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RESOURCES FOR PARTICIPANTS IN EDUCATORSABROAD LTD. PROGRAMS

Once the application process is completed and you have been admitted to an EducatorsAbroad Ltd. (EA) program it is time to begin preparing for your participation. Even though details of your placement may not be finalized, it is important that you take initiative and prepare to fulfill your primary responsibility – serving students in your host school.

Your EA experience will be successful if you understand and carry out your responsibilities as outlined in program materials while abiding by professional standards of behavior. Through your participation you have accepted the opportunity to learn from and with people in another culture about yourself and the world in which we live. It is assumed that you will live up to the high expectations our faculty and the profession holds of you.

Program expectations, policies, procedures, materials, and advice for travel and living abroad are outlined on the EA www site – **WWW.EDUCATORSABROAD.ORG** – and in the relevant **PROGRAM HANDBOOK**. You are expected to know, understand, and act on the information in these materials and their related links and resources. To supplement these materials, EA faculty and staff will guide you through decisions that are unique to your particular location and placement. Be certain to communicate regularly with your EA faculty placement person and supervisor as well as with contacts in your host school so expectations are clear.

Besides EA program materials, and your life experience, there are many excellent resources available to assist in preparing to achieve your goals. A valuable guide is the study abroad handbook prepared by the Center for Global Education at the UCLA Graduate School of Education. We recommended that you make extensive use of the Center’s handbook along with the planning tools and links to further resources. It is available at – **WWW.STUDENTSABROAD.COM**

Make effective use of your college international programs office; the experience of past participants; and research you conduct into the educational system, culture, and political, economic environment of your host country to further prepare yourself. Partner with others who are going to the same country at the same time, share information.

In all cases be prepared for the unexpected – both good and bad. Program emergency procedures are outlined in the relevant handbook and at www.educatorsabroad.org. Be certain you have reviewed these procedures and that your emergency contact knows how to locate you and can access details of your assignment at the program www site by clicking on 'Password Protected Area' on the home page and entering your username and password.

EA faculty and staff look forward to working with you, wish you all the best for an exceptional experience, and stand ready to help in any way we can. Please contact your placement person and/or supervisor or the EA office if you have any questions or concerns.

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