

Culturally Responsive Teaching

Culturally Responsive Teaching begins with cultural competency – getting to know learners and building relationships. As the saying goes, “learners don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.” The teaching and learning process begins with caring for each learner. Culturally Responsive Teaching – CRT - is the foundation for our teaching and student learning.

CRT is not a new concept, but it is one that needs to be revisited in our classrooms. CRT demands that we teacher students and not subjects. We are human and need to consider Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs. Visit Simply Psychology 2017 for more information - <https://www.simplypsychology.org/maslow.html>

Culturally Relevant Pedagogy is another term for Culturally Responsive Teaching. CRP can be defined as... “A pedagogy that crosses disciplines and cultures to engage learners while respecting their cultural integrity. It accommodates the dynamic mix of race, ethnicity, class, gender, region, religion, and family that contributes to every student’s cultural identity. The foundation for this approach lies in theories of intrinsic motivation” (Wlodkowski & Ginsberg, 1995, para 2).

How to Promote Culturally Responsive Teaching:

- Having an awareness of its existence
- Recognizing one’s own biases
- Identifying the origins of biases
- Embracing differences by setting up concrete steps
- Don’t hide differences but instead support and celebrate them

Building a Positive Classroom Culture:

- Students need to know that you care.
- Welcome students at the door.
- Find out about their interests and talk to them about them.
- Do something that they want to do – involve students in the decision-making process.

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English Language Learners: Culture, Equity and Language

NEA 2012. - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HU80AxmP-U>

Introduction to Culturally Relevant Pedagogy

Teaching Tolerance 2010. - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGTVjJuRaZ8>

Bringing Cultural Context and Self-Identity into Education: Brian Lozenski at TEDxUMN

2012 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bX9vgD7iTqw>

Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning

2011 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uOncGZWxDc>

Seven Principals for Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning

2012 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IptefRjN4DY>

Becoming a Culturally Responsive Teacher

2012 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uV36efjBKRU>

Culturally Responsive Teaching - Listen to the Silence

2016 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XYTtcLUWyCU>

Every kid needs a champion | Rita Pierson

2013 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFnMTHhKdkw>

A Tale of Two Teachers | Melissa Crum | TEDxColumbusWomen

2015 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sgtinODaW78>

CULTURALLY RELEVANT PEDAGOGY IN MATHEMATICS: A CRITICAL NEED | Shelly Jones
TEDxCCSU

2016 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjLOuUhN6xY>

Wlodkowski, R.J., & Ginsberg, M.B. (1995). A framework for culturally responsive teaching.
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