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SUBJECT: Visiting Teacher from Spain program

The Visiting Teacher from Spain Program is an exciting venture between the Iowa Department of Education and the Ministry of Education and Culture of Spain. The program provides local school districts with the opportunity to fill vacant Spanish teaching positions and possibly others. With this program, Iowa school systems have the option of recruiting highly qualified Spanish educators for a period of up to three years and at the same time provide Iowa students, parents, and communities the opportunity to work with professionals from other countries. The visiting teachers are certified Spanish language educators with at least two years of experience. Local school districts hire the visiting teachers in accordance with all other local policies in terms of salary scale, licensure, and local system requirements. The Department makes sure that each teacher is qualified to teach in the STATE OF IOWA.

This program strives to:

- Promote cultural and educational relations that will benefit the State of Iowa and Spain
- Foster knowledge and appreciation of the culture shared by these two global communities
- Foster an educational environment that supports both students and teachers in their continued and future effort toward personal, academic, and professional success
- Effectively utilize technology to promote teaching and learning of world languages.

Information of the 2007-2008 Visiting Teachers from Spain Program, application of intent and requirements for participation, please visit the department's web page at url [http://www.iowa.gov/educate/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=555&Itemid=575](http://www.iowa.gov/educate/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=555&Itemid=575) or look in the A-Z index under v for the program's web page.

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