AESA GLOBAL EDUCATOR FIELD STUDY 2027

DISCOVER SOUTH KOREA

FUTURE-READY KOREA

BUSAN + SEOUL | JUNE 23-JULY 2, 2027

Digital Learning • Global Citizenship • Innovation • Culture • Student Well-Being



10 DAYS	2 CITY BASES	ONE PURPOSE
June 23-July 2	Busan + Seoul	Learn globally. Lead locally.

Explore Korean education and culture - from innovation in Busan and the timeless heritage of Gyeongju to future-ready learning in Seoul.

A 10-day professional and cultural journey designed for educators who want to see education - and the world - from a fresh perspective.

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TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

The experiences you'll remember

Iconic places, meaningful professional connections, and a deeper look at how Korea is preparing students for the future.

HISTORIC SEOUL

Gyeongbokgung Palace, Bukchon Hanok Village, Changdeokgung Palace, and Insadong.

FUTURE-READY EDUCATION

AI, digital learning, science, creativity, global citizenship, student agency, and well-being.

COASTAL BUSAN

Port-city learning, maritime innovation, Gamcheon Culture Village, and waterfront culture.

TIMELESS GYEONGJU

Bulguksa, Seokguram, royal tombs, Cheomseongdae, and the legacy of the Silla kingdom.

AMAZING EXPERIENCES

- ✓ Meet Korean education leaders and partners
- ✓ Explore AI, digital learning, science, and creativity
- ✓ Visit schools and educational organizations
- ✓ Experience Seoul's palaces and historic neighborhoods
- ✓ Travel from Busan to Seoul by high-speed KTX
- ✓ Connect education to maritime and workforce futures
- ✓ Discover Busan's port districts and coastal culture
- ✓ Spend a cultural learning day in historic Gyeongju
- ✓ Share ideas with a cohort of American educators
- ✓ Enjoy welcome and farewell dinners in Korea

PLANNED PROGRAM CONNECTIONS

The field study is being developed with Korean education partners, including the Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education and KOSAC - the Korea Foundation for the Advancement of Science and Creativity. Proposed engagements also include APCEIU, educational exchange organizations, universities, research institutions, schools, and regional education and workforce partners.

Because this is an Educators Field Study - not a traditional sightseeing tour - professional visits require coordination with schools and institutions. The itinerary will continue to develop as arrangements are confirmed.



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TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Ten days of learning, culture, and connection

Arrive in Seoul (Incheon) and connect directly to Busan. Visit Gyeongju over the weekend, then travel to Seoul by KTX. Visits and timing may be adjusted as final arrangements are confirmed.

DAY 1 **JUNE 23** TRAVEL	**Depart for South Korea** **FOCUS** Begin the field study journey and prepare to enter South Korea as educators and global learners. **TRAVEL** Overnight international flight.
DAY 2 **JUNE 24** INCHEON TO BUSAN	**Arrival, Welcome & Cultural Orientation** **EDUCATION** AESA Global orientation introduces the learning themes, cultural expectations, and purpose of the field study. **CULTURE** Welcome dinner and introduction to Korean cultural norms and professional protocol.
DAY 3 **JUNE 25** BUSAN	**Maritime Futures & Workforce Pathways** **EDUCATION** Explore maritime education, global trade, sustainability, automation, engineering, and future careers with regional partners. **CULTURE** Busan port district, Yeongdo maritime area, a coastal learning walk, or a local market experience. How can local industry enrich student pathways?
DAY 4 **JUNE 26** BUSAN	**Regional Future Education & Bringing It Home** **EDUCATION** Connect regional education, student support, STEM pathways, workforce readiness, and community partnerships to U.S. practice. **CULTURE** United Nations Memorial Cemetery. Identify one idea to adapt for your school or community.
DAY 5 **JUNE 27** GYEONGJU	**Cultural Heritage & National Identity** **EDUCATION** Consider how historical memory, art, architecture, religion, and heritage shape civic learning and national identity. **CULTURE** Bulguksa Temple, Seokguram Grotto, Daereungwon Tomb Complex, Cheomseongdae, and Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond.
DAY 6 **JUNE 28** BUSAN TO SEOUL	**From Regional Innovation to National Education** **EDUCATION** Travel by KTX and reflect on how capital and regional cities offer different lessons about education, economy, and society. **CULTURE** Busan Modern and Contemporary History Museum, Gamcheon Culture Village, or a waterfront orientation.



