

# Delaware Visiting International Teacher Program

## Cross-Cultural Activities Ideas



### CLASSROOM EXCHANGE IDEAS (STUDENT-TO-STUDENT)

#### Kinder-Grade 1

- Art Exchange – Have students in both schools work on the same art project and then share their creations with each other via pictures, video or a virtual tour.
- Song Exchange – All teachers have songs that they teach children to learn basic vocabulary or ideas (e.g., ABCs, good morning). Record your songs and exchange with the other school.
- Share your Culture: My School Day, What I Eat, My Community, My Hobbie, etc.
- Digital Tour – Do a digital tour of your classroom or school. Share a typical day. Have each student bring on something that represents their day and say a sentence about it

#### Grades 1-12

- Virtual Tour – create a virtual tour of your school, community, city, special place or event in your area. Have students supply the narration and planning.
- Postcard Geography – Exchange picture postcards (purchased, computer or handmade) with students from your home school. This project creates the opportunity to foster global friendships and can be a gateway to class-to-class exchanges of all kinds. Your class commits to exchanging picture postcards (purchased, computer, or handmade) with all other participants.
- Project-Based Learning – Develop a project that is integrated into your curriculum. Have your students explain the information to students in your home school and listen to their responses.
- A Day in the Life – Students post messages and images describing ordinary and special days in their lives, and then make cross-cultural comparisons. Autobiographical documentary photography and video and other media are welcomed. In addition to ongoing forum activities, there are scheduled “One Day” events when students around the world will document parts of one specific day using photography, writing and other media.

### COMMUNITY EXCHANGE IDEAS (TEACHER-TO-COMMUNITY)

*\* Note that activities for YOUR students do not fulfill this requirement.*

- Serve as a guest speaker in a Social Sciences class for non-immersion students in other elementary, middle, or high schools in your district.
- Create an interactive presentation that incorporates art, music and photography from Spain to be presented to the school at large during an assembly or incorporated into the school’s routine. Add to schoolwide celebrations as they would be celebrated in Spain.
- Organize a celebration to introduce a Spanish holiday not typically celebrated in Delaware.
- Give a cooking lesson and teach your participants about a typical dish from your region of Spain and then show them how to prepare it.
- Give dance (e.g., flamenco) lessons to members of your community.
- Give a charla about some aspect of your culture to a community service or civic organization (e.g., the Lions club, the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club, etc.)
- Participate in a local ethnic or cultural fair/event sponsored by your local library or local civics organization.
- Contact the Spanish language department at a local college or university and volunteer to give a cultural presentation to university students.
- Give a talk to the members of a local Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop.
- Give a slide presentation to a local church group or religious organization.