Visiting Teacher Opportunities

The Oregon Department of Education has signed agreements with China, Mexico and Spain to allow for visiting teachers from each of these countries to work in Oregon schools. The intent of these memoranda is to promote relationships between citizens of the State of Oregon and the citizens of other countries, foster knowledge and appreciation of the respective cultures and to provide Oregon students who with a bilingual and multicultural education, training them for future personal, academic and professional success.

Below is a brief description of each program and its offerings. Please contact Rendy Jantz, rendy.jantz@state.or.us, for additional information or if you are interested in bringing a visiting teacher to your district.

**China**

A recently signed memorandum with China allows for Oregon schools to employ teachers from China to enhance Chinese language programs. This opportunity comes with a great deal of support from Hanban, the education agency in China and the Confucius Institutes already in place in Oregon Universities. The benefits of this program include:

* Highly-qualified, experienced Chinese teachers to teach second language courses;
* Teachers available at the Elementary, Middle and High School levels;
* Visiting teachers’ support of Chinese language programs for one-to-three-years, before returning to their home country.

Participating districts will also receive support from Hanban in the form of:

* Chinese language course content and materials, in both Chinese language and core content courses;
* A fixed amount of $10,000 for the initial operation of a newly established Confucius Classroom.\*

\*The hosting schools must provide matching funds based on 1:1 ratio in the form of money or in kind, including: general facilities, office space, administrative personnel, etc**.**

**Mexico**

In collaboration with SEP in Mexico, the ODE offers an opportunity to employ visiting teachers from the Mexican school system in Oregon schools. This program is the result of a long-standing partnership with Mexico and serves to enhance the summer school program which has been in place for several years. This program features:

* Highly-qualified, experienced Spanish teachers to teach second language courses or core content courses in Spanish;
* Teachers available at the Elementary, Middle and High School levels;
* Visiting teachers’ support of Spanish language programs for one-to-three-years, before returning to their home country.

**Spain**

The Kingdom of Spain, thanks to a Memorandum of Understanding signed with the State of Oregon and in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Education, sponsors a Visiting Teachers Program, whose highlights are:

* Highly-qualified, experienced Spanish teachers to teach second language courses or core content courses in Spanish;
* Teachers available at the Elementary, Middle and High School levels;
* Visiting teachers’ support of Spanish language programs for one-to-three-years, before returning to their home country.

Districts hiring may also receive:

* Half-time teaching assistants to help with language and culture contents;
* Educational materials;
* Professional development opportunities for teachers of Spanish.

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