

DIVERSITY: OPENING THE DOOR FOR MEANINGFUL DIALOG

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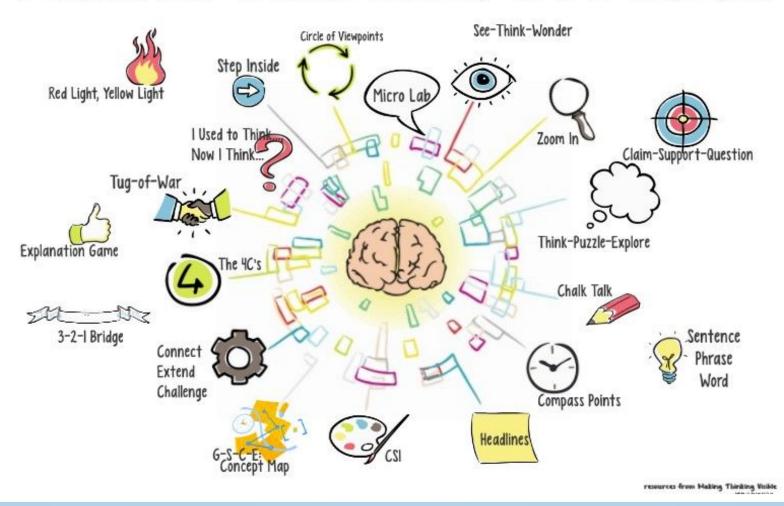
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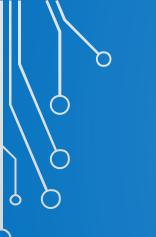
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WHAT DOES DIVERSITY LOOK LIKE?

- •What do you think?
- •What does your faculty think?
- •What does your parent community think?
- •What do the students think?

VISIBLE THINKING ROUTINES





The Value of Documenting Thinking

Documentation is illuminating – it gives you a glimpse into learning, understanding and position.

Visible thinking allows you to build on and extend thinking for a deeper, richer understanding.

Documentation has implication for further instruction and measures growth.

LET'S TRY ONE!

COMPASS POINTS

Designed to help examine an idea and eventually evaluate it...

N – NEED TO KNOW

What do you need to know about diversity?

W – WORRISOME

What do you find

worrisome about diversity?



E – EXCITES

What excites you about diversity at your school?

S – SUGGESTIONS

What suggestions do you have to move diversity and inclusion forward in your school?

Reflect on each Compass Point question.

 Write what comes to mind on the Post-it notes provided for each guiding question.

 Post your thoughts on the chart paper associated with the guiding question.

Gallery walk and read what others have posted.

• If anything strikes you as important or interesting place a check mark by it on the chart paper.

EXCITES: What excites you about diversity at your school?

Becoming *more creative* as a whole, understanding more perspectives, *empathy* development and touching more little minds that may not have opportunity.

I'm excited about finding ways to *include* all.

Students will be able to excel by having different opportunities to learn from each other's different perspectives.

Excited that we are striving to provide an environment where all are *included*. This will give our school more of a "real life" feel by embracing differences.

WORRISOME:

What do you find worrisome about diversity at our school?

Lowering our standards/academic rigor/behavioral expectations and not having support

Students and families not being included beyond the walls of our school resulting in *hurt* students or students feeling left out.

Being *stretched* by being too many things so that we lose who we are.

Diversity for the sake of diversity (as an end with *no meaning*).

NEED TO KNOW: What questions do you have about diversity?

What does diversity mean in this institution, in the classroom, to me?

What are our long-term goals?

We are a religious school which limits diversity.

How can we be "truly diverse" as a "private school"?

Isn't what we do enough?

SUGGESTIONS FOR MOVING FORWARD

What suggestions do you have for moving diversity and inclusion forward in your school?

Help with how to add diverse perspectives to our curriculum?

Where to look for research?

Continued open conversation involving varied points of view.

I need the opportunity to read more on diversity, inclusion so I will become more culturally competent.

Training on ways to support learning about diversity in our classroom and how to create opportunities for students to develop that empathy?

How to Use the Information

Inform: What came up that you can simply answer?

Educate: Themes that emerge in which professional development could be beneficial.

Explore: Go deeper with other thinking routines could be used to inspire greater understanding or a different perspective.



1. I am thinking of ... (name the event/ issue)..... from the point of view of



2. I think (describe the topic from your viewpoint).... Because (explain your reasoning)

3. A question or concern I have from this viewpoint

is



This routine focuses on perspective taking. It helps learners to identify and consider these different and diverse perspectives involved in and around a topic, issue or event.

Digging Deeper Into Ideas "Pam thinking of DIVERSITY from the point of view of that it will change our school traditions and culture."

I THINK...

Describe the topic from that point of view

"It will fundamentally change our school since most of our students live in this neighborhood."

p"I will have to communicate and teach differently than I'm used Pto because of cultural differences."

"I could offend someone and get in trouble without meaning to."

A QUESTION I HAVE FROM THIS VIEWPOINT IS...

"How can I learn to teach students from diverse backgrounds without offending?"

"If our school culture does change, what will it be like?"

"Who can I talk to further about this?"



THE 3 Y'S

Nurturing a **disposition** to discern the **significance** of a situation, topic or issue keeping **global**, **local** and **personal connections** in mind.



WHY might this matter to people around me? WHY might this matter to the world?

- 1. Why might this [topic, question] matter to me?
- 2. Why might it matter to people around me [family, friends, city, nation]?
- 3. Why might it matter to the world?





RESOURCES

https://thinkingpathwayz.weebly.com/

http://www.visiblethinkingpz.org/VisibleThinking html files/02
GettingStarted/02a GettingStarted.html

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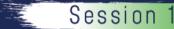


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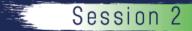


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