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Fact Sheet

VIF is the nation's largest teacher exchange program and provider of international education programs, including Splash! Language Immersion and Passport Global Literacy for K-12 U.S. schools.

VIF's 20 year history is rooted in building a world-class education and providing greater opportunities to expose students to the world's languages, its myriad of cultures, and diverse perspectives through international teachers.

The VIF team includes educators, business and educational experts who have held leadership positions in educational agencies and universities. VIF is well-positioned to offer strategic and technical assistance to schools who want to provide an international education. The VIF team includes former superintendents, principals, teachers and cross-cultural communication specialists who have extensive experience in school leadership, human resources, curriculum and professional development.

Some key facts about VIF:

- VIF helps K-12 schools build the 21st-century skills necessary for students to succeed in the global marketplace by providing high quality, international education programs.
- Teachers serve with VIF for up to three years and return home to share their experiences with students and colleagues, contributing to education in their nations, and to a better understanding of the U.S. abroad.
- VIF's rigorous selection process measures teacher competency through multiple selection hurdles including application, structured phone interview, reference verification, and an in-country assessment center.
- VIF's innovative in-country assessment center includes a lesson plan submission and presentation (with standardized evaluation), writing sample in-basket exercise, and structured personal interview.
- VIF teachers must be proficient in English, hold a university degree or teaching diploma equivalent to a U.S. bachelor's degree in education, and have had teacher training and experience.
- VIF teachers represent more than 50 nations, including Argentina, Australia, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, Ireland, Jamaica, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, the Philippines, South Africa, Spain, the United Kingdom and Venezuela.