



LumenEd

LumenEd is connecting classrooms around the world for an immersive and interactive global education experience



Video Pen Pals 2016 Program Details





Video Pen Pals inspires
global citizenship by
creating opportunities
for conversation and
problem solving
between peers abroad

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A social approach to global education

Teaching global education can seem challenging and intimidating. Our program focuses on four elements that make the process both enriching and something students look forward to.



Partnering with students abroad

Relationships between students is core to our program. Partnering with a classroom abroad makes global education social, fun, and deeply personal.



Gaining context for local and global issues

Students read suggested materials and watch video projects from their partners to hear new perspectives on world issues, cultures, and current events.



Developing a unique personal perspective

Classrooms use guided questions to investigate their own lives and cultures. Students gain confidence in developing and communicating their own worldview.



Applying concepts through creative projects

Students work on video projects throughout the year to absorb what they've learned and develop new media, collaboration, and presentation skills.

Six steps to our program

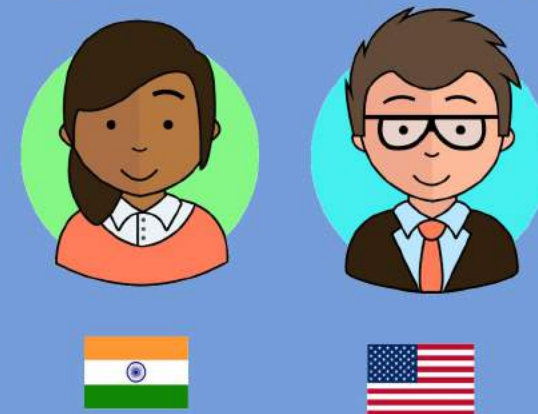
Pick the topic track that best matches your goals

We've broken global education into two topic tracks you can choose to focus on during the year. Select either Cultural Sharing or Global Issues and pick one to four units to cover with your class. Each unit is six weeks long and includes two video projects.



Get connected to a well-matched partner class

We match classrooms based on age, topic tracks, and subject units. Before the program begins, you will connect with your partner online and agree on a schedule to follow. Partnerships can be one to four units long, depending on your interest.



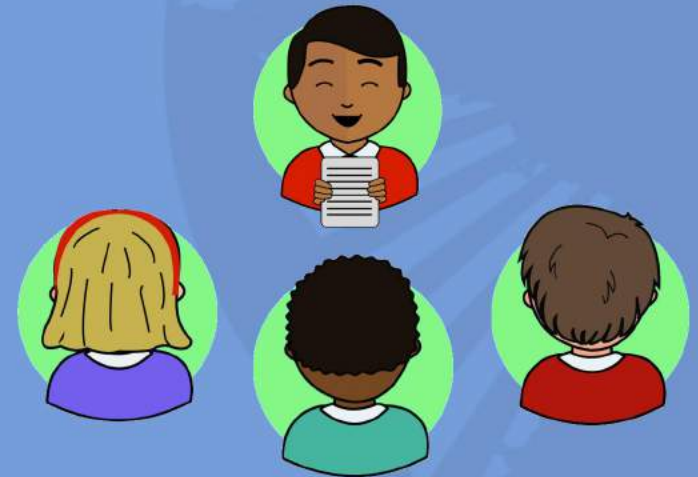
Start engaging your students with video

Video is at the heart of making a personal connection with your partners. Students gain familiarity with the program process and technology by making an introduction video about their class and goals for the year.



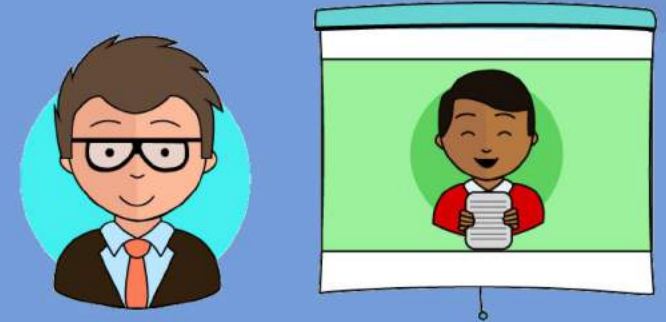
Begin the unit with introspection

Every unit is accompanied with optional readings, thoughtful questions, and video project suggestions. You will spend the first two weeks discussing the topic as a class, then planning and recording a video explaining your perspectives to your partners.



Continue by watching your partners' videos

During each unit you will receive two videos projects from your partners. Your classroom has the unique opportunity to ask follow-up questions and start conversations about each video topic. Your partners, in turn, will ask you questions about your own videos!



Stay in-touch using message and video feed

Our online message and video feed allows students to send quick messages and video snapshots showcasing class discussions, field trips, or anything else that's relevant to the program. Teachers can choose to monitor and approve anything sent by students.



