

**DEMOCRACY EDUCATION EXCHANGE PROGRAM
ORIENTATION
WASHINGTON DC, 2002**

Tuesday

When: April 16
Where: Quality Hotel and Suites Courthouse Plaza

Arrival
19:00 Registration and buffet at hotel as teams arrive.

Wednesday

When: April 17
Where: Close Up Foundation

6:30-9:30 Breakfast at KC's

9:30 Bus to Close Up Foundation

10:00 - 11:00 Welcome and Introductions

11:00 - 11:45 Overview of the DEEP

We will review the purpose of our project, what is expected of all of us on this program and how we plan to evaluate our performance.

11:45 - 12:30 American Education System

Fred Czarra of the Council of Chief State Schools will present on the American education system.

12:30 - 2:30 Lunch in OLD TOWN

2:30 - 4:00

Road to Democracy

In this session, we examine the signposts that lead to Democracy, analyzing what forces in society keep us on the road to civil society and which ones threaten democracy.

4:00 - 4:30

Break

4:30 - 5:30

An Introduction to American Legal System and Culture

Even if you have been to the United States before, there is always something new to learn about the American Constitution and how our culture influences our legal system or vice versa.

5:30 - 6:00

Questions, Concerns, Expectations

Homework: review Joe Kahne and Best Practices

Dinner on your own.

Thursday:

When: April 18

Where: Quality Hotel - Adams Room

9:00 - 9:30

Opening

9:30-11:00

Legislative Hearing

After exploring solutions to a community problem in an actual lesson, we will discuss teaching and classroom practices that lead to active citizenship.

11:00 - 11:30

Break

11:30-12:00

Best Practices

Best Practices guide us to analyze performance of teachers, excellence of lessons, and support from administrators and the community.

12:00 - 2:00

Lunch

2:00- 4:00

Review of Logic Model and Program Outcomes

One of the main objectives of the DEEP program is to help your team plan for specific results in improving civic education in your country. Beverly Parsons and the Street Law team will review outcomes for your plans and assist you with continued planning.

4:00 - 4:30

Break

4:30- 5:30

Ideas for Curriculum Development

As an exchange program, DEEP encourages American teachers to develop materials and lessons about your countries. We will begin thinking about what are some things that American students should know about your country to make them better informed citizens of the world.

Wrap and Plans for Tomorrow

6:00

Dinner at Birchmere.

Homework: Reading materials for Judith Torney-Purta

Friday:

When: April 19

Where: University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

8:00	Bus leaves for University of Maryland
9:00-9:30	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Professor Judith Torney-Purta and her staff will give an overview of the day's objectives and introduce the elements of assessment design.</p>
9:30-10:55	<p>The IEA Study: Purpose, Design Process, and Methods</p> <p>We will learn introduce the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement's study to measure civic knowledge and engagement internationally.</p>
10:55-11:15	Break
11:15-12:15	<p>Critiquing and Constructing Items</p> <p>In groups, we will have an opportunity to critique and write test items, as practice for possible use in your country.</p>
12:15-1:30	Lunch
1:30-4:30	<p>Working on Designing Items with Your Team</p> <p>In a round robin format, we will have an opportunity for tutorials on constructing closed-ended items; assessment needs process, and designing and scoring open-ended items that test critical thinking and the application of skills.</p>
4:30-5:00	Wrap-Up
5:00	Bus leaves for hotel
7:00	Dinner

Saturday:

When: April 20
Where: Quality Hotel and Suites Courthouse Plaza

9:00 -10:30 Policy Issues

One of the key elements of a democratic society is public problem-solving. At the heart of this, lies the ability for the public to weigh options and understand multiple points of view of a problem. We will have an opportunity to explore controversial topics in our societies and discuss the rationale for teaching about them in the classroom.

10:30 - 11:00 Break

11:00 - 12:30 iEARN-Internet Classroom

iEARN program staff will present an overview on how on-line communication works, after which we will work on applying a public policy exchange to the learning circles approach.

12:30 - 2:30 Lunch and planning for iEARN

We will work on the details of managing an iEARN project that matches DEEP project goals.

2:30-3:00 Evaluate and wrap up

Sunday

When: April 21
Where: Quality Hotel and Suites Courthouse Plaza

9:00-3:00 Free morning

3:00 Register for Close up for
Sunday thru Friday Program

Saturday

When: April 27
Where: Airports

Leave for Sites

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