

SPS for ALL



Celebrating All Students in Seattle Public Schools

REALITY: In Seattle Public Schools, we are proud to serve students and families who speak over 150 languages and represent over 150 countries of origin. We are proud to serve students and families in every school who are LGBTQ+, Black and indigenous students and families, students and families of color, those who come from a range of faiths, and those who have a range of abilities. *Our diversity is our strength.*

REPRESENTATION: *All students* deserve to see their cultures and identities represented at school through books, lessons, and celebrations. Learning about a range of communities helps prepare students to be compassionate citizens of a diverse and changing world. We support *all* students in learning about their peers *together*. There is no option to opt out of learning about identities or groups of people.

RESPECT: *Education is the key* to building understanding, respect, and kindness between students. Education about a wide range of cultures and communities has been shown to reduce bullying and create safe, welcoming schools. Learning about identity *alongside* high-quality instruction in reading, writing, STEM, and other subjects creates well-rounded learners who are ready to succeed in a multicultural society after graduation.

Families are our students' first and most important teachers.

SPS encourages families to talk with their children about their own cultural values and beliefs. Lessons at school create opportunities for meaningful conversations at home. We hope families will join us in sharing messages of kindness, acceptance, and standing up to bullying.

We are SPS: for ALL.

