

Culturally Responsive Teaching & Leading

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Selection Process

These resources were selected in line with principles set by the ISBE Culturally Responsive Teaching and Leading Standards and recommendations laid out in the *Framework for School & School System Leaders* (The Leadership Academy, 2022). Selection was limited to resources that provided a foundation for cultural diversity or those that sought to promote academic success, culturally responsive leadership, and/or critical leadership consciousness as consistent with the earlier aims. Resources on the foundations of cultural diversity were aimed at introducing and extending new and advanced leaders with respect to basic dimensions of the topic. Academic success was a criteria to ensure that resources centered minoritized student achievement and promoted practices that linked diversity and high student expectations. Sensitive to the unique role played by school leaders, leadership tools specifically addressing discipline, shaping academic environments, communication, achievement, and parent and community involvement were included. Critical leadership consciousness tools complimented the data (Minkos et al., 2017) showing that embedding culturally responsive leadership is done best when leaders are capable of identify, question, and critique social conventions and systems targeting vulnerable communities. These resources work to shape leaders who are self-reflexive, proactive, skilled, courageous, fair, culturally competent leaders. Please note that the resources listed here are not exhaustive but a starting place.



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Data & Reports

CONSIDERATIONS: REIMAGINING PRACTICE & POLICY

A Culturally Responsive School Leadership Approach to Developing Equity-Centered Principles:
Considerations for Principal Pipelines

THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

A Portrait of a Culturally Responsive School System

DATA

Characteristics of Public and Private School Principals

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Practice & Implementation

National Equity Project	<u>Leading for Equity Framework</u>
New Leaders	<u>Equity-Focused Leadership How School Leaders Can Accelerate Student Learning (and Keep Great Teachers)</u>
New Leaders	<u>Invest in Leadership Five Actions District Leaders Can Take to Increase School Leader Diversity</u>
Teach Plus	<u>Culturally Sustaining Schools: Recommendations From Teach Plus Colorado Policy Fellows for Retaining Teachers of Color</u>
The Leadership Academy	<u>Culturally Responsive Leadership</u>
The Leadership Academy	<u>The Leadership Academy's Equity Self-Assessment</u>
The University of the State of New York	<u>Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education Framework</u>

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CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE LEADERSHIP

Minnesota Department of Education: Actions school leaders can take to help both themselves and their colleagues identify and remove historical barriers

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Translating histories of oppression into viable and sustainable steps toward greater equity

NATIONAL ASPIRING PRINCIPALS FELLOWSHIP

Online principal certification and master's degree program designed with leaders of color to prepare equity-focused teachers

NEW LEADERS

New Leaders equips education leaders to be powerful and positive forces for change

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACADEMIES

Participants experience profound learning around histories of oppression and culturally responsive school leadership



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Selection Process

These resources were selected in accordance with principles set by the ISBE Culturally Responsive Teaching and Leading Standards and with the knowledge that teachers have many responsibilities and may not have additional time to look for credible resources. The resources listed can be used either as additional learning opportunities or as materials in the classroom. Sections pertaining to curriculum, education books, and podcasts are for teachers to explore ways to learn about systems of oppression that operate in education and how their own positionalities might be implicated or serve as a strength. These resources also offer teachers potential networks to collaborate with other teachers and leaders in education. The books for students were selected in line with Dr. Marlee Bunch's UN/HUSH framework and Dr. Sarah Park Dahlen's criteria for AAPI literature. These books are vetted choices to either incorporate in curriculum or offer in the classroom for independent reading. Additionally, these books promote student representation of diverse backgrounds and encourage the development of self awareness and students' relationships to others. Please note that the resources listed here are not exhaustive but a starting place.



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Websites

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English Language Arts

<u>Epic!</u>	An award-winning digital library
<u>Poetry Foundation</u>	Amplifies poetry and celebrates poets
<u>Read Write Think</u>	Provides quality practices and free materials in reading and language arts instruction
<u>We Need Diverse Books</u>	A non-profit that advocates essential changes in the publishing industry

History

<u>Children and Youth in History</u>	Provides world history sources about young people
<u>Facing History and Ourselves</u>	Uses lessons of history to challenge teachers and students to stand up to bigotry and hate
<u>Oral History Association</u>	Engages with policy makers, educators, and others to foster best practices and support for oral history and oral historians
<u>Smithsonian for Educators</u>	Offers resources and programs to support educators in the classroom, at home, museums, and research centers
<u>Zinn Education Project</u>	Promotes and supports the teaching of people's history

