



Korea Corner Overview

July 25, 2024





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Context for the Trip



- Program & history
 - Global Studies in Education - South Korea is an outreach program started by Auburn University's College of Education in partnership with Korean automotive companies located in East Alabama.
- Sponsored by AJIN Georgia
- Format of trip
 - June 2nd - 13th, 2024
 - 12 days total (3 travel days, 9 full days of content)
 - Tuesday, June 4th - Saturday, June 8th focused on education, while the remainder of the trip, Sunday, June 9th - Wednesday, June 12th focused on culture



Goals for the Trip

- Learn more about the Korean culture so we can better prepare our high school students who are entering the workforce at one of the Korean-owned businesses in our region
- Learn more about the Korean culture so we can serve as ambassadors for Korean families who register their children for school in our district ("Korean hub" - NES, SEBMS, SEBHS)

NES:

Rob Lindsay, Principal

Marla Sumner, Assistant Principal

SEBMS:

Todd Veland, Principal

Mary Michael Louge, Counselor

SEBHS:

Mark Oliver, Assistant Principal

Krista Edwards, Counselor

Brent Osborne, Work-Based Learning Coordinator

CO:

Bethany Gilliam, CTAE Director



Cultural Lessons Learned

- Korea 101
 - Respect is key
 - Hospitality is very important
 - Declining birth rate
 - Highly competitive job market
 - Adults are very serious
- We-centered society
 - Concerned with the good of all and representing each other well
 - Lots of accountability to one another and the nation as a whole
- High value of education and high expectations



Preparing Students for the Workplace

- Korean-owned businesses new to Statesboro-Bulloch County
 - AJIN Georgia
 - Hanon Systems
 - SECO Ecoplastic
- Culture impacts the workplace
 - Respect is key
 - Very high expectations
 - Hard working



Preparing Students for the Workplace

- Accountability
 - Present & on time
 - Prepared & productive
- Flexibility
 - Problem solver
 - Proactive
- Technology
 - Very prevalent in process & production
 - Robotic manufacturing



Education System Structure

- Schools are very well funded from the government
- School is free for all students
 - Early Childhood: 3 - 6 years old
 - Primary: 7 - 12 years old
 - Secondary: 13 - 18 years old
 - Middle School - 3 years
 - High School - 3 years
- Students begin learning English in the 3rd grade
- Academics - highly competitive
 - High school -relative grading (as opposed to standards mastery)
- After school, most families pay for students to attend enrichment classes



Alignment with BCS Strategic Plan

- Career and Workforce Readiness:
 - Prepares students for successful careers in local Korean-owned businesses, supporting our goal of work and career readiness.
 - Promotes accountability, productivity, and technological proficiency, reflecting our values of being purposeful, resourceful, and accountable.
- Community Engagement and Support:
 - Positions our educators as cultural ambassadors, fostering trust and mutual respect within the community.
- Educational Excellence:
 - Highlights the high value placed on education and continuous improvement, which aligns with our belief that everyone can learn and grow.
- Cultural Awareness and Respect:
 - Emphasizes the importance of respect and cultural understanding, aligning with our core value of being relational.
 - Fosters an environment of inclusivity, enhancing the emotional well-being of students and staff, contributing to a positive school climate.



Questions?

