

Globalizing Oklahoma's K-16 Curricula A Project of OASIS

Did you know?

Oklahoma's Global Connection

- Thirteen Oklahoma cities have 28 partnerships in 14 countries.
- More than 8,000 international students are enrolled at Oklahoma public colleges and universities.
- Our cultural, political, economic, scientific and technological systems are inextricably linked with others all over the planet.
- Approximately 32,500 Oklahomans are employed by foreign-owned firms.
- From 2003 to 2004, Oklahoma's exports increased 19.5 percent for a total of nearly \$3.2 billion, which had a ripple effect on the local economy.

Highly qualified cadres of teachers are available for professional development on Globalizing Oklahoma's K-16 Curricula. Please call 800.858.1840 or 405.225.9197 (in the OKC metro area) or e-mail kdahlem@osrhe.edu.

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"Recognizing the importance of Oklahoma's international connections, teachers must equip students with greater international knowledge and skills in order to compete in the global economy."
Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry

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Oklahoma's International
Strategic Goal:

*To ensure a workforce prepared for
global competition*



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Why globalize across the curricula?

- Today's young people are constantly exposed to images from around the world through media and the entertainment industry.
- The events of September 11, 2001, dramatized the importance of educating U.S. citizens about other cultures, world politics, languages and global connections.
- The role of Oklahoma business and industry in the global economy has grown significantly in the last decade.
- International organizations and foreign governments rely on the research and public service activities of Oklahoma's institutions to address issues such as health, the environment and economic development.
- According to surveys and studies conducted by the U.S. Department of Education, American students are seriously lagging in their understanding of geography, world history, economics, politics and environmental issues.

What is globalized education?

The focal points of global education are the relationships of the world's cultures and systems and the connections of human beings and their common fate, regardless of the national boundaries within which they live.

How do you globalize the curricula?

- 1) Begin by **UNDERSTANDING** that all subjects can be globalized. There is no such thing as an isolated subject – all have connections to the whole. As these connections increase, educators, utilizing a global model, can provide a context that allows students to analyze and understand the impact of world events.
- 2) **INFUSE** global education into your subjects by using a new teaching tool developed specifically for Oklahoma teachers. The global resources cover all subjects and grade levels.

Oklahoma's new global teaching resources, aligned with PASS objectives, are available at www.okhighered.org/oasis



As an educator, you can:

- discover suggested activities for incorporating global materials into the classroom;
- link to Web sites that share global education tools;
- access lesson plans;
- read helpful hints; and
- find relevant economic and career links.

Knowledge of the interconnected world our children are growing up in is no longer a luxury - it is a necessity.

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