



# INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

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*Celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide during International Education Week.*

## What is International Education Week (IEW)?

IEW is observed each year in November before Thanksgiving. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of an effort to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study and learn in the United States. IEW provides students with the opportunity to interact on a personal level, foster connections and share their ideas with each other.

## Highlight International Students

Each year, the U.S. Department of State programs bring thousands of high school students from around the world to the United States. These exchange students come not only to learn about our culture, but also to share their culture. In addition to these students, Americans who have studied abroad can also share their exchange experience during IEW. We encourage you to incorporate a wide variety of events into your celebration of IEW. The following list includes some suggested activities to get you started. Creativity is encouraged!

- Encourage others to consider study abroad programs or hosting exchange students
- Organize a multicultural potluck
- Explore international aspects of the arts
- Encourage participation in Model UN
- Hold a Geography or World History Bee
- Introduce sports or games from other countries

During past IEW celebrations, international exchange students have made presentations at their U.S. host schools, civic organizations, and primary schools.

## Publicize Your Participation

Let us know about the plans you have for IEW! Go to [iew.state.gov](http://iew.state.gov) and click on “IEW Events 2014” and add your event to the calendar! You can also see how other individuals, schools and institutions around the globe are exploring the possibilities of international education.



## Additional Resources:

[exchanges.state.gov](http://exchanges.state.gov)  
[hosting.state.gov](http://hosting.state.gov)  
[eca.state.gov](http://eca.state.gov)  
[exchanges.state.gov/highschool](http://exchanges.state.gov/highschool)

