



U.S.-China K–12 Education Forum

Session One:

U.S.-China K-12 Education Exchange & Cooperation–Retrospect and Prospect

Friday, March 3, 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Room 220, Ernest N. Morial Convention Center

The blooming of internationalization in education and the deepening of U.S.-China cultural and educational exchanges and cooperation have brought about substantial increase in K-12 educational exchanges between the two countries. You may have noticed that the number of Chinese students in the U.S. has been growing rapidly, in universities and colleges, high schools, middle schools and in elementary schools. Recent years have also witnessed the increase of bilateral sister schools' connections as well as summer camps that are everywhere in the two countries. In China, English learning has been popular among the younger generations, and in the United States Chinese language studying has been gaining momentum. What achievement might the exchanges and cooperation bring to the K-12 education? What impact they would have on K-12 education? How should we better plan, manage and evaluate these exchanges and cooperation in K-12 education? Let's hear from educators from both countries and brainstorm!

Moderator:

Peter Noonan, Superintendent, City of Fairfax School District, VA

Part I: CEAIE's Practice on U.S.-China K-12 Education Cooperation and Exchange

Presenter: Xuesong SHEN, Deputy Secretary General of China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE), Beijing, China

Part II: Listening, Seeing, Thinking - My "Discover China" Trip

Presenter: Phyllis Pajardo, Assistant Superintendent, City of Fairfax School District, VA

Part III: Youth Exchanges: Mutual Understanding

Presenter: Erin Lenart, Principal, Lanier Middle School, VA



Part IV: The Microcosm of Exchange and Cooperation between US-China middle & High Schools

Presenter: Hailing WANG, Vice Principal, The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China (RDFZ), Beijing

Part V: The Latest Development of K-12 Education in China

Presenter: Wen LI, Director, Department of Scientific Research, Beijing Institute of Education, Beijing

Q&A

Presenters:

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Session Two: Comparison of US – China STEM Education

Friday, March 3, 2:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Room221, Ernest N. Morial Convention Center

The STEM education of the U.S. and China each has its own advantages and disadvantages. It is widely believed that Chinese education is test-based and focuses more on solid theoretical knowledge while U.S. education focuses more on creativity and active thinking. Is this the reality? Nowadays we are in an era of ever-growing globalization of education. Traditional learning method is being questioned and challenged, and new methods are quickly emerging and always with followers. There is no universal rule. Listen to the first line educators from the U.S. and China to share their insights and experiences.

Moderator:

Dr. Eleanor Smalley, President & CEO, JASON Learning

Part I: China STEM Education Traditional Features and Innovation

Presenter:

Qi MI, Principal Assistant, The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China (RDFZ), Beijing

Dr. Ying ZHOU, Department of Physics, Beijing Institute of Education, Beijing

Part II: JASON Learning, The Experience of teaching STEM in China

Presenter:

Dr. Eleanor Smalley, Ashburn, VA - President & CEO, JASON Learning

Amy O'Neal, Mystic, Connecticut - Director of Education, JASON Learning



Rick Folwell, Caldwell, Idaho - National Trainer, JASON Learning



Part III: STEM Teaching Practices-Panel discussion

Presenter: Dr. Eleanor Smalley, Amy O’Neal, Rick Folwell, Qi MI, Ying ZHOU

Presenters:

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