

Virginia's High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation (HOUSSE) for Visiting International Faculty (VIF) Cultural Exchange Teachers

See:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2007/inf090a.pdf

This document specifies the HOUSSE requirements for cultural exchange teachers placed in Virginia. Visiting International Faculty (VIF) is the largest cultural exchange program in the United States for teachers and schools, with teachers from 50 nations. "Highly qualified" and experienced teachers work in a number of states. Designated as an official sponsor in the U.S. State Department's Exchange Visitor Program, VIF selects highly qualified teachers and matches them with United States' schools and provides comprehensive support to help ensure a rewarding experience. VIF provides teachers the professional development experience of teaching in the United States for up to three years before returning home to serve as goodwill ambassadors for the United States.