

ABOUT THE PARTNERS

CEESA, the Central and Eastern European Schools Association, is one of several regional associations of the United States' State Department sponsored American Overseas Schools. CEESA sponsors a wide variety of activities. Student activities include a Cultural Arts Festival, celebrations and sports of all kinds, and more. CEESA supports the teachers of its member schools with Teachers' Job-Alikes (JALs), and diverse resources. In addition there is the Annual Conference, bringing together 250 teachers for professional growth and social interaction. CEESA organizes several meetings during the year for school administrators for collaboration, planning and conversation.

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