



Peace through Understanding

School & Classroom Program

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What is the School & Classroom Program?

Operated by People to People International (PTPI), this free, rewarding program pairs teachers and their students with classrooms in other countries. Two classrooms form a “classroom partnership” and work together on one or more projects, or multiple classrooms contribute to a single project. Projects are provided in the program manual given to registered teachers or new projects may be created.

When can you register?

The annual registration period occurs July – October each year. Registrations made after this time will be held as pending.

Who may participate?

Primary, middle and secondary classrooms, clubs and youth groups from all countries are welcome.

Is there a fee to join?

No, the School & Classroom Program is a free service. Classrooms are responsible for the expense of sending letters or project materials to their partner classes. Postage assistance is available through the program to teachers who qualify.

What countries will I be matched with?

We will do our best to utilize our network to locate partner classes in one of the three countries you request. On the registration form, select "no preference" or list up to three countries you desire for the location of a partner classroom. Selecting "no preference" will help you gain a partner classroom more quickly.

How does the program operate?

1. Teachers register. Download a registration form at www.ptpi.org or write to classroom@ptpi.org.
2. Registration is acknowledged by email message from classroom@ptpi.org.
3. Teachers are given a program manual with projects ideas and tips for effective partnerships.
4. PTPI locates and assigns a partner classroom, which is comprised of similar-age students (one year younger or older) in one of the countries requested on the registration form. If no preference is noted, then the partner classroom is located in a country where PTPI has unfilled requests.
5. Teachers are sent contact information about their partner teacher and classroom. All contact information is private and shared only between teachers in a partnership.
6. Partner teachers conduct introductions, choose projects for students to work on, and develop a timeline for interaction over the course of the school year.
7. Partner classrooms communicate in English or a common language.
8. The program director is available for assistance for the duration of a classroom partnership.

Program Policy

The People to People International's School & Classroom Program is strictly for the exchange of educational materials and data and encourages understanding, respect, and friendship between students of different countries and cultures. It is unacceptable for participants to utilize the program to gain funds or supplies unless approved as part of a specific project.

Terms of Safety

The School & Classroom Program does not request nor does it distribute residential addresses of teachers, administrators or students. Nor does it share the names of teachers or schools with other persons, organizations or businesses.

A Parental Permission Form must be completed by a student's parents or guardian before PTPI will use a student's project work or photographs on its web site or in its promotional materials. Only a student's grade level, school name, city and country - no names or other identifying information about a student will be used.