Founded in 1949, the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia is a non-partisan, international affairs experience provider with more than 70 years of expertise in connecting Philadelphia to the world.

The Council’s educational programming has touched the lives of over one million students since its inception.

FACULTY ADVISOR ROLE

What is a ‘Faculty Advisor’?

The World Affairs Council partners with dedicated ‘faculty advisors’ to be the school-based point of contact. Any teacher or administrator can serve as faculty advisor, with most schools selecting a history or social studies teacher for the role. For homeschoolers or parent-led initiatives, a dedicated parent is welcome to serve as faculty advisor. The role can also be shared among two faculty members at a given school, or parents.

How does the Council communicate with Faculty Advisors and what is expected for the role?

Council staff communicate regularly with faculty advisors via email correspondence and e-newsletters. The time commitment for a faculty advisor varies from school to school and group to group. The role entails assisting with responsibilities from September to June. Faculty advisors are strongly encouraged to establish an extracurricular World Affairs Club within their school, meeting at the advisor’s discretion. It is suggested that advisors allocate around 5-10 hours a month towards club advisor duties and programming.
WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Special access to the Council’s award-winning Speaker Events
- Inclusion in a growing network of Philadelphia-area educators dedicated to teaching students about diverse perspectives, critical global topics, & civic engagement
- Potential to enhance classroom curriculum with the Council’s experiential learning opportunities. The Council provides teachers with exclusive opportunities in addition to all related program content, materials, calendars, and student prep resources
- Receive first-hand communication through the Council’s Education e-newsletters on professional development opportunities and global education resources

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES?

- Serve as primary point of contact for the Council at the school or with the school group
- Recruit and register students for Council Education programs using our online registration forms
- Distribute Council-provided content, such as briefing papers or resource guides, & ensure that students are adequately prepared to participate in Council Education programs
- Ensure students complete pre-program preparatory work & meet any pre-program deadlines
- Coordinate student transportation (for in person programs), complete any necessary school-level paperwork for events & serve as your school’s primary student chaperone
- Attend any Council facilitated teacher preparatory sessions or meetings. Most meetings are virtual and there are around 5-7 teacher preparatory sessions offered per year
- Complete a brief teacher evaluation form at the end of each program & ensure students complete student evaluation forms
- Be willing to share any relevant student success stories & testimonials with the Council, school administration, & the wider school community (i.e through social media, school announcements, school bulletin boards).

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