



INTRODUCTION TO SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL SISTER SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

Overview

The Sister Cities International (SCI) Sister Schools Initiative promotes and facilitates the forming of international relationships between K-12 schools in the United States and schools around the world. These relationships are primarily programs within SCI member cities; however, they can be established independently as a catalyst for community involvement and promotion of Sister Cities membership. The mission of the Sister Schools Initiative is to enhance student education by providing knowledge, skills and cultural understanding essential for success in a global society. The Sister Schools Initiative gives students a global experience and global awareness, including relevant and meaningful cultural experiences, both in-country and abroad.

What are Sister Schools?

SCI Sister Schools are formalized long-term relationships between schools in the United States and schools around the world. The program links students to students and teachers to teachers using a “whole school” partnership concept, which include:

- Curriculum Enhancement Shared Technology and Best Practice
- Expanded Faculty and Staff Development Multicultural Understanding
- Shared Experiences the Drawing of Parallels
- The Celebration of Differences

Along with the knowledge and understanding of other cultures, an additional benefit is a more objective understanding of one’s own culture and a greater awareness of one’s own national and personal identity.

Interested in Learning More About the Sister Cities School Initiative?

Schools interested in participating in the SCI Sister Schools Initiative should contact their local Sister Cities organization, Sister Cities International, Inc. or your local State Representative.