International schools affiliated with the Department of State, known as Overseas American-Sponsored Schools, are private, independent institutions. Since they are not controlled by the U.S. government nor do they operate under any official administrative jurisdictional umbrella, they hire teachers and staff directly, establish their own qualification standards and application procedures. Salary levels and benefit packages vary from school to school. You can find an overview of these assisted schools at the following link on our website:


In addition, specific information on each assisted school can be found on our website at www.state.gov/m/a/os/c1684.htm. You may also want to check the schools’ websites as many now list recruiting information and vacancies around November/December for the following school year. The main recruiting season is usually around January/February when many schools contract with private organizations in the United States to assist in the professional staff recruitment process. The schools also frequently send representatives to stateside teacher “recruiting fairs” to locate qualified staff for anticipated vacancies, planned by these organizations. You can access our directory of recruiting organizations at http://www.state.gov/m/a/os/c32321.htm.

In addition to the American-sponsored schools, there are many other international schools that will hire U.S. certified teachers. You will find many of them listed on the Council of International Schools’ web site at http://www.cois.org/page.cfm?p=1105.

The Department of Defense operates a school system for the benefit of dependents of U.S. military personnel stationed overseas. Recruitment of teachers for schools at military bases overseas is handled by the Department of Defense, Office of Dependents' Schools. You can learn more about them at www.dodea.edu.

Attached you will find the contact information for some of the organizations that assist in recruiting staff for overseas teaching positions, our World Wide Fact Sheet containing general data on the schools we assist, and other useful resources. We hope this information proves to be useful. Please accept our best wishes as you pursue your search for a satisfying position teaching in international education.

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OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS

Although the Department of State does not employ teachers and administrators for assignments abroad, you may be interested in reviewing the following information concerning teaching opportunities.

Directory of Recruiting Organizations

Organizations involved in recruiting teachers and administrators for placement in international schools throughout the world, compiled by the Association for the Advancement of International Education (AAIE).

International School Services
Ms. Laura Light, Director of Education Staffing
15 Roszel Rd., P.O. Box 5910
Princeton, NJ 08540
Tel: (609) 452-0990
Fax: (609) 452-2690
E-mail: edustaffing@iss.edu
Web: www.iss.edu and http://educatorcareers.iss.edu/

Council of International Schools
Schipholweg 113
2316 XC Leiden, The Netherlands
Tel: 31 (0) 71 524 3300
E-mail: info@cois.org

Education Career Services
Ms. Elspeth Morgan, Coordinator
Education Career Services, Faculty of Education
Duncan McArthur Hall, Room A101
511 Union Street, Queen’s University
Kingston, ON K7M 5R7 Canada
Tel: (613) 533-6222
Fax: (613) 533-6691
E-mail: ed.careers@queensu.ca
Web: http://educ.queensu.ca/itps

Educators Overseas
Tel: 1-866-885-6665
Fax: 1-813-915-6698
E-mail: info@educatoroverseas.com
Web: www.educatoroverseas.com

Search Associates
Dr. John Magagna, Founding Director
P.O. Box 636
Dallas, PA 18612
Tel: (570) 696-4600
Fax: (570) 696-9500
E-mail: admin@searchassociates.com
University of Northern Iowa - Overseas Placement Service for Educators
University of Northern Iowa
Career Services
102 Gilchrist Hall
Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0390
Tel: (319) 273-2083
Fax: (319) 273-6998
E-mail: overseas.placement@uni.edu
Web: www.uni.edu/placement/overseas

Association of American Schools in South America
Dr. Paul Poore, Executive Director
AASSA Regional Development Center
1911 NW 150 Avenue
Suite 101-A
Pembroke Pines, FL 33028
Tel: (954) 436-4034
Fax: (954) 436-4092
E-mail: ppoore@aassa.com

Teaching in schools for dependents of military and civilian personnel:

Department of Defense
Office of Dependents Educational Activity
Recruitment and Assignment Section
4040 North Fairfax Drive, 6th Floor
Arlington, VA 22203
Tel: (703) 588-3934
www.dodea.edu

Exchange opportunities for currently employed U.S. teachers:

Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program
U.S. Department of State
ECA/A/E/USS
600 Maryland Avenue S.W.
Suite 320
Washington, DC 20024-2520
Tel: (202) 314-3527
Fax: (202) 479-6806
Web: www.fullbrightexchanges.org

Teachers of English as a foreign language/directors of courses/administrators in bi-national centers:

Office of English Language Programs
Web: http://exchanges.state.gov/education/engteaching/

Teaching in national elementary, secondary, normal, vocational schools and universities (no teaching experience required):

Recruiting Office, U.S. Peace Corps
1111 20th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20526
Tel: (800) 424-8580
Web: www.peacecorps.gov
Resources

The ISS Directory of Overseas Schools, International Schools Services, Inc., distributed by ISS, 15 Roszel Rd, P.O. Box 5910, Princeton, NJ 08543-2123, ATTN: Publications Dept. Tel: 800-338-3282, Fax: 609-452-2690; Email: iss@iss.edu, Web: www.iss.edu, $45.95 plus handling and postage. http://www.iss.edu/index.asp

Schools Abroad of Interest to Americans, published by Porter Sargent, 11 Beacon Street, Suite 1400, Boston, Massachusetts 02108, Tel: 617-523-1670, Fax: 617-523-1021; Email: info@portersargent.com, Web: www.portersargent.com/ (Approx. $45).

Transitions Abroad, Web: www.transitionsabroad.com

The International Educator (TIE) publishes a quarterly newspaper which lists over 100 vacancies in each issue and includes information on salaries, benefits, application procedures, and guidance on securing an overseas position. P.O. Box 513, Cummaquid, MA 02637, Tel: (877) 375-6668, (508) 790-1990, Fax: (508) 790-1922; Email: tie@tieonline.com; Web: www.tieonline.com.

Association of American Schools in South America, www.aassa.com, offers a recruiting fair once a year, usually in the month of December, for teachers interested in teaching in Central and South American and the Caribbean. Specific information about fair www.aassa.com/page.cfm?p=352