Introduction

The Host Nation Program provides DoDEA elementary school students with a cross-cultural and language acquisition focus to develop an appreciation and understanding of the culture and language of the country in which they are located.

Host nation education is a unique feature of the K-6 school program and is designed to provide elementary school students with an introduction to host nation languages, which are taught by host nation teachers, as an essential experience of the DoDEA curriculum. In addition, with host nation teachers as guides, students participate in activities that build appreciation and understanding of the culture of the country in which they are located.

As DoDEA endeavors to provide opportunities for students to communicate in multilingual and multicultural societies, Host Nation Studies offers students language skills and cross-cultural understanding that are needed in the interconnected and dynamic world.

Goals

The goals of Host Nation Studies are:

- Students will achieve personal, social, vocational competency and environmental adaptability in the host nation country.
- Students will be able to communicate short messages on highly predictable, everyday topics that affect them directly in the host nation language.
- Students will have the opportunity to study social studies topics relative to the host nation community.
• Classroom and host nation teachers will work collaboratively to provide integrated learning experiences for the students.
• Parents will have an opportunity to expand their knowledge of the host nation culture and language with their children.