

We're building leaders

By engaging students in a greater awareness of, and appreciation for, the differences among the peoples of the world we will create world-class scholars and first-class thinkers.

The Carnegie Corporation summed it up this way, "building students' world knowledge enriches the curriculum, engages students, improves school performance, and helps children deal with the increasingly diverse communities in which they live...their success will require that they understand how culture, religion, politics, and history influence the world's social and economic well-being."



Appoquinimink School District
THE WORLD IS OUR CAMPUS

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Hallmarks of an international education

- Well-versed in world cultures
- Conversant in languages beyond English
- Proficient in technology
- Savvy consumer and manager of information
- Collaborative problem solver
- Tolerant of diverse peoples, ideas and cultures

Our pledge

We will develop and implement strategies for students, educators, parents and our community that: foster an appreciation of, and sensitivity toward, global cultures; incorporate essential thinking and reasoning skills into all programs; integrate technology across the curriculum and encourage responsible citizenry for all.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM



Appoquinimink School District

Growing up global... it's all about making connections

Competition and connectivity are changing the world around us, challenging us to establish a school system that educates its students for success at the highest levels – not just in Delaware or these United States – but anywhere in the world.

That's why, in 2007, our school district joined with other pioneering educational institutions to rethink the skills American students need for success in the 21st Century.

What we found was that in addition to providing academically-rigorous content in courses like English, mathematics, science and social studies, graduates need a new set of skills, called **GLOBAL COMPETENCIES**, to guarantee their mobility and competitiveness.

So we created an International Education Program to integrate these skills into the subject matter taught in all grades and schools.

Investigation leads to knowledge

We're dedicated to providing classroom explorations that help students recognize that what we do as a nation and in our everyday lives is inextricably linked to governments, businesses, and individuals beyond our borders.

Lessons utilize age-appropriate activities to help our students:

- Understand the interdependence of economies, peoples and cultures around the globe
- Become proficient in world cultures and communication, environmental and social issues, financial and cyber literacies

- Function comfortably and effectively in languages outside their own
- Think critically and innovatively to solve problems
- Use technology as a tool
- Skillfully exchange ideas and information across borders
- Develop a healthy work ethic
- Interact effectively in teams
- Demonstrate compassion & civic-mindedness

Features of our program

- A strategic world languages program beginning in elementary school
Study options include Chinese, Japanese, French, Spanish, German, Italian and American Sign Language
- Cultural awareness activities in all grades
Including multi-cultural celebrations in schools and classes
- Peer to peer exchanges – virtual and live – with students and educators in other nations
- Virtual class offerings with students from around the world
- Arts-infused curricula and an international visiting artist program
- 21st Century technology and research skills offered across the K-12 spectrum
- Service learning in all grades
- Model United Nations Program at the secondary school level
- A challenging Senior Project requiring the research and defense of a self-selected topic culminating in a project or service activity

In a world that's increasingly interconnected, we must ensure that Appoquinimink School District graduates have the best possible education . . . that includes preparing them to embrace and comprehend the world outside our borders.

