

Additional Services

From kindergarten through graduation, the UK Office of International Affairs (OIA) helps Kentucky students explore their world.

The International Resource Center contains curriculum materials and artifacts for loan to educators throughout the state.

To inquire or request materials through the Fayette County Public Schools courier service, visit www.uky.edu/intlaffairs and click "Community Outreach & Engagement." Then choose K-12 Initiatives.

Individual Curriculum Needs can be met by OIA staff/teacher collaboration in order to customize lessons for the classroom.

International Education Week offers high school students a chance to visit the UK campus and learn about making internationalization part of a college education.

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International Classroom



Programs
for Kentucky
Elementary Schools





See the WORLD from Your Classroom

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From global artifacts and multi-cultural lesson plans to presentations by international students, the University of Kentucky's Office of International Affairs (OIA) staff will bring the world to your classroom in an educational and fun way.

The OIA Outreach and Engagement team offers two-day, cross-cultural lesson plans, aligned with the state's core content. Each lesson plan includes open response questions and multiple choice assessments.

Day 1: A qualified OIA staff member will visit your classroom bringing artifacts that promote the given topic. If time permits, a UK international student can accompany the facilitator.

Day 2: Teachers will continue the lesson using the OIA lesson plan.

Programs are provided at no cost.



Choose one of four lessons and OIA staff will bring the world to your classroom.

INTRODUCING CULTURE

Understanding the concept of culture facilitates living with others of different backgrounds – within the classroom, in the local community and on the worldwide scale of political, social and economic interaction. This lesson introduces the concept of culture and identifies elements common to all cultures.

CULTURAL COMPARISONS – U.S. AND JAPAN

Address core content as it relates to culture by exploring similarities and differences between Japan and the United States. Cultural artifacts are used to promote discussion of modern and traditional cultural practices and compare elements of culture in Japanese and American society.

CULTURAL COMPARISONS – U.S. AND NATIVE AMERICANS IN ECUADOR

Students will examine authentic artifacts from Native American groups in the Amazon Basin of Ecuador to explore ways in which geography and the environment affect culture and lifeways. A second lesson highlights the role of traditional dress in defining culture among Native Americans living in the Andes Mountains and draws comparisons with current U.S. dress.

EXPLORING CULTURE – GHANA

Using authentic artifacts from Ghana such as a thumb piano and adinkra stamps, students will examine cultural traditions and lifestyles of the people from this West African nation.

To schedule a classroom visit or get more information, contact us at

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