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### Department of State English Access Microscholarship Program Fact Sheet Celebrating 10 Years

The Access Program provides a foundation of English language skills to talented 13-20 year-olds from economically disadvantaged sectors through after-school classes and intensive summer sessions. Access gives participants English skills that may lead to better jobs and educational prospects. Participants also gain the ability to compete for and participate in future exchanges and study in the United States. Since its inception in 2004, approximately 95,000 students in more than 85 countries have participated in the Access Program.

The U.S. Embassy is committed to educational programs and to investing in the potential of the Lebanese people, especially its youth.

As of 2014, the Access Program in Lebanon has worked with more than 3,800 public school students in almost 200 classes from all regions in Lebanon. Students have opportunity to study 400 hours of English language with American textbooks and teaching methodology. In addition to the English language learning, Access provides students with cultural activities.

From the beginning of the program in Lebanon, the vision was to also offer cultural programs that would help students better understand American culture as well as encourage community service, to help prepare students to become active citizens in Lebanon. In addition to learning about U.S. history and values, a key feature of the program design has been activities which bring Access students of all regions and backgrounds in Lebanon together, allowing them to build ties with their peers in all regions of the country.

Access has been implemented by AMIDEAST since 2004 and also by the Irfan Establishment since 2012, with the approval of the Ministry of Education.

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Please find here the complete list of towns and villages that have hosted the classes:

<b>NORTH</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>BEKAA</b>	<b>MT LEB/BEIRUT</b>
Bakhoun	Aalma El Shaeb	Al Marj/Ghazzeh	Aabadiya
Batroun	Abbassieh	Baalbek	Aley
Douma/Tannourine	Adloun	Bar El Elias	Amchit
Fnaydek - Akkar	Bazourieh	Bednayel	Barja
Haddadine	Bint Jbeil	Britel	Batloun
Halba	Deir Keefa	Chmestar	Beirut
Hisa - Akkar	Ghaziyeh	Dorus	Bteghrine/Baskinta
Ibreen	Hasbaya	El Rafeed/Kawkaba	Dahyieh
Jbeil	Jezzine	Haouch El Omara	Damour/Nehme
Kalmoun	Kfeir	Haramoun	Ghazir
Khreibet El Jundi	Maarakah	Hermel	Jounieh
Kobbayat	Marjayoun	Jib Janine	Kfarhim
Koura	Mayfadoun	Kamed El Louze	Sawfar
Qobbe	Nabatieh	Lala/Qaroun	Semkanieh
Rahbe	Qana/Ain Baal	Majdel Anjar	
Rashiin	Rmeish	Manara	
Tripoli	Saida	Qab Elias	
Zgharta	Sarafand	Ras Baalbek	
	Tibneen	Rashaya	
	Tyre	Rayyak	
		Saadnayel	
		Tamneen Tahta	

Access provides the students:

- 400 hours of English language classes, 4-6 hours a week using American English textbooks
- Transportation allowance to defray the cost of students attending an after school program
- Appreciation of U.S. culture and Democratic values through enhancement activities such as Field Day, a Halloween party, a Thanksgiving event, Project Citizen, leadership training and community service opportunities
- Activities in which they meet other students from all regions of Lebanon
- Opportunities to compete for scholarships and educational grants in both Lebanon and the U.S.

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