

Ridgemont Local School District

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The Ridgemont Demonstration School of Workforce Development Partnership Agreement

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations creates and shares critical information about food, agriculture and natural resources in the form of global public goods. But this is not a one-way flow. FAO plays a connector role, through identifying and working with different partners with established expertise, and facilitating a dialogue between those who have the knowledge and those who need it. By turning knowledge into action, FAO links the field to national, regional and global initiatives in a mutually reinforcing cycle.

Achieving food security for all is at the heart of FAO's efforts - to make sure people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives. FAO's mandate is to raise levels of nutrition, improve agricultural productivity, better the lives of rural populations and contribute to the growth of the world economy. An intergovernmental organization, FAO has 194 Member Nations, two associate members and one member organization, the European Union

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations agrees to freely with the subsequent strategies to contribute to the success of the bold and innovative solutions to advance the goals of Ridgemont Local Schools:

- Connect Ridgemont students with global issues that relate to real workforce issues that impact worldwide concerns.
- Function as a virtual mentor to students and teachers at Ridgemont Local Schools.
- Provide materials and resources to assist with authentic project based learning curriculum related to social sciences for teachers and students.
- Enhance curricular connections through awareness of other global organizations working in the malnutrition sector.

Ridgemont Local Schools agrees to reciprocate the succeeding strategies to provide a mutually beneficial partnership:

- Provide youth authentic opportunities to create skills to be prepared for the global challenges and problem solving
- Engage youth and staff in regular relations with curriculum areas that tie to cross curricular initiatives to workforce development
- Reform curriculum to ensure every youth engages in project based learning with a workforce connection that prepares youth for leadership roles, as well as career and college readiness
- Bring local and global workforce needs to the forefront of Ridgemont's educational initiatives
- Integrate real world connections into every classroom K-12
- Our school district will build students who have cultivated relationships with business and industry professionals prior to graduation
- Provide regular updates in work force development strides made by students and staff

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- Include partnership information and updates in newsletters, newspapers, school webpages, etc.
- Collaborate with The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to conduct virtual workshops and presentations to demonstrate the “Best Practices” at professional conferences, pre-service teacher classes and other venues.

Sincerely,

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