Leadership

<u>Learning for Justice</u>	Community education program of the Southern Poverty Law Center that fosters dialogue, learning, reflection and action from those closest to and harmed most by injustices in the South
<u>National Equity Project</u>	Provides a range of professional development opportunities for leaders at every level of school districts
<u>PBS Learning Media</u>	Curated free, curriculum-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more
<u>Race Project</u>	An annual immersive social justice initiative for students in grades 9-12 in the Kansas City metro area
<u>Teachers in the Movement</u>	Explores teachers' ideas and pedagogy inside and outside the classroom during the U.S. Civil Rights Movement
<u>Unlearning the HUSH</u>	Framework paired with ready-to-use tools & templates, helps teachers create culturally responsive lessons and activities that enriches students



[WEBSITES](#)

Pre-Service

Teaching Fellowship

Recruits and trains teaching fellows from more than 250 colleges and universities to lead residencies during the summer months and out-of-school time throughout the school year



WEBSITES

Resource Lists

Brown Digital Repository

Materials from the Education Alliance at Brown University, which is committed to advancing equitable educational opportunities that prepare all student populations to succeed

Harvard Resources

Making Caring Common supports parents, caregivers, and educators in raising children who care for others and for the common good



WEBSITES

Trauma Informed

Grieving Students

Provides practical tips on acknowledging and supporting grieving students

School Crisis Center

The National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement is dedicated to helping schools support their students through crisis and loss

Trauma Research Foundation

Supports a growing community of clinicians, researchers, educators, and people whose lives are affected by trauma



WEBSITES

Podcasts

1 [1619, The New York Times](#)

2 [Asian American History 101, Jen and Ted Lai](#)

3 [Illinois Soul with Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings](#)

4 [Illinois Soul with Dr. Marlee Bunch](#)

5 [Learning for Justice Podcasts](#)

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Books for Teachers

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Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain

Zaretta Hammond

2

Educating for Equity and Excellence

Geneva Gay

3

Justice Matters

Gloria Ladson-Billings

4

Letting Go of Literary Whiteness

Carlin Borsheim-Black and Sophia Tatiana Sarigianides

5

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You

Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

6

The Magnitude of Us

Marlee Bunch

7

Unearthing Joy

Gholdy Muhammad

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Books for Students

ELEMENTARY

MIDDLE GRADES

YOUNG ADULT



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Elementary

AAPI & ARAB

BLACK & INDIGENOUS

LATINE & LGBTQIA



STUDENT
BOOKS

AAPI

Arab

Author	Title
Grace Lin	When the Sea Turned Silver
Betty C. Tang	Parachute Kids
Cathy Linh Che & Kyle Lucia Wu	An Asian American A to Z

Author	Title
Karim Shamsi-Basha & Irene Latham	The Cat Man of Alepp

Black

Author	Title
Kwame Alexander	The Undefeated
Johnnie Christmas	Swim Team
Vashti Harrison	Big
Jason Reynolds	Ghost
Yohuru Williams	More Than a Dream: The Radical March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom
Rita Williams-Garcia	Clayton Byrd Goes Underground
Sherri Winston	Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution

Indigenous

Author	Title
Louise Erdrich	The Birchbark House



Latine

LGBTQIA

Author	Title
Sandra Cisneros	The House on Mango Street

Author	Title
Jessica Love	Julian is a Mermaid

Middle Grades

AAPI & ARAB

BLACK & INDIGENOUS

LATINE & LGBTQIA



STUDENT
BOOKS

AAPI

Arab

Author	Title
Shing Yin Khor	The Legend of Auntie Po
Dan Sanat	A First Time for Everything
Lisa Yee	Maizy Chen's Last Chance

Author	Title
Shifa Saltagi Safadi	Kareem Between

Black

Indigenous

Author	Title
Kacen Callender	King and the Dragonflies
Omar Mohamed	When Stars are Scattered
Carole Boston Weatherford	Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre

Author	Title
Violet Duncan	Buffalo Dreamer

Latine

LGBTQIA

Author	Title
Ernesto Cisneros	Efren Divided
Alda P. Dobbs	Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna
Meg Medina	Merci Suarez Changes Gears
Celia C. Perez	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The First Rule of Punk- Tumble

Author	Title
Jake Maia Alrow	Almost Flying
Gayle Forman	Frankie & Bug
Aliza Layne	Beetle & the Hollowbones
Mariama J. Lockington	In the Key of Us

Young Adult

AAPI

ARAB

BLACK

INDIGENOUS

LATINE

LGBTQIA

STUDENT
BOOKS

AAPI

Author	Title
Traci Chee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- We Are Not Free- A Thousand Steps into the Night
Cynthia Kadohata	A Place to Belong
Malinda Lo	Last Night at the Telegraph Club
Randy Ribay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Patron Saints of Nothing- Everything We Never Had
Paula Yoo	From a Whisper to a Rallying Cry: The Killing of Vincent Chin and the Trial that Galvanized the Asian American Movement