Topic Tracks guide discussions for different ages

Each topic track consists of six units tied to a curricular theme. For full-year programs, teachers choose any four units to cover during the year. Individual unit programs are also available. *Write to us to request a full list of materials for your grade level.*



Cultural Sharing

Grade 2 - 4:

Food & Arts	Dance & Music
Holidays & Traditions	Teamwork & Goals
Family & Values	School & Community

Grade 5 - 6:

Food & Arts	Popular Culture
Holidays & Traditions	City & Transportation
Civil Rights & Liberties	Communication & Tech

Grade 7 - 8:

Food & Arts	Popular Culture
Religion & Ethics	Buying Power
Civil Rights & Liberties	Communication & Tech



Global Issues

Grade 2 - 4:

Reusing & Recycling	Global Collaboration
Food & Water	Health & Living
Electricity & Power	Carbon Cycle

Grade 5 - 6:

Reusing & Recycling	Global Conflict
Resource Distribution	Health & Living
Future Technology	Climate Change

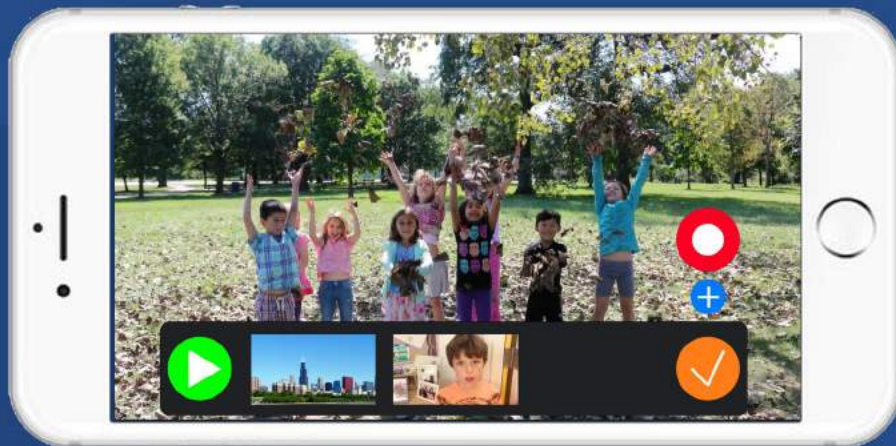
Grade 7 - 8:

Economic Disparity	Conflict & Terrorism
Resource Distribution	Health & Living
Discrimination	Climate Change

Classrooms take advantage of our simple technology

Quick Video Recording

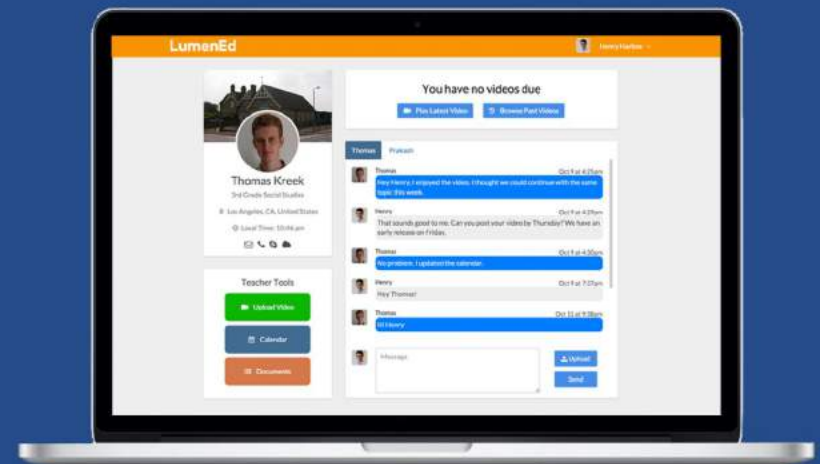
With our simple app, any student can be a video director. Our goal is to help you spend more time discussing and learning than fiddling with technology.



- *Compatible on any smart phone or tablet*
- *Collaborative editing on multiple devices*
- *One-click video uploading is safe and secure*

Easy Communication

Our web app connects you to your partner and our global community of teachers. Share and watch videos, ask your partners questions, and get help from our expert support team 24/7.



- *Accessible on any device*
- *Optional student accounts allow students to upload videos and ask questions from their own devices*

Case study: *Second Graders in Chicago, IL*

A K-12 private school in Chicago piloted Video Pen Pals with one Second Grade classroom. They enrolled in our Cultural Sharing track, partnering with a classroom in New Delhi, India.



"Besides obviously having their eyes open to another culture and getting to know what life is like for our 'pen pals' in India, it's safe to say that our students are learning a lot about themselves and what they value!"

– Lisa H. (Second Grade Teacher)

A year later, they became our first school to enroll an entire grade level in our Custom Program. We paired their Second Graders with classrooms in New Delhi. Their classrooms communicated from September to May and even sponsored new classroom technology for their partners. We built a unique curriculum for their Second Graders to follow.

