



Student Information Sheet

As a part of the International Education programming offered by the Office of International Student Services at The University of Toledo, the Global Classroom Project promotes increased knowledge and cross-cultural understanding by connecting University of Toledo international students and U.S. students (comparing both differences and similarities).

How the program works: International students visit to local NW Ohio schools go share information with K-12 students about their culture, customs, and language. Visits are conveniently scheduled on Friday, which is typically a low class load day for UT students, Days and times are negotiable depending on specific circumstances of both international students as well as the schools.

1. Students will conduct a 5-to-10 minute presentation on their country in one or more of three areas listed below:
 - **Geography and Statistical Data**
 - **Language, Culture, and Customs**
 - **Art, Music, and Dance**

Areas of discussion

- Economic Conditions
- Role of Family
- Government Structure
- Examples of Currency
- Educational System
- Location/Size/Population
- Climate/Seasons
- Political Conditions
- Historical Facts
- Dress
- Diet
- Customs
- Occupations
- Exports
- Agriculture
- Religion
- Music

Visuals aids include: *traditional and modern clothing, instruments, music, pictures*, etc. Students may also **teach** dances, songs, or other special activities to the children.

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2. After the presentations, there will be time for a brief Question & Answer session.

The day of the visit:

All student presenters will meet in the Office of International Student Services (OISS) at a previously announced time. We will then go as a group to the school in the OISS Van.

Tips for a quality presentation:

- *PowerPoint is nice but...*

With many school-age children (7 to 16 years of age), physical learning works best. This means allowing students to interact with you. Playing games, dancing, singing songs, or counting in different languages and are all examples of this.

- *Remember your Audience:*

Some topics might be too complicated or difficult for your children to understand. You will know beforehand which school and the age of the children you will be presenting to.

- *Have Fun!*

The Global Classroom Project is meant for the children *and you* to learn about each other while having a good time. Be prepared to laugh, smile and learn something new!

