

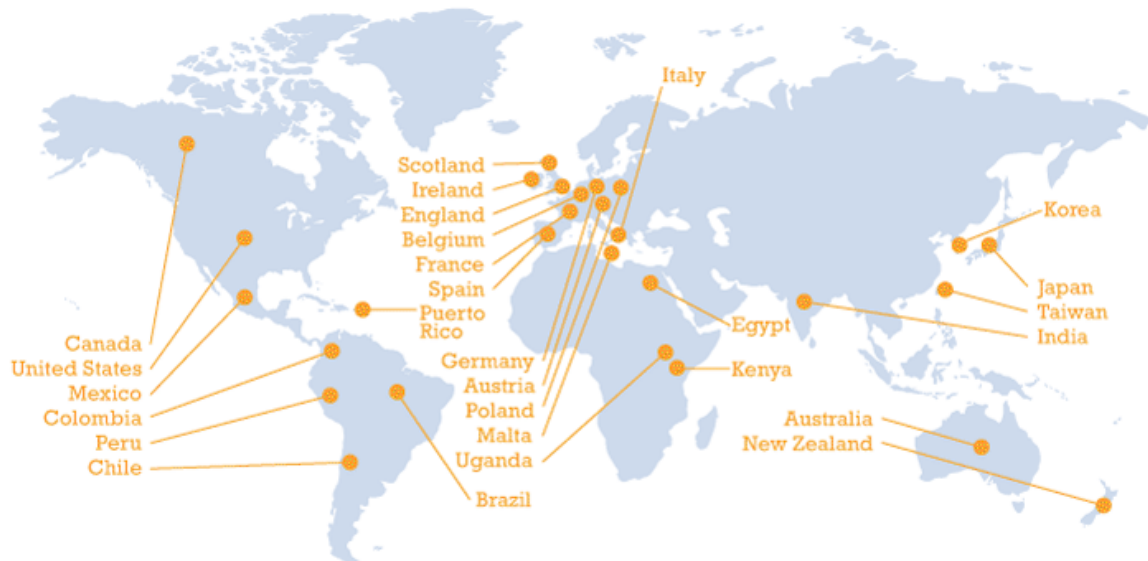
## Global Education and International Studies

### 1 OUR MISSION

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At the *Academy of the Sacred Heart*, our founding story connects us with the values of internationality and global citizenship. Our Foundress, St. Madeleine Sophie Barat founded the Society of the Sacred Heart in France during the 1800s with a vision for its internationality. **That vision for a vast community of people of faith in action has both endured and prospered.**

**Today, over 150 national and international schools of formal education exist across the globe in 41 countries of the world to educate young people.**



This global network is connected even further to a larger network of **educational programs in non-formal settings**--community based organizations, church and nonprofit partners.

All of these educational initiatives around the world are united in a common mission to "**make known the love of God through the heart of Jesus.**"

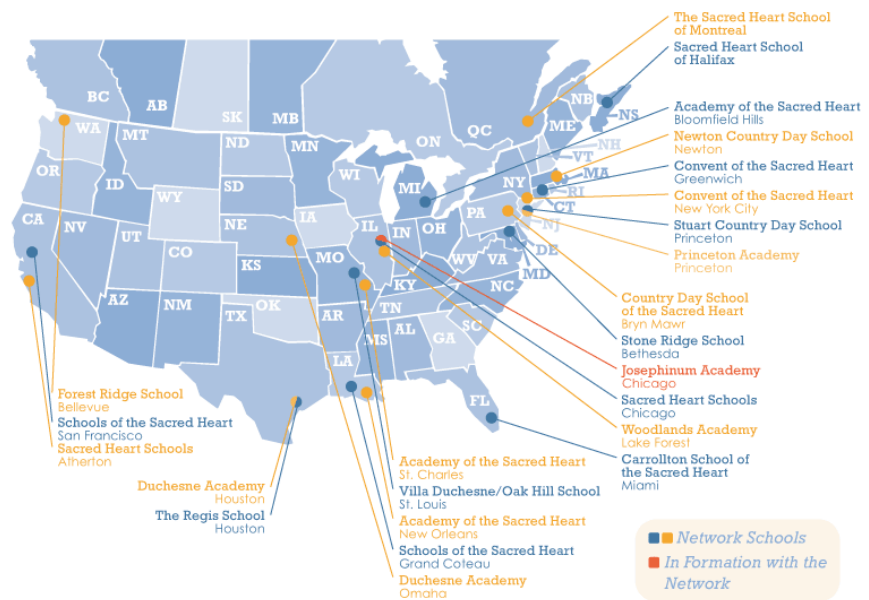
## The Network of Sacred Heart Schools in United States and Canada

Guided by the global vision of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, the Network of Sacred Heart Schools is an association of 24 Catholic independent schools in the United States - Canada Province of the Society of the Sacred Heart, for the purpose of advancing the educational mission of the Society. The Network provides services and programs that promote and stimulate creative education and leadership framed by the Goals and Criteria for Sacred Heart Schools in the United States and Canada.

