

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

SWCS Update 5th Ed, August 2022

District DEI Committee Update

Hello SWCS, thank you for taking the time to read about our DEI work.

Summer DEI Meetings:

Our district DEI committee met in July to discuss tasks for the upcoming school year. One major goal was to establish a calendar to use district-wide to recognize various cultures and historical events in our country. Some examples include Rosh Hashanah, National Farmer's Day, Veteran's Day, Human Right's Day, and Kwanza. Each building has modified the calendar based on developmental levels of the students. Educational opportunities will be shared with students and families to increase awareness and celebrate differences in our world. The calendars will be sent home and shared with all families.

Another focus for the DEI and administrative team was to review and amend our Student Code of Conduct. An emphasis on Restorative Practices has been added to our discipline practices. The Board of Education will hold a hearing and vote on approving the updated Code of Conduct on Tuesday, August 30th. For more information on Restorative Practices, please reach out to your building principal, or visit <https://www.nyscfss.org/restorative-practices>

In addition to our district-wide DEI meetings, smaller committees at our building levels have been meeting to prepare for the start of the school year. The district will continue to promote the message of kindness and acceptance of all.



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