



4 Things We Can Do to Prepare to Teach BLM at School Week...

Preparing to teach lessons and activities connected to BLM at School Week invites us to engage in deep self reflection about our teaching practices, the culture we are cultivating in our educational spaces, and how we can more fully align with the 4 demands and 13 principles of the BLM movement.

Here are 4 things we can do:

1 Read Take time to read or re-read the BLM at School 4 demands and the 13 principles.

2 Reflect After reading the 4 demands and 13 principles, reflect on your own practice. Some questions to consider are...

The 1st demand is ending "zero tolerance" discipline and implementing Restorative Justice. How are we doing that in our classrooms? Are our behavior systems humanizing and affirming? Do we regularly incorporate RJ practices such as Circles and community check-ins?

Another demand is mandating Black history and Ethnic Studies in TK-12 curriculum. How are we working toward bringing Black history and Ethnic Studies into our curriculum more fully, beyond February, and beyond heroes & holidays?

How are we being intersectional? Trans affirming and Queer affirming in our classrooms? How are we centering Black women/girls in our curriculum?

3 *Plan*

Commit to teaching at least one or more BLM at School Week lessons.

- GOOGLE DRIVE of TK-12 LESSONS for BLM at School Week
- STARTER KIT for BLM at School Week
- TK-12 LESSONS
- SHARED FOLDER from BUSD Equity Teacher Leaders of BLM at School Week resources

4 *Talk & Teach*

Talk with colleagues and friends about your ideas; share resources and work with your grade level teams, or Equity Teacher Leaders to think through lesson plans or activities. We are stronger together and our schools become more equitable places in-community, not in silos. Then get ready to teach! If you make mistakes, it's okay, we all do. Be honest with your students and model how you are on your own learning journey.

- VIDEO: How to Speak With Kids About Race Relations with Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
- ARTICLE: How to Talk to Kids About Race: Books and Resources That Can Help
- VIDEO: Kids Talk About Race & Racism with National Youth Poet Laureate, Amanda Gorman