

## Global Citizenship e-Classroom for Middle School Students Around the World

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**Global Scholars** is an international online learning program designed to connect students in cities around the world. Through a variety of Internet-based activities on a shared e-classroom, students ages 10-13 engage in dialogue with their international peers on topics of interest to all students in urban centers, develop global citizenship, and enhance critical 21st century skills. Students broaden their perspectives by discovering common experiences and exploring issues through a personal, local, and ultimately global lens.

## Register and participate free of charge! Program requirements include:

- · Students 10 to 13 years old
- English proficiency for participating students and educators
  - A minimum of 2 hours per week for program activities
- Computers with Internet connection (at least 1 for every 2 students)

## **NEW CURRICULUM: WATER-WISE CITIES**

The 2014 - 2015 curriculum, *Water-Wise Cities*, will focus on vital urban interests in water, its role in city culture, and key global concerns about environmental sustainability. Students will examine how water shapes city landscapes, discover how their role as city residents impacts water use, waste, and pollution, and develop action plans to address these issues in their communities.

Unit 1: Why Water? Sept - Nov 2014



Students will consider how water shapes city identity and explore local bodies of water. They will be introduced to the concept of climate change and think critically about the current and future impact of rising water levels and changing weather patterns on city landscapes worldwide.

Unit 2: **A Safe Sip** Nov 2014 -Jan 2015



Students will investigate where urban water supplies come from and the role cities play in water use and waste. They will discover what life is like for nearly one billion people who do not have access to safe drinking water, and learn how we can use water more efficiently as individuals, communities, and cities.

Unit 3: Water Alert! Jan - March 2015



Students will learn about the causes of water pollution and its short and long term impact on humans, animals, and the environment. They will research how cities are taking action to reduce or prevent water pollution, and create public service announcements to raise awareness of water pollution as a global issue.

Year-End Project: Water and the World March - May 2015



For their year-end project, students will create a community action project to address issues of water security such as water waste or pollution in their cities. Students will look to cities around the world for inspiration, and develop ideas with potential for implementation across the globe.