Culturally Responsive Practices

The In Focus curriculum was designed with the intent to consider **inclusive practices** for students with **diverse backgrounds, cultures, languages, and abilities**.

INCLUSIVE PRACTICES & COMPETENCIES:

- Set high expectations
- Design and implement rigorous and relevant curriculum
- Encourage collaboration, collectivism, and interdependency
- Encourage students to become active participants in learning
- Center and value students' cultures, abilities, and identities
- Promote respect for differences
- Invite students to process content in their home languages and cultures
- Draw on students' culture to shape curriculum and instruction
- Invite students to make and share connections
- Invite students to reflect, evaluate, celebrate, and strengthen their own cultures and communities
- Engage students in critical and deep thinking
- Building strong positive relationships
- Collaborate with families and the local community
- Bring real-world issues into the classroom while examining issues through various perspectives.

LESSONS THAT SUPPORT CULTURALLY INCLUSIVE PRACTICES:

- Self-Awareness
- Celebrating My Strengths
- Strengths of Others
- Connection
- Communication
- Respect for Others
- Civic Roles
- Perspective Taking

