



Identity Safe Classrooms: Places to Belong and Learn

New Webinar Series

About the Webinar Series

As educators, it may seem overwhelming that in addition to addressing overt racism in our classrooms and schools, we also need tackle unconscious racist feelings (known as implicit bias) not only in our students, but in ourselves. But, something can be done - and the solutions are in our hands. This webinar series will offer concrete practices that educators can use drawing from research on implicit bias, stereotype threat, and the antidote identity safety.

We will offer on-the-ground actions and strategies to counter stereotypes, build empathy, and promote identity safe environments, where students of all backgrounds feel a sense of belonging and become academically successful.

In identity safe classrooms, teachers strive to ensure students' social identities are an asset rather than a barrier to success in class. Acknowledging students' identities and drawing from their diverse backgrounds as a resource for learning, rather than trying to be colorblind, coupled with positive relationships, empathy, compassion, and challenging learning opportunities help them feel welcomed, supported, and valued.

Participant Outcomes

As a result of this webinar, participants will:

- Gain an understanding of how to construct identity safe classrooms where students from diverse racial, social, economic, and linguistic groups can learn and flourish
- Examine principles for inclusive, respectful, and rigorous classroom environments that promote expansive and culturally validating forms of learning
- Examine practices to ensure that students feel their identity is an asset to success in school
- Participate in an interactive professional discussion related to providing environments that promote identity safety for all students

Additional Information

For more information about this webinar series or to register, visit <http://www.thenetworkwi.com/upcomingevents>.

Webinar #1

Sept. 20, 2016 (4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

Webinar #2

Dec. 13, 2016 (4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

Webinar #3

May 9, 2017 (4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

Target Audience

- classroom teachers
- educational specialists
- building principals
- school counselors
- instructional assistants

Fees and Registration

There are no fees associated with this training, but pre-registration is required. Visit www.MyQuickReg.com to register.

Webinar participants will be provided with a complimentary copy of the book *Identity Safe Classrooms: Places to Belong and Learn* by Dorothy M. Steele and Becki Cohn-Vargas.

Questions

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