



# AFS Resources for Schools and Educators



As a leader in intercultural education, **AFS-USA is committed to fostering cultural and global competencies in our schools and communities** in alignment with the U.S. Department of Education's International Strategy. We offer a variety of opportunities to weave intercultural learning concepts into the everyday work of an educator, including, but not limited to, lesson ideas, educational travel experiences, professional development and more!

When schools and educators engage with AFS-USA, they are investing in their students' ability to become more understanding and compassionate global citizens. By hosting AFS exchange students, schools showcase their community and introduce their local students to a variety of cultural backgrounds, languages, and perspectives. **The informal learning that takes place in hallways, in the cafeteria, or on the practice field between new friends and classmates is immeasurable.** The skills students gain are transferable to a vast array of future interactions and experiences, developing true global citizens.

## Any student or educator can become a global citizen when schools partner with AFS-USA!

AFS-USA is proud to partner with schools and educators throughout the U.S. each year to help cultivate global citizens and leaders. Reach out today to take advantage of our current offerings: (below)

STUDENTS    EDUCATORS    SCHOOLS

### Global Competency Certificate (GCC)

Develop tangible skills to navigate difference and conflict while connecting with individuals from around the country and world through this blended learning experience. Scholarships available.



### Global Competence Readiness Index

Utilize this free self-assessment tool to evaluate how prepared your school is to help foster global competence among its students and prepare them for their next steps.



### Classroom Activities

Facilitate a more inclusive and accepting learning environment using our free intercultural activity ideas on various global competency topics. Applicable to a variety of subject areas and grade levels.



### Teacher Meet-ups and Exchanges

Connect with educators across the globe or let us help you engage with students, educators, and school throughout our network of partner organizations worldwide.



### Local Partnerships

Explore the benefits of a local partnership between your organization and the local AFS-USA volunteer team. Free professional development, access to AFS-only events, strong local support and more.



### Host an Exchange Student

Bring the world to your classrooms and community. Students will exchange perspectives and cultures while developing greater understanding of one another through everyday interactions.



### Study Abroad

Encourage your students to experience intercultural exchange first-hand through one of our in-person travel or virtual programs. Price-points vary. Scholarships available.





### Global Competency Certificate (GCC)

“This course opened my mind to the subjects I knew I should be including in my instruction, but didn't have the confidence to do so. I gained the skills to help my students find their place in the world as active global citizens.”

- World Language Teacher, Vermont USA



### Teacher Meet-ups and Exchanges

“Just spent an hour with AFS Malaysia meeting some incredible science teachers to share perspective, stories and culture... Can't wait to share this with my students.”

- High School Science Teacher, Indiana USA



### Local Partnerships

“As a small school, we have been so blessed by the positive benefits and support of the partnership with AFS. Every step of the way leading up to and throughout the time with our exchange students, AFS has been awesome. I have never had so much engagement with and support from an exchange program.”

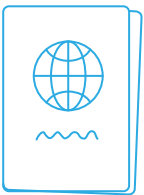
- Administrator, Indiana USA



### Host an Exchange Student

“We have a good track record of smart, well-behaved, involved students coming from AFS. The good will and appreciation of the exchange students... enhance our learning environment with different backgrounds and perspectives.”

- Director of Admissions, Texas USA



### Study Abroad

“This experience has opened my eyes to so many possibilities and really showed me how much potential I have to work towards making a difference and learning all I can about this vast world we live in.”

- Exchange Student, USA-Colombia



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A colleague had forwarded me your most recent newsletter and I thought, this is something that piques my interests. I decided to sign up. Glad I did!

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