



Connecting North Carolina and the World

# Global Teachers South Korea 2024



## **Program Description:**

Go Global NC's 2024 Global Teachers program will travel to South Korea. The delegation will explore South Korea's history, complex political relationships, culture; study its high achieving educational systems; and learn about how South Korea is pursuing advancements in research and development. South Korea has transformed from an impoverished, war-torn country to an economic powerhouse and the world's 15th largest economy in less than 50 years. The program will begin in the vibrant city of Seoul, the capital of South Korea. From Seoul the program will travel to Busan and other fascinating areas of this country. Participants will experience its historic palaces, bustling markets, the K-pop global phenomena, vibrant temples and witness examples of why South Korea is a global leader in innovation.



## High Academic Achievement

Participants will see firsthand why South Korea is one of the top OECD countries regarding academic achievement and is ranked highly in indexes for academic accomplishment. Through investment in basic education, in two generations, South Korea transformed from being a country with mass illiteracy to becoming a world leader in education where students from all socio-economic levels perform well on national examinations.



## Employer-led Skills & Training

Delegates will witness how the culture of Confucianism has established a society where being an educated and scholarly person makes someone highly respected in society. Additionally, the delegation will learn how education in South Korea focuses on preparing students for careers using employer led training and skills development approach through investments in improving the quality of vocational training based on future skill needs and encouraging schools to collaborate with industry. This program will provide educators with insights into the factors that have enabled excellence in Korean schools, as well as the recent reforms to bridge some of the challenges faced.

## Environmental Stewardship

South Korea's impressive economic rise came at the cost of high pollution. In 2008, the government declared that environmental stewardship was the engine for the future of economic growth and presented an \$85 billion plan to invest in clean energy. The delegation will discover how South Korea is using innovation to achieve its target of carbon neutrality by 2050 and reduce plastic waste by 50% by 2030 with 70% of plastic used being recyclable by then. South Korea was among the first countries to include green growth in its national development strategy and is harnessing its success in research and development to reinvent itself from significant emitter of greenhouse gases to a global leader in sustainable development and environmental innovation.

# Program Goals include:

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1. Learn about the history, culture, and socio-political structures of this diverse country
2. Gain insight into South Korea's diverse education systems, including challenges, opportunities, initiatives, and success stories

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3. Utilize a STEM-focused perspective to experience the physical environment and understand why South Korea is becoming a leader in innovations to reduce waste and achieve goals for carbon neutrality
4. Discover global challenges shared with North Carolina and explore examples of local initiatives

# Apply Learning in NC

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5. Network and collaborate with other educators to implement global education and perspectives in North Carolina classrooms





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