

Summit to Success, Inc.

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Cultural Exchange Kit – Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

(U.S. Edition | Updated October 14, 2025)

1. Mission & Purpose

The **Cultural Exchange Kit (U.S. Edition)** connects classrooms through shared curiosity — helping students explore new cultures, strengthen literacy, and build empathy through structured pen-pal activities and interactive cultural games.

Each kit bridges geography and imagination, giving students a tangible way to learn about the world beyond their classroom walls while improving reading, writing, and social awareness skills.

This initiative reinforces core literacy and social studies goals while fostering respect, communication, and global citizenship — one letter, one story, and one friendship at a time.

2. Kit Composition & Estimated Cost (~\$500 per classroom)

(Pricing reflects 2025 U.S. educational supplier averages with a 10% contingency for variation or shipping.)

Note: Kit contents are a **guideline**. Schools and community partners may adjust materials to match grade level, curriculum, and available space while remaining within the total budget.

Category	Item	Quantity	Est. Unit Cost (USD)	Total (USD)	Notes
Visual Learning Tools	Laminated Classroom World Map	1	\$40	\$40	Durable, dry-erase compatible
	Desk Globes	2	\$30	\$60	Dual classroom use
Literacy Resources	Bilingual Storybooks (age-appropriate)	20	\$10	\$200	Spanish-English and multicultural sets
Cultural & Educational Activities	Cultural Board/Card Games	2–3 sets	\$25	\$75	Geography, trivia, and cooperation-based
	Pen-Pal Starter Pack (stationery, envelopes, postage)	1 set	\$25	\$25	3-month initial supply
	Digital Access Guide (USB or QR code)	1	\$20	\$20	Safe exchange protocols and printable activities
Storage	Laminated Activity Sheets + Teacher Lesson Ideas	1 pack	\$25	\$25	Includes writing prompts and discussion guides
	Classroom Bin or Organizer	1	\$25	\$25	Weather-resistant, labeled
Contingency	10% buffer	—	—	\$30	Covers minor replacements

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Estimated Total	—	—	—	~\$500	Annual review and revaluation

3. Program Impact

Students Served: 25–35 annually (rotating participation)

Duration: 3 years minimum

Cost per Student (3-Year Period): ≈ \$5–7

Replacement Cycle: Every 3 years (full renewal)

Proof Chain: Receipts → Photos → Student Letters → Testimonials → Donor Report

Expected Outcomes:

- Strengthened reading, writing, and comprehension skills
- Improved cultural literacy and global awareness
- Increased empathy and social connection among students
- Integration of creative arts and social studies in classroom learning

4. Oversight & Roles

Role	Responsibilities
Program Lead (Summit to Success U.S.)	Oversees procurement, verifies documentation, and compiles donor reports.
Teacher / Administrator	Facilitates classroom exchanges, monitors student participation, and maintains materials.

Role	Responsibilities
Student Exchange Captains	Rotate writing duties, help track correspondence, and encourage inclusion.
Community or School Representative	Signs the Acknowledgment of Receipt and verifies delivery.

5. Implementation Process

1. Readiness Confirmation

Partner school identifies a lead teacher, class size, and preferred global partner.

2. Procurement

Materials sourced from educational or local vendors.

All purchases verified through receipts and photos.

3. Delivery & Setup

- Delivery-day photos + signed acknowledgment
- Teacher orientation on safety, exchange schedules, and content use

4. Program Launch

- Letter exchanges or cultural project introductions begin
- Monthly reading/writing integration sessions led by the teacher

5. Ongoing Engagement

- Students exchange letters, drawings, and classroom updates
- Partner classrooms take turns responding on a rotation schedule

6. Reporting Cycle

- **Monthly:** 1–2 photos or short videos of classroom activity

- **6 Months:** Two testimonials + scanned letters/artwork + updated inventory
- **Annual:** Comprehensive donor report with photos, quotes, and verified proof of engagement

6. Accountability Framework

Procurement → Delivery → Exchange → Monitoring → Renewal (3-Year Cycle)

Stage	Required Proof	Responsible
Procurement	Receipts, photos	Program Lead
Delivery	Signed acknowledgment + photos	School Rep
Exchange	Student letters, artwork, photos	Teacher
Monitoring	Monthly updates + testimonials	Teacher / Exchange Captains
Renewal	Replacement documentation	Program Lead

All materials are archived within Summit's accountability system for full donor transparency.

7. Monitoring & Testimonials

Interval	Deliverable	Responsible
Delivery Day	3 testimonials (teacher, student, parent) + photos + optional video	Program Lead & Teacher
Monthly	1-2 authentic classroom photos or clips	Teacher
6-Month Review	Scanned letters/artwork + 2 testimonials + usage update	School Representative

Interval	Deliverable	Responsible
Annual	Donor Impact Report (letters, visuals, outcomes)	Program Lead

“Our students look forward to every new letter — they ask about their friends across the world and write more thoughtfully than ever before.”

— 4th Grade Teacher, Holyoke, MA

8. Durability & Storage Guidelines

- Keep books, maps, and games stored in a dry, secure area.
- Use resealable envelopes and folders to protect letters and art.
- Log replenishments (paper, stamps, etc.) as they occur.
- Rotate activities and reading materials quarterly to sustain engagement.
- Conduct an annual inventory check to identify losses or wear.

9. Replacement & Maintenance Policy

- **Full Replacement:** Conducted every 3 years as part of Summit’s renewal policy.
- **Mid-Cycle Replenishments:** Schools may purchase small consumables (stamps, paper) independently between cycles.
Summit to Success does **not** fund interim stationery or postage for U.S. programs.
- **Proof Requirement:** For renewals, schools must submit scanned letters, photos, and testimonials as usage proof.
- **Accountability:** Replacement eligibility contingent upon consistent participation and reporting.

(Note: The 70/30 replacement clause applies only to international programs. U.S. sites follow a full 3-year replacement model.)

10. Annual Review & Donor Summary

At the end of each school year:

- Teacher completes an **Exchange Impact Reflection** summarizing student engagement.
- Summit compiles documentation into a **Donor Impact Report** featuring letters, photos, and measurable outcomes.

This process ensures transparency, validates progress, and encourages continuous improvement.

11. Donor Assurance Notes

- **Fixed Cost Model:** ~\$500 per classroom
- **Proof of Impact:** Receipts, letters, photos, testimonials, and logs
- **Transparency:** Digital archives accessible for donor verification
- **Renewal Guarantee:** 3-year replacement coverage
- **Accountability Chain:** Procurement → Delivery → Exchange → Report

12. Donor Message

“For about \$500, you can help 25–35 students experience the world through letters, stories, and shared projects.

Your contribution builds literacy, empathy, and global connection — all backed by student letters and photos that prove your impact.”

This is more than correspondence — it’s **connection made tangible**.

13. Tagline

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14. Author's Note

The Cultural Exchange Kit embodies Summit's belief that global understanding begins locally — with one student, one story, one shared conversation.

Each exchange nurtures empathy and curiosity while proving that learning can travel farther than any textbook.

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