

## School-2-School

The School-2-School program combines virtual cultural exchange, community-based fundraising, and direct volunteering to advance goals related to improving education and building mutual understanding at the grassroots level in the United States as well as in the Muslim World. Students learn about each other's culture and history and become unofficial ambassadors of their communities, overcoming stereotypes of the "other."

Each S2S partnership includes the following components:

- Students engage in a virtual exchange and learn about each other and their partners' country.
- American schools raise money to purchase vital supplies for their partner schools, ranging from English language books to computers and lab equipment.
- An Unofficial Ambassador from the American school volunteers at their partner school in the Muslim World for two to four weeks over the summer.
- The returning Unofficial Ambassador shares his or her experiences with students, colleagues, and his or her school community at home.



The S2S program has benefitted thousands of students over the last eight years in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Panama, the Philippines, Uganda, and the United States. In 2013, School-2-School partnered American schools in Dallas, TX and Lancaster, PA with schools in Aceh, Indonesia and Islamabad, Bangladesh.

*"We, the teachers, learned a great deal just from observing [Sam Schindler's] classes. There, he was always in motion, almost like an actor, and the students were immediately engaged. He was able to draw out hidden talent from students as well as finding common ground with them."*

Iqbal Mozumder, vice principal of The Carter Academy (Bangladesh).

*"I'm just some guy. I'm not a celebrity, but anything I did was special to them....I loved it. I felt like I was accomplishing something great. This was the best teaching experience I've ever had."*

Sam Schindler, Lancaster (PA) teacher, on teaching English at The Carter Academy in the summer of 2013.

### Apply for 2014!

To download an application visit [www.unofficialambassadors.org](http://www.unofficialambassadors.org). We welcome applications from public and private schools in the United States at the middle or high school level. Please contact [StefanC@creativelearning.org](mailto:StefanC@creativelearning.org), with questions.

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