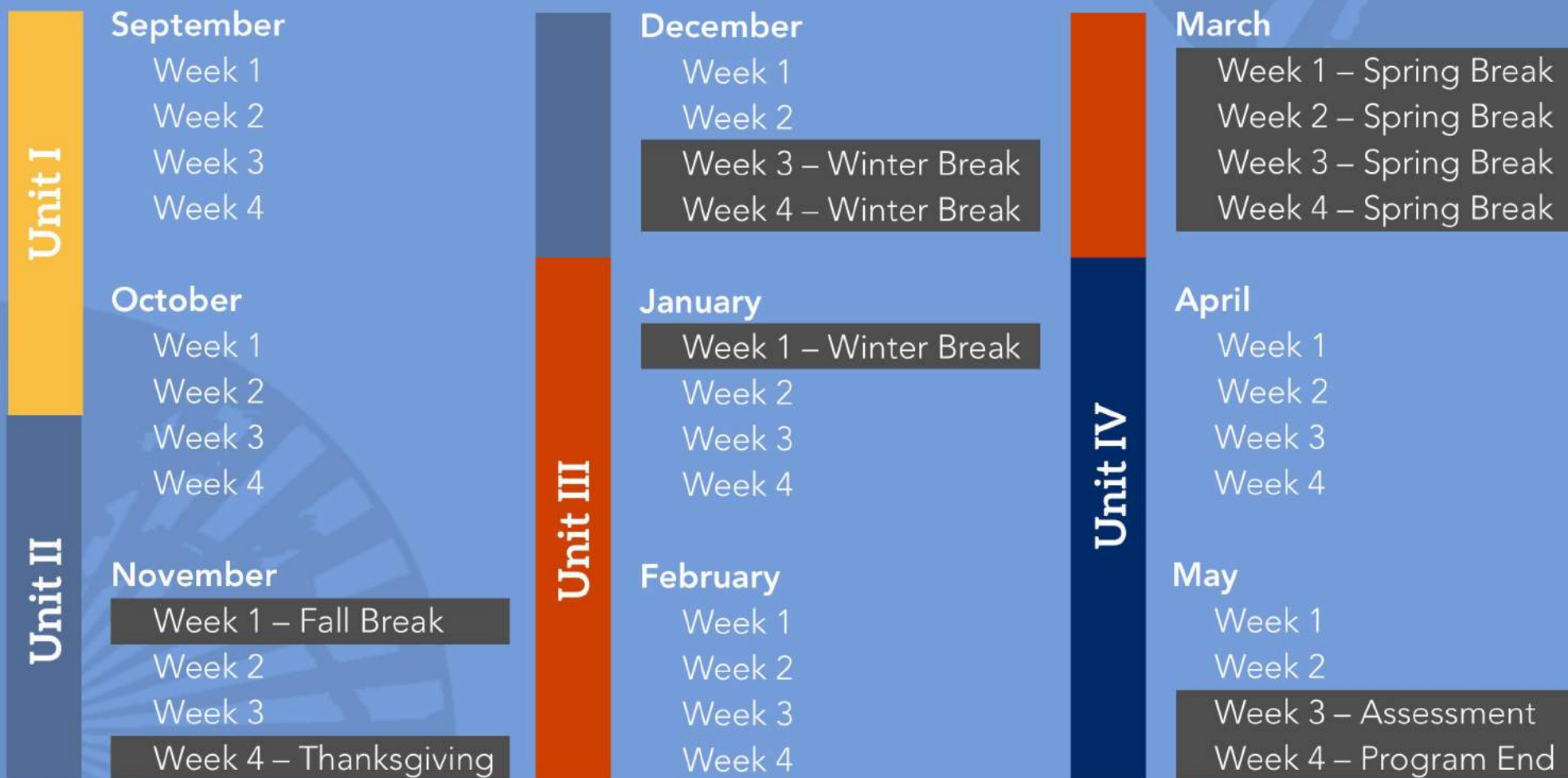


"I am loving LumenEd! I just love this video pen pal program and I feel so lucky to be a part of it. Really, I have been looking for something like this for years. It's exactly how I hoped it would be."

– Lauryn M. (Second Grade Teacher)

2016-17 Program: Timeline

Our timeline separates the year into four units. Dates can be adjusted to meet your schedule.



2016-17 Program: Pricing

Standard Program

Our standard, unit-based partnership with a classroom in our network of schools in the US and India.

Single Unit	\$300
Full-year (4 Units)	\$1200

10% off for sign-ups before May 1
20% off for multiple-year enrollment

Custom Program

We have two new custom programs available. Write to us to learn more.

Sister School program

We create a program between you and a sister school you already know

Pilot program

Pilot one of our new locations or new topic tracks

Doesn't fit your budget? Write to us about potential discounts and payment plans. We've helped classrooms find grants, fundraise, and acquire district funds for our program.

Our network is growing in 2016



Working with NGOs to bring more voices into the conversation

A majority of our connections are between US and India, however, we are expanding our reach to include more pilot locations, including Ghana, Haiti, South Korea, and Zimbabwe.

Connect to a school you already know through our Custom Program

If you already connect with a sister school abroad, we would love to improve your relationship through our program. If you are from or interested in connecting with a new location, please write to us.

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