

BI-NATIONAL TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

**Mount Vernon School District
2023**

PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES

- To summarize MVSD experience with binational teacher exchange program.
- To motivate other school leaders and districts to participate in this innovative and authentic learning experience for students
- To share with others the pros and cons of the Binational Teacher Exchange program and provide an opportunity to address wonderings about the program.
- To provide BiNational teachers an opportunity to share their experience in collaborating and working with MVSD staff.

EQUITY POLICY AND ACTION PLAN

Equity policy

Equity Action Plan

Goal 3:

Provide instruction, curriculum, and learning environments reflecting the strengths and needs of our students allowing them to reach their academic potential

Principle #3: We believe all students deserve humanizing pedagogy that builds on students' lived experiences and develops a critical consciousness and cross-cultural awareness.

Action: Build on the diverse cultural and linguistic values of our students' backgrounds.

BI-NATIONAL TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

2022 was successful with 4 teachers supporting 125 students.

We were one of two programs statewide last year. Other program was in Wenatchee during the spring.



TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2023

Year two

We had six teachers this year.

Four teachers from Michoacan

Two teachers from San Luis
Potosi

We were the only program this
year.

Serving over 340 migrant
students this summer.



THE PROCESS

Apply

- Mexican Consulate
- Timeline
 - Application sent in Mid December
 - Application deadline Last week in January
 - Schools selected in mid February

Teacher Selection

- Collaboration with state coordinator
- Establish teacher selection criteria
- Set up interviews via zoom
- Interview and select teacher candidates



PRE-ARRIVAL LOGISTICS

Bi-National onboarding conference (March)

J-1 Visa process

Check in meetings (Every other week)

Program curriculum development

BiNational Teacher Exchange Program is:

- MEP funded (categorical programs) and is supplemental to all our regular summer programming.

ARRIVAL

- Room at SVC dorms
- Stipend is paid (Migrant funds) to each teacher for expenses (food, supplies, and other miscellaneous expenses)
- Orientation and onboarding.
- Classroom prep and collaboration with MVSD teachers

YEAR 1 VS YEAR 2???

- More teachers
- More students
- And... Parent engagement component.



MEET OUR BI-NATIONAL TEACHERS



WHY HAVE TEACHERS FROM MEXICO?

- Authentic learning experiences
- Promotes Culture and language
- Engaging for students
- Increased parent engagement and pride
- Provided local LEA staff opportunities to learn new strategies and activities.
- Promoted Co-Teaching model
- Promoted Binational Exchange opportunities. We sent teachers to Michoacan and San Luis Potosi in March 2023.

WELCOME BI NATIONAL TEACHERS

Edgar Huerta Orozco

Michoacan

Karla Rocio Aguilar Moreno

Michoacan

Miriam Campos Trujillo

Michoacán

Violeta Isabel Herrera Bahena

Michoacán

Jose Manuel Gallardo Cuevas

San Luis Potosí

Ana Christina Ortega Coronado

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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