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SEOUL + DEPARTURE

Global systems, cultural heritage, and future pathways

The final days focus on educational exchange, global citizenship, digital learning, science, and creativity in Seoul before returning to the United States.

DAY 7 **JUNE 29** SEOUL	**U.S.-Korea Educational Exchange** **EDUCATION** Explore educational exchange, language learning, and educators' role in building global relationships. What makes an exchange meaningful for students? **CULTURE** Gyeongbokgung Palace, Bukchon Hanok Village, or the National Museum of Korean Contemporary History.
DAY 8 **JUNE 30** SEOUL	**Global Citizenship in Practice** **EDUCATION** Proposed engagement with APCEIU explores intercultural learning, peace education, sustainability, media literacy, and student voice. **CULTURE** Changdeokgung Palace and Insadong. Reflect on how culture and community can deepen global citizenship learning.
DAY 9 **JULY 1** SEOUL	**Digital Learning, Science & Creativity** **EDUCATION** Explore AI, digital learning, student agency, creativity, and well-being through proposed engagement with KOSAC and other education partners. **CULTURE** Seoul innovation and university districts, contemporary culture, or a guided city learning walk. How can innovation strengthen student agency? Capstone reflection and closing farewell dinner.
DAY 10 **JULY 2** DEPARTURE	**Return to the United States** **REFLECTION** Conclude the field study and consider how global learning can strengthen local educational impact. **TRAVEL** Airport transportation arranged according to final flight schedules.

WHO SHOULD JOIN?

Classroom teachers, curriculum and instructional leaders, STEM and CTE educators, global education coordinators, ESA staff, district administrators, and educators interested in innovation, culture, and student futures.

WHAT WILL YOU BRING HOME?

Fresh ideas, a deeper understanding of Korean education and culture, and new international relationships. Develop practical ideas for a global-citizenship lesson, student-agency strategy, STEM or CTE pathway, community partnership, or classroom-to-classroom collaboration.

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PROGRAM INVESTMENT

Your South Korea field study

A comprehensive, professionally managed international learning experience designed exclusively for educators and school leaders.

$5,600 USD
PER PARTICIPANT

Shared occupancy • Two separate beds
Quality 3-4-star hotel accommodations
Single rooms: request before December 15, 2026

INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM

- ✓ **Round-trip international airfare**, including one standard checked bag.
- ✓ **Quality 3-4-star hotels** with shared occupancy and two separate beds; single-room accommodations available upon advance request.
- ✓ **In-country transportation**, including private executive coach, professional driver, tolls, parking, and transportation-related fees.
- ✓ **Three meals daily**, including hotel breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- ✓ **AESA Global partner access** to education organizations not typically available through commercial travel programs, with engagements coordinated through hosts.
- ✓ **Curated professional learning**, leadership exchanges, and collegial dialogue with local educators and education leaders.
- ✓ **Cultural immersion**, guided excursions, and entrance fees that deepen understanding of South Korea's history, culture, and educational context.
- ✓ **On-site AESA Global support** and trusted international partners throughout the experience.
- ✓ **Pre-departure virtual orientation and intercultural readiness** for the educational, cultural, and professional dimensions of the program.
- ✓ **Experienced AESA Global facilitators**, knowledgeable in-country hosts, and trusted educational partners.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Registration & initial deposit: Before December 15, 2026
Initial deposit: $1,800 USD (non-refundable)
Final program payment: Before May 1, 2027
A valid passport is required for participation and reservations.

Specific institutions, leaders, venues, and meeting times may evolve as AESA Global and its partners refine the program. The educational purpose and intended outcomes remain consistent.

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