



# Positioning & Aligning with Educators

Outreach to Educators Conference  
Kansas City  
Saturday, October 22

*Connecting Lives, Sharing Cultures*

# Today's Objectives

- Identify needs that schools have for intercultural learning & global competency
- Identify ways that AFS can help address schools' needs through both our hosting and sending programs
- Identify challenges that AFS faces working with local schools and educators
- Identify possible solutions for these challenges

# Sample Online Resources

- Goddard, Kansas School District  
<http://www.goddardusd.com/EHS/Counseling/Documents/Forms/ForeignExchangeStudent-Application.pdf>
- Wisconsin State Department of Education  
<http://dpi.wi.gov/>
- Council for Standards on International Educational Travel  
<http://www.csiet.org/>

# Policies and Perceptions

**What are the obstacles and challenges that AFS faces as a result of school policies?**

**What are the obstacles and challenges that AFS faces as a result of educator perceptions?**

# Policies and Perceptions

Each table should list on flip chart paper your **top five** most challenging policy problems

Then list your **top five** most challenging perception problems on a second piece of paper

# Policies and Perceptions

Everyone needs 10 blue dots and 6 red dots

Use the blue dots to indicate:

- your 5 most common policy challenges
- your 5 most common perception challenges

Use the red dots to indicate:

- your 3 most difficult policy challenges
- your 3 most difficult perception challenges

# **Meeting Schools' Wants & Needs**

**What do schools want and need based on their policies?**

**What else have you discovered that schools want based on your personal experience working with teachers and administrators?**

# Reassessing Our Challenges

Divide into groups of 3 or 4 and pick one of the challenges identified earlier in the day

Consider how this challenge might be overcome in light of all we have learned about school needs, what AFS has to offer, and the personal insights offered by our panelists

You have 20 minutes to identify 3 possible ways to address the challenge you have selected

# Coming Up Next...

All groups will be together in **Salon A** to learn about:

- Sponsored Programs Scholarships
- Effective Classroom Presentations
- New Program Offerings
- Hosting Orientation Work Groups

See you there at 4:15 pm!