“So what does a globally competent student look like? Globally competent students can see and understand the interconnectivity and interdependence between what we do here in the United States and the rest of the world...

Students who are globally competent have in-depth knowledge and understanding of international issues, an appreciation of people from culturally diverse backgrounds, and the knowledge, skills, and experiences to call themselves global citizens.”

Jaime Casap
Chief Education Evangelist
Google, Inc.

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Since 1969, one organization in Pennsylvania has worked consistently to prepare students for an ever-changing world – the Pennsylvania Council for International Education (PACIE).

PACIE’s vision is simple – Global Ready Graduates for Pennsylvania’s Future. As the leading advocate and recognized authority on global education in Pennsylvania, PACIE supports global competence for kindergarten through post-secondary (K-20) and recognizes that educators want and need the right tools to help prepare our graduates for success.

Over the years, PACIE has worked to expand its network of educational institutions that support global competence in our schools. PACIE expanded its reach to include K-12 teachers and administrators equally committed to international education. As PACIE grows, its partners and alliance members grow.

**PACIE’s Goals**

- Advocate for the awareness of global competence and define the skills K-20 Pennsylvania educators need to teach global competence across the curriculum.
- Develop a K-20 global curriculum framework that identifies standards, pedagogy, resources, and assessments.
- Assist schools in the development of global competency skills in an effort to graduate students poised to be full participants in a global society.
- Increase global experience opportunities for both K-20 students and educators and expand international student presence in Pennsylvania schools.
- Establish a task force for global competence in Pennsylvania.

**Why is Global Competence Important?**

The Pennsylvania Council for International Education (PACIE) is committed to launching a global competence awareness campaign to provide leadership for the development of the tools students and teachers need to ensure Global Ready Graduates for Pennsylvania’s future. PACIE has focused on three critical reasons that affect all Pennsylvanians:

**Economic Impact**
As more and more US jobs are linked to international trade, understanding how to function in multicultural teams and environments is more important than ever.

**Population Diversity**
Our students must graduate with the skills to understand the diverse cultures and different members of society with whom they will interact in a global environment.

**Global Inter-Connectedness**
The skills of globally competent citizens can better coordinate efforts to help solve the world’s most challenging problems.