



The Global Village School Statement of Purpose

The Global Village School serves the special needs of teenage refugee girls who have little or no English language education and/or interrupted formal education. We provide the instruction and support that will allow our students to transfer to a high school after 1-3 years of study with GVS and to pursue a high school diploma. GVS offers a basic course of in core academic subjects, taught at the student's level of understanding, with a focus on English reading and writing proficiency. When students reach the level at which they can access high school course work, GVS offers 9th grade-level courses and credit with continued intensive focus on English language proficiency.

We admit teenage survivors of war aged 13-17 with a desire to learn and a willingness to work hard. On a case-by-case basis, we will sometimes admit older students whose educational needs align with the GVS course of study.

We focus on building and maintaining an educational community that includes students, staff, and community volunteers.

We facilitate active, engaged learning. Our student-teacher ratio is very low and every student benefits from individual tutoring.

We strive to motivate and empower learners to take charge of their education and their lives.

We foster a caring environment that values and incorporates the richness of our students' diverse cultures, and that nurtures students struggling with the trauma of dislocation and war.

Our students attend GVS free of charge, with transportation and lunch provided, thanks to our community of supporters.

