

7 Principles of Culturally Responsive Practices

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Students are affirmed in their cultural connections

- 1a. Students treated as individuals
- 1b. Promote respect for uniqueness and similarities

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Teachers are personally inviting

- 2a. Variety of strategies and activities
- 2b. Warm environment greeted by name

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Learning environments are physically and culturally inviting

- 3a. Students see themselves reflected
- 3b. Interest centers, hands-on, and cooperative

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Students are reinforced for academic development

- 4a. Academic rigor is essential
- 4b. Monitor students' progress and feedback

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Instructional changes are made to accommodate differences in learners

- 5a. Interactive, visual, student-centered strategies
- 5b. Higher order and critical thinking strategies

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Classroom is managed with firm, consistent, loving control

- 6a. Discipline is restorative
- 6b. Maintain dignity when correcting behavior

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Interactions stress collectivity as well as individuality

- 7a. Planned cooperative learning activities
- 7b. Academic excellence while maintaining cultural identity