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UPPER MERION AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Cultural Engagement In the Classroom

Cultural engagement refers to active participation and interaction with culturally relevant activities and lessons. Teachers can promote cultural engagement in the classroom to foster respect, understanding, and appreciation for diversity among students. Cultural engagement in the classroom is essential for creating an inclusive environment that respects and celebrates diversity.

5 Strategies To Enhance Cultural Engagement In The Classroom

- Use culturally relevant pedagogy: Integrate teaching materials that reflect diverse cultural contexts and perspectives.
- Promote language diversity: Encourage students to use their native languages in the classroom alongside English.
- Incorporate global perspectives: Teach global issues and current events that affect various cultures and communities. Encourage students to think critically about diverse issues.
- Reflect on personal biases: Self reflect with other educators regarding your own cultural assumptions and biases. Engage in professional development on cultural competency to better understand and support diverse learners.
- Foster Discussion: Create a safe environment for discussing cultural differences, stereotypes, and social issues.

Read ["Culture In the Classroom"](#)

Watch ["Maximizing Student Engagement By..."](#)

STUDENT VOICE

"Students feel like they belong when they are valued as individuals, have a voice, experience fair treatment, and see the relevance of their education." -Ruthi Palla, 7th grade UMAMS



APRIL APPRECIATION



[Autism Awareness Month](#)

Read Aloud: ["All My Stripes"](#)



[Celebrate Diversity Month](#)



[Arab American History Month](#)

Watch: ["The History Behind ..."](#)

Watch: ["NAAHM for Kids"](#)



[4/10 National Day Of Silence](#)



[4/23 International Girls in ICT Day](#)

THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMM

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Leadership here says,

'Bring students into your calm. Don't let them bring you into their storm.'

And it's been beneficial for them to watch me calm down before I talk. They learn about emotions and how to regulate them, and they can watch the process through me.

—CAROLINE COMBS, Teacher



Emotions matter in the classroom.

How do you and your students regulate your emotions in the classroom?

WATCH: ["The Emotional Atmosphere Of A Classroom Matters"](#)