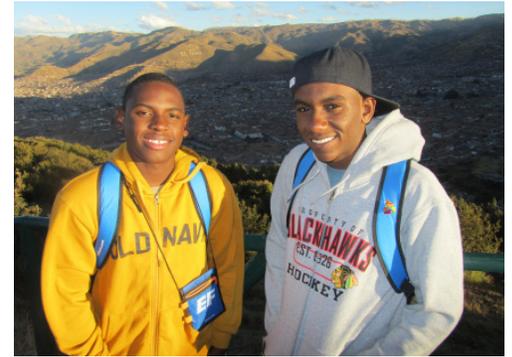


In our increasingly connected world, young people need education and skills that prepare them to be informed, effective, and engaged global citizens. In communities, businesses, and markets that transcend borders, successful leaders excel in competencies that enable them to function effectively across cultures, races, and languages. At the Boston Public Schools (BPS), our students are getting a head start. Over 100 countries are represented in our schools, and our students speak over 85 languages at home. At every school, at every grade level, and in every classroom, students are collaborating across cultures on learning projects and having global experiences every day. BPS's commitment to global learning extends from the classroom to the far reaches of the world. Driven by the passion of our teachers to introduce their students to other cultures and perspectives as an integral part of teaching and learning, students are exposed to global curricula in the classroom and participate in study tours to over 20 countries.



*Gregory Dubuisson (left) and Rummah Himat are all smiles while visiting Cusco, Peru on a recent BPS trip*



*Atop the foundation of a school they are helping to build, BPS students take a break during a service trip in Zebron Mwaya, Malawi*

In 2010, inspired by a visit by students from Ghana to Boston schools following a trip by BPS students to Ghana, then Superintendent Carol R. Johnson established the Department of Global Education in order to expand options for global learning so that all students can become culturally competent adults prepared to compete and collaborate on an international scale. Our global focus aligns with the Acceleration Agenda, a strategic and visionary plan to transform BPS, with special attention on respect for people with diverse backgrounds, histories, and perspectives. BPS believes that exposure for students to the world outside our borders, both within and outside the classroom and throughout their K–12 experience, is vital to their academic success and their—and society's—future.

**The Department of Global Education seeks to increase the quality and number of international experiences for *all* BPS students.** To that end, the department takes a comprehensive approach to promoting global citizenship through eight key program areas:

1. Support schools, teachers, and students in programmatic development and implementation of travel abroad programs, including student exchanges, study tours, language immersion programs, and service learning
2. Improve access for low income students to these educational programs; encourage equity across all BPS schools for global education initiatives
3. Collect and distribute global education curricula and other resources to schools and teachers, including support for effective fundraising and grant proposals
4. Facilitate partnerships and encourage support between schools and organizations that provide global experiences for students and educators
5. Provide professional development for teachers in collaboration with partner organizations
6. Strengthen risk reduction strategies to assure safe and secure day, overnight, and international travel
7. Connect international educators and schools to BPS through school visits and sister-school relationships
8. Provide ongoing communication about global education opportunities district-wide



*A group of BPS student basketball players demonstrate new tai chi moves in Beijing, China*



*BPS students pose with their hosts from Achimota Secondary School at Kakum National Park in Ghana*

## Recent Global Education Highlights

- In the last few years, our teachers led students on experiences abroad to more than 20 countries, including Guatemala, France, Germany, Belgium, Czech Republic, Senegal, South Africa, Costa Rica, China, Belize, Dominican Republic, Peru, Malawi, Japan, and Cape Verde.
- Last year our schools welcomed delegations of students and educators from the Netherlands, China, Japan, South Korea, Germany, France, Iceland, Canada, Cape Verde, New Zealand, and many other countries.
- Teachers created unique experiential learning programs nationally in St. John, Mississippi, Washington, D.C., Arizona, and more.
- We now have travel medical insurance for all BPS students and chaperones for national and international overnight programs.
- The number of international trips has doubled in the last two years, and the number of BPS students traveling abroad has increased 59%. Seven BPS schools offered international trips for the first time.
- Our BPS educators traveled professionally to the far reaches of the world — including Ghana, Morocco, China, Guatemala, and Cape Verde, among other destinations — to learn through programs associated with or supported by organizations such as the Boston Strasbourg Sister City Association, Fund for Teachers, the U.S. State Department, Bridgewater State University, and the University of Massachusetts Boston.

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