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Curriculum Resources

“GLSEN research shows that LGBTQ students who attend schools with curriculum that is inclusive of LGBTQ people, history, and events experience a better school climate and improved academic outcomes”- GLSEN (Gay Lesbian & Straight Education Network).

Educators should seek to incorporate lessons that avoid bias and illustrate the experiences and histories of LGBTQ+ people. Students who see themselves reflected in the curriculum, gain a sense of self-assurance and inclusion. Students who are exposed to LGBTQ+ people and events through their curriculum, are able to function as global citizens better equipped to understand the experiences of those around them.

General Educator Resources:

<https://www.glsen.org/resources/educator-resources>

<https://www.glsen.org/activity/glsen-safe-space-kit-solidarity-lgbtq-youth>

<http://live-glsen-website.pantheonsite.io/lgbtq-history>

<https://www.glsen.org/four-supports>

<https://www.glsen.org/activity/gender-triangle-education-guide>

Grades K-5 Educator Resources:

<https://www.glsen.org/elementary-resources>

<https://www.glsen.org/activity/lgbtq-visibility-and-integration-elementary-schools>

<https://www.glsen.org/activity/ready-set-respect-elementary-toolkit>

<https://shop.glsen.org/products/reading-the-rainbow-lgbtq-inclusive-literacy-instruction-in-the-elementary-classroom>

<https://www.glsen.org/activity/identity-lesson-grades-3-5>

<https://www.glsen.org/activity/thats-gender-stereotype>

<https://www.glsen.org/activity/i-am-me-talking-about-identity>

<https://www.welcomingschools.org/resources/books/lgbtq-inclusive-schools/>

Grades 6-12 Educator Resources

<https://www.glsen.org/activity/blow-whistle-name-calling-grades-6-12>

<http://live-glsen-website.pantheonsite.io/lgbtq-history>

<https://www.glsen.org/activity/challenging-assumptions>

<https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/list/share/220740577/677756200>

<https://www.welcomingschools.org/pages/books-inclusive-of-LGBTQ-family-members-and-characters/>

<https://bookriot.com/new-lgbtq-middle-grade-books/>

<https://www.readbrightly.com/new-lgbtq-books-for-teens/>

<http://www.lgbtqhistory.org/course/high-school-lesson-plans-general-lgbtq/>

<https://www.facinghistory.org/educator-resources/current-events/lgbtq-history-and-why-it-matters>

Mental Health Resources for Employees

Jefferson County Public Schools provides mental health resources through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). The EAP is a confidential, short-term counseling program offering traditional face-to-face or virtual counseling services with a licensed therapist. <https://www.jefferson.kyschools.us/employee-assistance-program>