BRIDGE School Partnerships Program connects teachers, students and school communities with their counterparts across Asia.

Through BRIDGE, partnered school communities develop the capacity to explore areas and issues of mutual interest and become catalysts for change in local, regional and global contexts. Based on people-to-people links, BRIDGE provides the next generation of leaders with innovative ways to share ideas and learn from each other.

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