



3. Cultural Infusion Outline

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IDEAL STATE DESCRIPTION

Cultural Infusion focuses on building a co-learning environment to enhance relationships where everyone feels safe sharing and learning about culture. This focus area seeks to foster student cultural knowledge, language, self-identity, and academic achievement. The result of culturally infused schools are students and educators who are able to navigate and thrive in multi-cultural settings.

FOCUS AREAS



STRATEGIES

STUDENT GOAL 2022

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITMENT 2022

COMPONENTS

Locally & Culturally Relevant Teaching

Resources
[STEPP 1.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.6]
Tools to integrate cultural knowledge into instruction, activities, and lesson plans.

- Athabascan values
- Project-based learning
- Exemplars
- Alaska Cultural Standards

Coursework
[STEPP 4.5, 4.6]
Specific curricula that expands student understanding of local and cultural knowledge.

- Tribal Management
- ANCSA
- ACHILL
- Model unit in core courses

Native Language

Language Classes
[STEPP 3.3, 4.5, 4.6]
Every elementary student 4th grade and under receives daily language lessons.

Resources
[STEPP 3.3, 4.5, 4.6]
Development of Native language learning resources.

- Workbooks
- Assessments
- Book Slams
- Learning aids

Culturally Inclusive Environment

Mindset
[STEPP 4.6]
A culturally inclusive environment involves educators who model a mindset of:

- Co-learning
- Empathy
- Openness
- Self-Identity

Space
[STEPP 4.6]
A culturally inclusive environment includes artifacts, imagery, and design elements throughout the school that reflect local and cultural traditions.

- Language
- Geography
- Social and cultural values
- History
- Artwork/crafts

Community Partnerships

Cultural Mentors
[STEPP 4.6, 4.7, 4.8]
Partnership between local community member and teachers to foster cultural understanding, co-learning, and a stronger community bond.

Cultural Activities
[STEPP 4.6, 4.7, 4.8]
Communication and coordination between school and community partners to implement cultural activities.

- Culture camps
- Native Youth Olympics
- Phlight Club
- Dancing with the Spirit
- Local Skills

By May 2022, 75% of the students participating in Native Language classes will increase their Native Language proficiency by 60%.

YKSD will foster reciprocal partnerships between families and staff to support cultural awareness, self identity and academic achievement in culturally responsive schools.