

Culturally Responsive Practices

Culturally responsive practices are an important part of the skill, craft, and art of teaching. Being culturally responsive involves cultivating an



understanding of cultural differences and using this understanding as you choose and apply the best teaching methods. This approach helps teachers connect with students whose culture differs from the dominant culture in our society and school system and provide the “resources and rigor they need at the right moment.”

“Educational equity means that every student has access to the educational resources and rigor they need at the right moment in their education across race, gender, ethnicity, language, disability, sexual orientation, family background and/or family income.”

Counsel of Chief State School Officers definition of Equity.

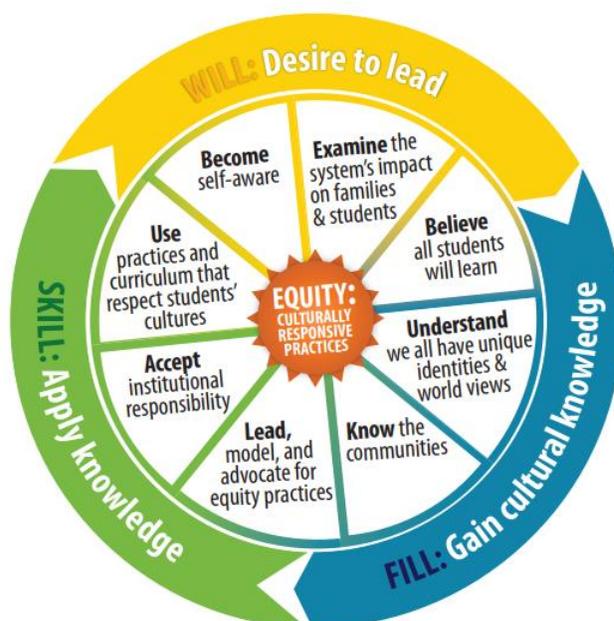
Wisconsin’s Model to Inform Culturally Responsive Practices

Wisconsin has some of the worst equity gaps in the nation between students of color and white students. It is an urgent call to all educators and citizens that we must build the skills and structures to meet the needs of all our students. The process of building these skills and systems is a journey, and has designed the [Model to Inform Culturally Responsive Practices](#) to provide a kind of roadmap.

The Model addresses essential beliefs, knowledge, and practices that provide a foundation for teaching all students in Wisconsin effectively. It is not a checklist or a directive. Rather, it is designed to support the process and the journey as we build educational systems to meet the needs of all of our students.

The Model, which has been adopted and supported by the WI RtI Center, PBIS, and WI DPI, is appropriate for educators at any stage in their career or personal life who want to further their success as well as their students’.

Over the next eBrief series we will dig into what culturally responsive practices are through the lens of the Model. We hope to provide resources, quotes, and the structure to spur you to continue or start your journey. Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback.



Thank you for all the work you do for all the students of Wisconsin and beyond!

Professional Development Opportunities

Conference	Date	Location
Correctional Education Association Leadership Forum	March 18-20	Madison
Equity and Social Justice Institute – DOC Educators Only	March 28	Oshkosh

Wisconsin DPI Links Instruction Resources

- [Wisconsin Education Calendar](#)
- [Literacy Live Webinar Series](#)
- [Literacy and Mathematics State Standards](#)
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- Professional Development in:
 - [Mathematics](#)
 - [English Language Arts](#)
- [Promoting Excellence for All: eCourse](#)
- [Disproportionality Technical Assistance NETWORK Calendar](#)

Transition Resources

- [Trauma-Sensitive Schools](#)
- [Academic & Career Planning](#)
- [Wisconsin RtI Center: Culturally Responsive Practices](#)
- [Wisconsin RtI: Multi-level Systems of Support](#)

TI-D Technical Assistance

- [DPI Title I-D Website](#)

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