

Since the beginning of the program, over seventy teachers from Spain have worked in different school districts across Nebraska. They can take positions at elementary, middle and high schools.

*"Through Ainsworth Community School's involvement with the Visiting Teachers from Spain Program, our Spanish Curriculum has been improved and strengthened into a revitalized, viable, real life learning experience for our students. The interaction of cultures between the instructor and students in our school has been a wonderful educational tool. Our third instructor from Spain has been an invaluable addition to our faculty, as were the previous two. We wish we could keep him here indefinitely."*

Harv Wewel  
Secondary School Principal  
Ainsworth School District

*"I never thought that I would learn so much here! I keep learning everyday both in the professional and the personal side. After all, that is the meaning of life for me."*

Monica Romero  
Visiting Teacher  
Buffet Magnet Middle School, Omaha

### FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM:

<http://www.mepsyd.es/exterior/usa/en/>  
<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/FORLG/VTS/VTSMMain.htm>

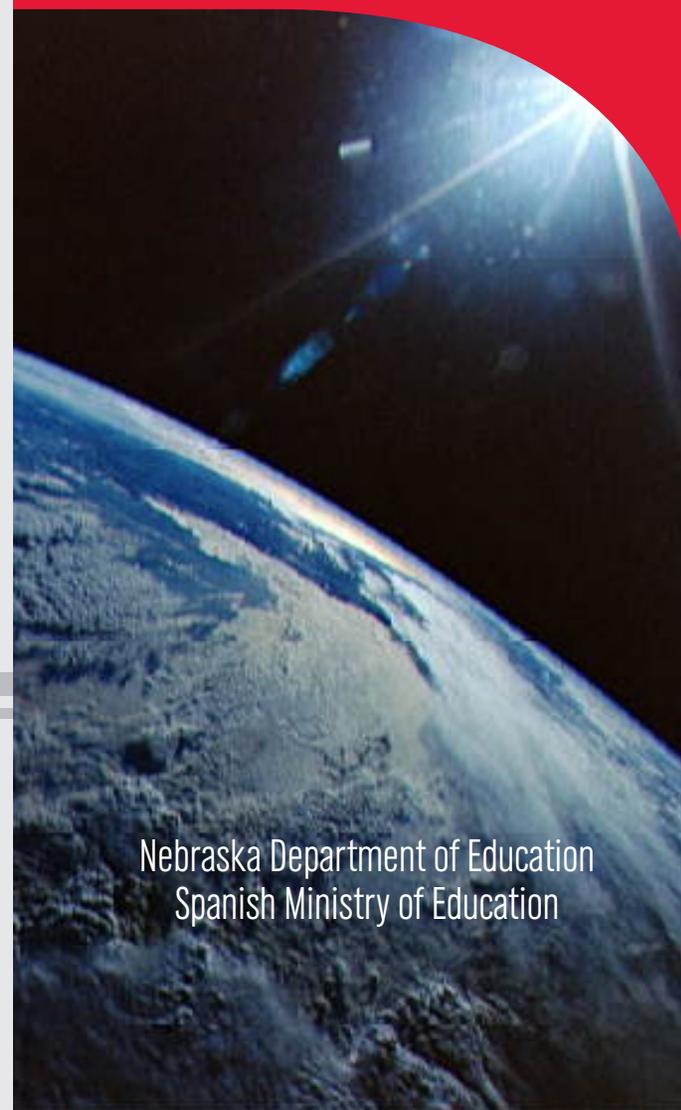
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# VISITING TEACHERS FROM SPAIN PROGRAM



Nebraska Department of Education  
Spanish Ministry of Education

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Since 1999, the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE), in coordination with the Ministry of Education of Spain, has made available teachers from Spain to teach in Nebraska school districts.



## THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM ARE:

- To provide an opportunity for students to learn foreign languages from native speakers.
- To increase international awareness of students taught by trained teachers from Spain.
- To increase the understanding of language, history and culture of Spanish speaking countries.

## THE TEACHERS:

- Are proficient in English and meet the required credentials.
- Make a one to three year commitment to teach in Nebraska, provided the local systems choose to rehire them each year.
- Function as regular members of their respective school faculties, and are paid in accordance with their experience and certification level.

## THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

- Interviews, selects and assigns visiting teachers to school districts.
- Completes sponsor/visa requirements for the visiting teachers.
- Assists visiting teachers with applications for social security numbers.
- Provides an orientation for the visiting teachers upon their arrival in Nebraska.
- Assists districts with program needs.
- Determines certification status for teachers.
- Assists with state level requirements.

## THE DISTRICTS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM:

- Provide an administrative liaison for the teachers.
- Provide a teacher mentor from the same school to help the visiting teacher in all human resource issues, giving general help to overcome the culture adaptation.
- Provide local school/district pre-service training for the visiting teacher.

