparing Our Youth to Engage the World. For more information, visit the Asia Society website.

Longview Foundation for Education in World Affairs and International Understanding
• The Longview Foundation provides support and leadership for international education initiatives around the U.S. This site provides links to innovative programs sponsored by the Longview Foundation. For more information, visit the Longview Foundation website.

Peace Corps Coverdell World Wise Schools
• The Coverdell World Wise Schools program site, hosted by the Peace Corps, offers lesson plans to help teachers integrate international content into their classrooms. The site also helps teachers connect with past and present Peace Corps volunteers around the world willing to share their first hand experiences international experiences with students. For more information, visit the Peace Corps website.

iEARN-USA
• iEARN-USA, the American affiliate of the International Education and Resource Network, facilitates communication and collaboration between teachers and students around the world, primarily through Web-based projects. For more information, visit the iEARN-USA website.

• One of its most successful programs is “Connect All Schools”
  o Bringing the world into the classroom and building global competency can include the introduction of global issues curriculum, new World Languages, online collaboration, youth and teacher exchanges, professional development on international education, video-conferences, etc. This consortium of organizations linking US schools with other around the world, facilitates an interactive website that has been built to enable schools to indicate how they are connected to the world and for new teachers, school administrators and parents to work with consortium partners on building new links. For more information, visit the Connect All Schools website.

The GLOBE Program
• The Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) Program is an international science and education program that provides students and the public worldwide with the opportunity to participate in data collection and the scientific process, and contribute meaningfully to our understanding of the Earth system and global environment. Announced by the U.S. Government on Earth Day in 1994, GLOBE launched its worldwide implementation in 1995. For more information, visit the GLOBE Program website.