

School Life

Connecting Classrooms Activity 2

Instructions: Create a video sharing your daily school routine, giving a tour of your school, or explaining the education system in your country.

At the end of your video, propose some questions for the students at your partner school to answer.

Remember: Be creative! Use different locations, props, and/or graphics/images to make your video compelling and engaging for your peers abroad. Before recording, be sure to clean your camera lens, and if using a phone, hold it horizontally. If the area where you are recording is too noisy, try getting closer or recording the audio after.

Option 1: Your daily routine

- What time do you wake up?
- What do you usually eat for breakfast?
- What time does school start?
- How do you get to school?
- How many classes do you have a day?
- At what time is lunch and where do you eat lunch?
- What do you normally eat for lunch?
- What do you do during recess?
- At what time does school end?
- Do you attend any after school clubs/sports? If so, which ones?
- When do you do your homework? About how many hours of homework do you have?

Option 2: School tour

- What facilities does your school have (gym, cafeteria, library, music room, etc.)?
- How many students are in your school?
- What are your classrooms like?
- Do you stay in one classroom, or do you rotate classrooms depending on the subject?
- What materials and resources does your school provide (textbooks, computers, etc.)? Do students have to buy anything?
- What subjects does your school offer? Can you choose the classes you take?
- Do you wear uniforms? Is there a dress code?
- What do you like most about your school? What do you like least?

Section 3: Education system

- What type of schools are there in your community? (e.g., public, private, charter)
- What grade levels are mandatory and what grade levels are optional?
- What subjects/courses are mandatory? What optional subjects/courses are typically offered and/or are most popular among students?
- What are the course requirements in your country/state/school district?
- What are exams and testing like?
- What options do students have after high school? (e.g., vocational training, college/university, work opportunities)

Additional activities:

- Write out your student peer's schedule. You can choose to write it out or create a timeline.
- Compare and contrast your school and that of your partner school. What similarities do you share? What surprised you most?
- Before watching the videos from your partner school, investigate what the education system is like in their country. Once you watch the videos, discuss what you learned and how it differs from the school system in your country.

Sample videos:



Elena's Daily Routine



Spanish School Tour



Spanish Education System

Grading Rubric:

Presenters' Names: _____

Link to video: _____

Content & Grammar (12 points)

	Max. Points	Points Earned	Comments
Topic is fully covered. Video includes introduction with presenters' names and purpose of video, as well as conclusion with questions for students at partner school.	6		
Presenters use appropriate vocabulary and syntax and express themselves in the correct verb tense.	6		
TOTAL	12	/ 12	

Presentation (8 points)

	Points Earned	Above Satisfactory/ Exceeds Requirements (3-4)	Satisfactory/ Meets Requirements (1-2)	Below Satisfactory/ Does not meet requirements (0)
VIDEO ORGANIZATION		Presenters are well prepared and organized. Presenters speak in a loud voice and show enthusiasm.	Presenters are mostly prepared and organized. Presenters speak clearly but some of the presentation is read.	Presenters are unprepared, presentation is unorganized. Difficult to hear presenters. Most or all of the presentation is read.
VISUAL PRESENTATION & CREATIVITY		Video shows creativity and includes a variety of locations and props/images that add value to the presentation.	Video includes at least one location, prop and/or image that adds value to the presentation.	Video does not include any locations, images or props that add value to the presentation.
TOTAL	/8	Additional comments:		

OVERALL TOTAL: _____ /20