

HUTTERIAN EDUCATION
PRAIRIE SPIRIT SCHOOL DIV.

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WHAT IS A COLONY

- A group of individuals living in a community.
- Usually a farming base with hogs.
- Manufacturing and different trades
- Viewed as a self contained unit.

TEACHING AT A COLONY SCHOOL

- Very multi-grade situation (K – 10 for me)
- Sometimes only one student in a grade but there could be one in every grade.
- Wide range of abilities and you are dealing with ESL students in all areas.
- German school usually before and after English school.
- You may be the only one on staff and you will have an EA to assist.

TEACHING ON THE COLONY

- Colony students are the same as other students in English school.
- Parents are very supportive but you need to make sure to be in contact with them.
- Facilities are varied but you have the flexibility to do a wide range of activities.

WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR

- Make sure you work with your German Teacher. He is your liason with the community with regards to education.
- You have to group different age groups into one unit because you cannot teach 5 different curriculums in one room.
- Talk to parents, notes , communicate often.
- Security in the school is very important.

WHY TEACH ON A COLONY

Very caring , generous people who care for their children and their teachers.

Everyone is friendly and totally unselfish.

Children are very enthusiastic.

You have great flexibility in programs.

You can get things done without having to follow divisional maintenance channels.

You are working in a safe environment.

CONCLUSION

- I have worked in the English school system for 20 years and really enjoyed it.
- I have worked in the Colony school system for 13 years and really enjoy it.
- There is lots of work and lots of opportunity to challenge you. Boredom is never an issue. Creativity has no limit.
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