



## Youth Culture and Diversity



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## Instructional Objectives

- ✓ Share personal history as a reference point for learning
- ✓ Examine working definitions of culture and diversity
- ✓ Examine the culture of today's youth
- ✓ Discuss the importance of responding to bullying

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## Activity



### Who Am I? Who Are You?

- ✓ Quickly partner with a person who is new to you.
- ✓ Begin by introducing yourself.
- ✓ Use the list of prompts on the activity sheet in any order you like.
- ✓ Continue talking with one another for about 5-10 minutes until time is called.

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## Cultural Diversity

- ≡ a diversity of thought, experience, belief, posture or opinion
- ≠ represented **only** by race, skin tone, national origin, language differences, religious preferences or obvious cultural practices

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## Culture

- ... Is a personal experience
- ... Is often learned from family or society
- ... Teaches us what to believe, value and how to think and act
- ... Can change or evolve over time
- ... Can be shared
- ... Is changed by experience



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## Stereotype

- ≡ to make an oversimplified assumption or generalization about a person or a group of persons that is not validated by specific facts or particular cases.

**ster-e-o-type** *n.*  
1.) A conventional, formulaic, and oversimplified conception, opinion, or image.  
2.) One that is regarded as embodying or conforming to a set image or type.

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## Activity



- ✓ Name the most obvious differences in the organizational culture of education and law enforcement.
- ✓ Name some ways in which the two cultures are similar.
- ✓ Share some organizational clashes you have experienced in your own partnership.

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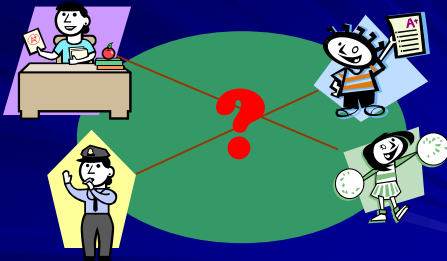
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## Generational Culture



Culture Match or Culture Clash?

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## Faces of the American Classroom

...blended-race kids, gifted, dyslexic, ADD kids, student leaders, girls, boys, homeless, inventors, foster kids, writers, physically handicapped kids, sexually-active and abstinent kids, award-winning kids, kids on the verge of dropping out, valedictorians, bullies/ bullied kids, non-readers, heroes, rich, poor, inspired, unmotivated, religious/spiritual kids, worldly or sheltered kids, abused kids, single-parent-family kids, adopted, raised by grandparent kids, blended-family kids, peer role models, kids on drugs, artists, community volunteers, good friends, teen parents, athletes, musicians, actors, great-at-math and awful-at-math kids, strong/weak kids...the ones who remind you of yourself kids...

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## Then and Now

How does your own school experience compare to the school experiences of kids today?

What was the most serious problem you faced growing up?

Name some of the serious problems that kids face today.

How did you think about your future as you grew up?

How do kids today see their future?

What is the biggest challenge that adults face when they work with kids?

What is the biggest challenge that kids face when they work with adults?

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## Bullying

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Bullying involves:



A desire to hurt a person or group

- + an imbalance of power
- + an unjust use of power
- + hurtful action
- + (typically) repetition
- + satisfaction for the aggressor

And a sense of being hurt on the part of the target

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## Direct Acts of Bullying: Physical and Verbal



- ✓ Punching, poking, pinching, shoving, hitting
- ✓ Choking biting, spitting
- ✓ Cornering
- ✓ Name-calling, insults, threatening
- ✓ Playing mean or hurtful tricks/jokes
- ✓ Slurs, sexual assault

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## Indirect Acts of Bullying: Emotional, Passive/Aggressive



- ✓ Isolating, rejecting, excluding,
- ✓ Ranking, rating
- ✓ Hateful looks, rude gesture
- ✓ Nasty notes or graffiti
- ✓ Spreading hurtful rumors or gossip
- ✓ Manipulating peer relationships
- ✓ Demanding servitude, money

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Why take action?



What can I do?

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## Actions to take

- ✓ Stepping in
- ✓ Talking
- ✓ Watching
- ✓ Making suggestions
- ✓ Role modeling
- ✓ Sharing
- ✓ Reporting



## Words to use

- ✓ Being different is a good thing
- ✓ Include everyone
- ✓ Just kidding is not an excuse
- ✓ Tell me when it happens
- ✓ When this happened to me...
- ✓ Do you know what that means?

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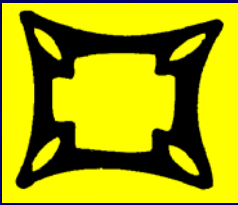
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## A House That is Safe



Security and Peace

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