YOUNG
ADULT

Arab

Author	Title
Huda Fahmy	Huda F Cares
Tahreh Mafi	A Very Large Expanse of Sea
Sabaa Tahir	All My Rage

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ADULT

Black

Author	Title
Elizabeth Acevedo	The Poet X
Christopher Paul Curtis	The Journey of Little Charlie
Safia Elhilo	Home Is Not a Country
Akwaeke Emezi	Pet
Rebecca Hall	Wake
Candice Iloh	Every Body Looking
Kekla Magoon	Revolution in Our Time: The Black Panther Party's Promise to the People
Amber McBride	Me: Moth

Author	Title
Jason Reynolds	Long Way Down
Jason Reynolds	Look Both Ways
Martin W. Sandler	1919 The Year That Changed America
Angela Shanté	The Unboxing of of a Black Girl
Tommie Smith	Victory. Stand!: Raising My Fist for Justice
Angie Thomas	The Hate U Give
Alicia D. Williams	Mid-Air
Ibi Zoboi	American Street

YOUNG
ADULT

Indigenous

Author	Title
Darcie Little Badger	A Snake Falls to Earth
Eric Gansworth	Apple: (Skin to the Core)
Violet Duncan	Buffalo Dreamer

YOUNG
ADULT

Latine

Author	Title
Sandra Cisneros	The House on Mango Street
Erika Sánchez	I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter
Anna-Marie McLemore	The Mirror Season
Margarita Engle	Wild Dreamers
Josh Galarza	The Great Cool Ranch Dorito in the Sky
Erin Entrada Kelly	The First State of Being

YOUNG
ADULT

LGBTQIA

Author	Title
Alyson Derrick	Forget Me Not
Anna-Marie McLemore	Self-Made Boys: A Great Gatsby Remix
Aiden Thomas	Cemetery Boys
Colleen AF Venable	Kiss Number 8
Sonora Reyes	The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School

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AAPI Resources

COMMUNITY

CURRICULAR

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RESOURCES

Community

Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center

We Are Not a Stereotype: Breaking Down Asian Pacific American Bias

Cornell University

Anti-Racism Resources for the AAPI Community

Asian Americans Advancing Justice Chicago

Builds power through collective advocacy and organizing to achieve racial equity.

ALA Store

Library materials for children and young adults

The 1990 Institute

Teaching Asian American Narratives Through Literature



Curricular

National Education Association

[Teaching Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage](#)

Learning for Justice

[Celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage](#)

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Asian American Studies

[#AtlantaSyllabus](#)

Anti-Defamation League

[9 Ideas for Teaching Asian American Pacific Islander \(AAPI\) Heritage Month](#)

Dr. Sarah Park Dahlen

[Asian American K-12 Resources](#)

[AAPI
RESOURCES](#)

History

The Asian American Education Project

Online lesson plans that provide a tailored K-12 curriculum for educators to teach this rich history to students

TEAACH

Teaching Equitable Asian American History

National Endowment for the Humanities: EDSITEment

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage and History in the U.S.

Story Corps

Celebrating AANHPI Voices

University of Washington Libraries

History : Asian American: Primary Sources: East Asian



Black Resources

Black Teacher Project

Mission to sustain and develop Black teachers to lead and reimagine schools as communities of liberated learning

Black Perspectives

Award-winning blog of the African American Intellectual History Society

Zinn Education Project

Teaching People's Histories

Black Lives Matter at School

Curriculum Resource Guide

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

Learn from the Past, Organize for the Future, Make Democracy Work



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Indigenous Resources

**The National Native American Boarding
School Healing Coalition**

Leading the movement for truth, justice, and
healing



RESOURCES

Latine Resources

Colorín Colorado

ELL Starter Kit for Educators

National Education Association

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage month with the following lessons, activities, videos, and more

National Domestic Workers Alliance

NDWA is building on the powerful legacy of domestic worker leaders and organizations that came before us



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LGBTQIA Resources

GLSEN

Our mission is to ensure that every member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

Pride and Less Prejudice

We provide LGBTQ-inclusive books to Pre-K through 3rd grade classrooms to help students and teachers “Read out loud, read out proud!”

Stonewall Book Awards

The first and most enduring award for GLBT books is the Stonewall Book Awards, sponsored by the American Library Association's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table

Coalition Resources

Cross Cultural Solidarity

Contemporary Black/Asian Solidarity

Black Women Radicals

Black and Asian-American Feminist Solidarities: A
Reading List



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