Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Preparing Our Students for a Diverse World



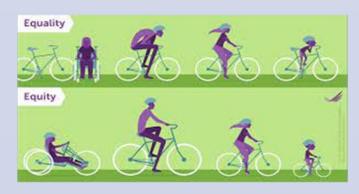


Are we preparing our students to be kind, collaborative, and productive citizens who contribute to a diverse and just world?



Context: Definitions







Diversity:

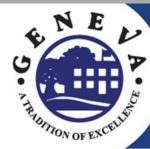
Representation and acknowledgment of all the ways that we differ

Everyone has fair access and opportunity for advancement, no matter their differences.

Equity:

Inclusion:

fostering belonging, respect, representation, and empowerment for all







effective communicators



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collaborative & productive citizens



Context: Current Realities

District, Community, and Society

Societal Events

Student Experiences

Student and Graduate Advocacy

Homogeneous Community

Where We've Been

Sharing some steps we've taken



Where We've Been: Policies, Procedures, and Handbooks

- School Board Policies:
 - 6:60 and 6:65 Curricular and Instructional Considerations: Character Education and Social-Emotional Learning
 - 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
 - 7:20, 7:180, 7:190 Student Behavior, Prevention of Harassment and Bullying

PROCESS

Student Handbooks:
GELP, Elementary, Middle, High

Where We've Been: Learning and Teaching

- Character Education
 - Kindness, Respect, Self-Care, Empathy, Coping Strategies
- Social-Emotional Learning
 - managing emotions, setting & achieve goals, empathy for others, positive relationships, responsible decision-making
- Assemblies and Workshops
 - Respect and Kindness; See Something, Say Something; Bullying Prevention; Suicide Awareness and Prevention; AFS Intercultural Programs; Etc.
- Digital Citizenship
 - Explicit instruction at the elementary level, addressed throughout academic career
- Content and Course-Specific Coverage
 - Many issues explored in specific course and content areas, regular review

Where We've Been: Professional Development (PD)

- Restorative Discipline Practices
 - Building School Climate and Addressing Student Behavior
 - Multi-day training for our administrative team
- Illinois Safe Schools Alliance
 - training programs that focus on sexual orientation and gender identity and fostering supportive learning environments for all students
 - Multi-day training for administrative team and middle and high school faculty
- Building-Based Teacher Collaboration

Where we're headed

Opportunities for growth as we look ahead



Where We're Headed: Ongoing Reflection and Review

• Ongoing Discussion and Reflection

• Embedding our Vision



 Engagement with Staff and Students (and a focus on staff for 21-22)

Where We're Headedspot Checking our *Blind Spots*

BLIND SPOT

- Where do we need to direct our attention?
- Seeking Out Expertise
- Learn from Other Districts
- Needs Assessment / Review of Current Practices
- Focus on Staff: Readings, Workshops, Trainings, etc.

Where We're Headed: Professional Development

- Reviewing Resources for Staff Development
- Continued PD for Leadership Team Summer and Beyond
- District-Wide Committee Development
- Focus area for faculty in the 21/22 school year

Where We're Headed: Learning and Teaching

- Maintain our Focus on Our District Vision
- Continue to Work with Faculty Regarding Content, Instructional Tools, and Resources
- Thinking about Digital Citizenship
- Continue to Facilitate PD



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An Ongoing Journey



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