



THE ANTHONY L. AND HIDEKO S. BURGESS INTERACTIVE LEARNING CENTER (ILC):

A 'WINDOW TO THE WORLD' FOR OUR YOUNGEST GLOBAL CITIZENS

A field trip to the Interactive Learning Center (ILC) at Operation Smile Global Headquarters isn't just an opportunity to explore – it's a call to action.

As students experience the ILC, they'll encounter real-world examples of the subject matter they learn in the classroom – including objectives as outlined in the Virginia Standards of Learning – and they'll explore potential career opportunities. But, perhaps most importantly, they'll build meaningful connections with Operation Smile's patients and learn how to apply their knowledge to make a difference in the lives of others.

[Learn more online at operationsmile.org/interactive-learning-center](https://www.operationismile.org/interactive-learning-center). Email ilc@operationsmile.org for more information or to book a field trip.



WHAT: The Anthony L. and Hideko S. Burgess Interactive Learning Center at Operation Smile Global Headquarters



WHERE: 3641 Faculty Blvd., Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23453



WHO: Field trips can be tailored to students of all ages



WHEN: Field trip opportunities will open in September 2021

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

HOW CAN TEACHERS PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THEIR FIELD TRIP?

- **REVIEW LESSON PLANS:** Operation Smile Student Programs staff put together a foundational set of six lesson plans that educators are welcome to use however they like. These lesson plans cover essential topics such as empathy and antibullying, cleft conditions, and how we reach patients around the world.
- **COLLABORATE WITH US:** Student Programs would love to help tailor lesson plans to your classroom. Email [Student Programs' Bethany Bogacki](mailto:StudentPrograms@OperationSmile.org) (Bethany.Bogacki@operationmile.org) to get started.

IN A NUTSHELL, WHAT WILL STUDENTS TAKE AWAY FROM THEIR EXPERIENCE AT THE ILC?

- **MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS:** Every student who visits the ILC will receive a “passport” sharing the story of their new friend, a patient who received care from Operation Smile. They'll follow their friend throughout their journey to care. These friends represent seven countries and encapsulate the global nature of our work. It's our hope that students will make a meaningful connection with their friends and leave inspired to take action and help more people.
- **BOOSTED KNOWLEDGE:** The ILC teaches students about how the organization supports the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, provides an opportunity for career exploration, and supports lessons in science, technology, engineering, the arts and math (STEAM) as well as Virginia Standards of Learning (SOLs).
- **AN ART PROJECT WITH HEART:** Our patients have taught us about the power of words. As small groups enter the exhibit, students waiting to enjoy the experience will create artwork around powerful words such as empathy and dignity.

