

Staff Multicultural Report  
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Pleasanton Public School staff are required to monitor multicultural educational opportunities they provide for their students. Teachers are required to turn in a reporting form that list some of the multicultural lessons they have provided throughout the year. The purpose of this program is to teach students to a) value and respect their own culture and race, and the cultures/races of others, b) eliminate stereotypes and prevent different treatment of others based on culture or race, c) prepare students to eliminate discrimination and/or harassment based on ethnicity, religion, gender, socioeconomic status, age, or disability, and d) prepare students to work in a global economy, collaborating with workers without discrimination or prejudice.

Pleasanton's teaching staff have cited over 125 different multicultural lessons on the form provided. And I'm quite sure that is a low number compared to actual in class discussions that arise and provide teachable moments in regard to diversity and cultural issues.

A sampling of some of the K-12 topics covered are listed below:

- Games of various cultures and ethnic groups around the world in Physical Education
- Discussions about the KKK and African American cultures and people
- Art representing different cultures from Egypt to Native Americans as well as various European influences and Guatemalan plate designs
- Aztec, Inca, and Maya tribal influences
- Greek influences on civilization and culture
- Martin Luther King and other African Americans of historical fame, such as Rosa Parks, Jackie Robinson, George Washington Carver, etc.
- Syrian refugees and the effects of war on their culture
- Madagascar - long distance learning and scientist from other countries
- "The Outsiders", focusing on multiple intelligences and differing lifestyles/backgrounds
- "The Arrival", a unit on immigrants, "Diary of Anne Frank"
- "To Kill a Mockingbird", Jim Crow laws
- Slavery in America, Diversity and Culture from Democracy Weekly
- Connecting with a class from Egypt via Twitter
- Learning to write number words in Spanish in 1st grade
- History of Math lesson involving great mathematicians from around the world
- Discussions of Japan and it's industrial culture and how it affects their manufacturing
- How to get along with people/cultures different from ourselves to make a better world
- Different architectural designs from around the world
- Christmas and children in different parts of the world, culture, foods, games, etc
- Time travel around the world, Trojan War, The Odyssey, etc
- Digital citizenship and gender stereotypes

And many more!!!