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NJDOE Announces Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Educational Resources

Earlier this year, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L.2021, c.32, requiring each school district to incorporate instruction on diversity and inclusion in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in grades kindergarten through 12 as part of the district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. Today, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to present <u>Diversity</u>, <u>Equity and Inclusion Educational</u>

<u>Resources</u>, a website designed to support districts in implementing the requirements of this law. The website identifies a wide range of resources from brief articles and evidence-based literature to more robust pre-recorded webinars and standards-based lessons that K-12 educators can use to develop and deliver high quality, inclusive instruction.

Resources and materials

The NJDOE's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Educational Resources website offers a variety of resources, including but not limited to:

- sample activities, lessons, and unit plans for K-12 educators;
- articles and resources designed to encourage safe, welcoming, and inclusive environments for all students;
- guidance documents to assist in the creation, evaluation, and selection of instructional resources; and
- links to resources provided by New Jersey commissions and agencies working together to promote a more equitable future for all New Jerseyans.

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Educational Resources website features resources that can be used for developing curriculum, facilitating professional learning in districts, and engaging community stakeholders to provide safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for all students. These resources, integrated within the context of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, support the creation of curriculum that highlights the contributions and experiences of individuals with diverse abilities, cultures, identities and perspectives.

Contact information

For questions regarding these resources, please contact standards@doe.nj.gov or (609) 376-9105.

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