## 2 GENESIS OF OUR PROGRAM

The Global Education program at the Academy of the Sacred Heart began in 2006, when our national [Network of the Sacred Heart Schools](#) mandated that all 24 Sacred Heart schools in the country **begin the process of integrating global education into the total Sacred Heart educational experience.**

In Sacred Heart Schools, we do this in a variety of ways, including engaging our students and faculty in service opportunities that have a global perspective, student exchanges, liturgies, interfaith experiences, international celebrations and speakers on global issues.



We believe that Global Education awakens students and the larger community to the responsibility of participating actively in the human family worldwide. For the Network of Sacred Heart Schools, Global Education opens “a pathway to discover, a space to announce the love of the heart of Jesus” (Chapter 2000) through campus ministry, curriculum, service, international exchange, professional development and international affiliations. **This reciprocal process is invitational, obligational and transformational.**

### 3 THE MISSION OF ASH'S GLOBAL EDUCATION INITIATIVE

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Rooted in the spirituality of the Society of the Sacred Heart, the mission of global education at the Academy of the Sacred Heart New Orleans is to form students who are aware of their moral and ethical responsibilities in a globalized world and who respond with judicious social action—now and for a lifetime.



To this end, global education serves as a pathway on which students come to discover and understand the world, its historical roots and current issues: political, social, cultural, environmental, spiritual, and economic. Global education develops capacities for critical thinking, expression of ideas, reverence of differences, and a consciousness of the interconnectedness of peoples and their integral relationship to the natural environment.

### 4 CRITERIA FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION IN SACRED HEART SCHOOLS

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#### Values which Guide Us

1. The school seeks to form its students in attitudes of the heart of Jesus expressed in respect and inclusion, empathy and compassion, forgiveness and generosity.
2. The school fosters inter-religious acceptance and dialogue by educating to an understanding of and deep respect for the religions of the world and various spiritual expressions.
3. The school develops and implements a curriculum based on the *Goals and Criteria*, educational research and ongoing evaluation.
4. The school educates to a critical consciousness that leads its total community to analyze and reflect on the values of society and to act for justice.
5. The school is linked in a reciprocal manner with ministries among people who are poor, marginalized and suffering from injustice.
6. In our multicultural world, the school prepares and inspires students to be active, informed, and responsible citizens locally, nationally, and globally.
7. The school teaches respect for creation and prepares students to be stewards of the earth's resources.
8. The school promotes a safe and welcoming environment in which each person is valued, cared for and respected.
9. Adult members of the school model and teach skills needed to build community and practice clear, direct and open communication.
10. The school has programs that teach the principles of nonviolence, conflict resolution and peacemaking.

11. The school makes a deliberate effort to recruit students and employ faculty and staff of diverse races, ethnicities and backgrounds.

12. The school participates actively in the national and international networks of Sacred Heart schools.

13. All members of the school community show respect, acceptance and concern for themselves and for others.

## **5 THE 12 ELEMENTS OF OUR PROGRAM**

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- Integration into and across the curriculum: Build global competencies, historical and social awareness, and align professional development with global education
- International and National Exchange
- National and International Service
- Creating partnerships for Global Learning (Asia Society, NEA, and others)
- Faculty Global Partnerships-Sponsored Travel
- Network Global Education Conference
- Global Dance
- Global Studies Course: Creating awareness of global issues
- Campus Ministry and Liturgical
- Affiliation with United Nations through the Society of the Sacred Heart
- AMASC and AASH

### **International Exchange**

At the Academy of the Sacred Heart in New Orleans, [we offer a one-of-a-kind, authentic Global Exchange program](https://www.sacredheartusc.education/page/community/international-sacred-heart-schools). Qualified students in grades eight through twelve can take advantage of Sacred Heart's unique exchange program, staying with a host family and attending another school in the national and international Network of Sacred Heart School for several weeks.

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Past participants have attended schools in France, Chile, the U.K., Ireland, Peru, Austria, Spain and Australia. And they consistently rate the experience as one of the most formative of their young lives, in terms of broadening their perspective and building lifelong friendships.

One important component of our exchange program is reciprocity. Our Rosary students attend school and live with a Sacred Heart family in another country. Before or after her trip, the Rosary student in turn will host an international student in New Orleans. Hosting allows our students to view their own country, culture and lifestyle through the eyes of their exchange student – and costs are minimal.