

3. Guidelines for ASP(net) Operation in Israel

Criteria for a Delegation

The ASP Network — Unesco — Israel is interested in choosing the most suitable students to take part in national and international conferences, seminars and workshop both in Israel and abroad. Our students will be representing themselves, their school, city, community and their country.

Candidates should have the following qualifications:

- General knowledge in the following fields — UNESCO, the ASP Network, religion — Judaism, Islam and Christianity, the Middle East, history of the Jewish people, the Palestinians, geography, social issues, world issues, art and culture, current affairs. There should be a written test as well as an oral interview.
- The ability to express themselves orally in English (any additional language is a definite asset).
- Excellence in their studies if they are to miss days at school.
- Voluntary activities, e.g. leadership in a youth movement, voluntary organizations, students' council, class committee, involvement in school extra-curricular activities.
- Unblemished record of good behavior, good interpersonal relations, the ability to both talk and listen, and work in a team and handle stressful situations, conflict resolution skills an advantage. Personal responsibility and maturity.
- Good health — doctor's certificate.
- Recommendation by class teacher and/or school principal. Agreement by parents in writing.
- It should be clear what costs are entailed and what obligations there are before, during and after the seminar (e.g. lecturing in various classes/schools; writing a report, hosting delegates from abroad, etc.
- The committee choosing the delegates should be objective.

The rotation between schools should be fair and based on involvement and suitability — age etc. The delegates should be chosen in the spirit of ASP and for the good of the organization as well as the individuals.

Transparency is essential in order to avoid hard feelings.

The Absorption Process of New Schools in the ASPnet

The primary goal of the network is to convert the school environment into an experimental laboratory, and to disseminate models developed in the general educational system.

A candidate school must involve its student population in areas like: intercultural education, rifts in Israeli society (between Jews and Arabs, immigrants and veterans, religious and secular, different ethnic groups);

education in human rights and democracy; the prevention of violence and drug abuse; contributing to society; the development of new educational methods; and international activity. The profile of a UNESCO ASPnet school serves as a criterion for the acceptance of new schools into the network.

Candidacy stage

- Receipt of a request from the school (submission of school program)
- Acceptance committee
- Visit of the acceptance committee at the school

Membership stage

- Acceptance committee decision
- Submission of candidacy to Paris headquarters
- Receipt of certificate from ASP Paris headquarters

Timetable and Process

During the candidacy process, the school must fulfill the following requirements:

- to participate in activities of the network
- to participate in international activities and UNESCO projects
- to participate in network work sessions
- to submit an annual report.

The candidacy period will last two years.

Criteria for Inactive Schools (two year period)

- The schools will be summoned to a meeting of the steering committee.

If there is no response, UNESCO headquarters recognition will be rescinded.

- These schools would receive yearly membership approval, contingent upon submission of an

annual report, participation in meetings and network activity.

Summer Camps

UNESCO ASPnet Schools' Summer Camps,

- will primarily hold seminars and workshops on various subjects
- will separate seminars for students from those for accompanying teachers
- will hold lectures on the subjects of encouraging friendly relations, recognition and acceptance of the different, the fostering of peace and proficiency in interpersonal communication
- will make visits to various sites in Israel
- will have students prepare an end-of-camp project
- will be run by a staff of educators — seminar leaders with professional experience, and a staff coordinator.

Projects

The project is intended to express the spirit of UNESCO through its process and its results. It should include a realistic, practical implementation dimension.

Definition: The ASP project expresses the spirit of UNESCO and its goals. A model of education for the culture of peace, in Hebrew, is attached as an example.

Expected result: emphasizing the ideas of UNESCO with the youth participating in the project.

Process: maximum active participation of as many youths as possible; use of positive and creative methods; symmetrical passage from conceptualization to realization and *vice versa*. The project will combine learning and presentation of a subject in attractive ways, through the use of advanced technologies.

Evaluation: The project will include evaluation. Participants will provide both oral and written feedback on the project.

