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Chinese educators tour Beebe School District

A group of teachers and administrators from China toured the Beebe School District on Monday. Standing in the center is Assistant Superintendent Scott Embrey, Superintendent Dr. Belinda Shook and Rick Duff, director of student services.

A group of 24 teachers, principals and administrators from elementary to high schools from the Guangshu School District in Hangzhou, China, toured schools in the Beebe School District on Monday.

They observed kindergarten to 12th grade classes. The group is visiting schools in the United States, learning about the educational system in America as part of the Confucius Institute program that promotes Chinese culture in other countries.

Last year, Assistant Superintendent Scott Embrey went on a five-day tour of China with other district administrators. His tour was funded by the 2010 Chinese Bridge program at the University of Central Arkansas.

Bebee Chinese teacher Li Chang was one of the translators for the Chinese during the tour of the Beebe schools. She said one of the differences in learning between China and the United States is the class size. Chang said China has 30 to 40 students in a class. In America, the classes are smaller and students do activities in groups.

Bebee High School art teacher Laura Besell shows Chinese visitors the art work students have made.

Beebe Chinese educators visited five elementary schools in the Cabot School District that have a Chinese teacher.

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