

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL/K-8 PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Global Scholars Program for the 2017-18 Academic Year
Category: For Your Information

Audience: Principals/APs (Middle)

Due Date: May 12, 2017

Meeting Date: n/a

Attachment(s): [Brochure Global Scholars.pdf](#)
[GS 2017-18 Curriculum Overview.pdf](#)

To provide information about the Global Scholars program for middle school students- an innovative and technology-based learning platform connecting students from across the world.

- The Department of Social Sciences is pleased to partner with Global Cities, Inc., a Program of Bloomberg Philanthropies, to offer the opportunity to participate in Global Scholars, an international digital exchange program that connects students ages 10 to 13 in cities around the world.
- Seven Miami-Dade schools are participating in Global Scholars this year.
- **Global Scholars Program Description:**
 - Guided by their classroom teachers, students follow the Global Scholars curriculum. They post their text and digital projects to a shared e-classroom and participate in discussion boards with classes from other cities around the world.
 - There is an emphasis on critical thinking skills, particularly how to develop opinions through research and reflection, and on learning how to appreciate different viewpoints. Respectful conversation is something students practice over the course of a whole school year.
 - The 2017-18 program, *Feeding Our Cities*, will launch in September. Through this exciting new curriculum, students will discover the global food system and its impact on cities around the world.
 - Participating school districts provide at least one computer or tablet with a reliable internet connection for every two students; two hours per week for program activities; and an enthusiastic educator to lead activities and participate in five professional development sessions by videoconference.
- **The Global Scholars program is offered at no cost and is a great fit for 6th and 8th grade U.S. History, elective courses (research and critical thinking), or technology classes.**
- Please see the attached brochure and curriculum overview for further information.
- **Next Steps:**
 - Schedule an e-classroom tour! Contact the Global Scholars team at globalscholars@globalcities.org.
 - Responses are requested by Friday, May 12, 2017.
- **Questions:**
 - If you have questions related to this initiative for the Department of Social Sciences, please contact Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences at rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net or see the contact information below.

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