

Visiting International Teachers from Spain



Ministry of Education of Spain - Education Office of Spain to the U.S.

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Spanish Language and Culture Assistants

Through the Language Assistant program, Spanish young graduates are placed in Elementary, Middle, and High Schools or in Spanish Resource Centers at Universities in the United States and Canada in order to support the teaching of Spanish. For more information, [visit the Educational Programs webpage of the Embassy of Spain's Education Office website](#).

Visiting Teacher from Spain Program

The Visiting Teachers from Spain is an International Cooperation program sponsored by the Education Office of the Embassy of Spain in the US and various U.S and Canadian Departments of Education. The program started back in the mid 80's in California and New York. Since then, it has expanded to over 30 states and has had over five thousand participating teachers.

To provide quality instruction in Spanish from native speakers of the language and to promote rich cross-cultural exchange, Kentucky has a formal Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Education of Spain that facilitates the placement of visiting educators from Spain in Kentucky schools.

Since 2000, the Kentucky Department of Education has worked with the Ministry of Education of Spain to help local school districts fill vacant P-12 Spanish teacher positions, as well as positions for other content areas in the case of schools with dual language immersion programs.

This program enables local school districts to hire experienced certified teachers who are eager for a teaching experience in the United States, and who come to teach at elementary, middle and high schools on an approved Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) one year-limited teaching certification, which may be renewed for as long as they remain in the country in accordance to federal statute.

These teachers are selected from a pool of highly qualified candidates that have been previously screened by the Ministry of Education of Spain. In late March, or April, the Kentucky Department of Education interviews the candidates in Madrid, Spain, prior to their selection and placement in a waiting list. Once selected, they will be offered to any Kentucky school seeking one of these teachers. These teachers are considered both highly qualified and licensed to teach in the US, and arrive with appropriate documentation of background evaluation.

Visiting teachers from Spain make a one to three-year commitment to teach in the US, provided that the school district agrees to hire them. Participating districts employ these teachers in accordance with state regulations and policies and pay them according to their experience and certification level.

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