



## **Black Lives Matter at School: Resources for Educators**

Our union believes in the value of Black lives, and we commit to demonstrating this all year long. During Black History Month, and especially surrounding Black Lives Matter at School Week, we commit to bringing more culturally relevant and sustaining curricula into *all* of our schools and classrooms. Below are just a few options and collections, many created or curated by CTU members and ally organizations.

[\*\*Black Lives Matter at School Curriculum Collection\*\*](#) Extensive lessons and resources, indexed by topic, subject area, and grade level; includes resources in Spanish and resources addressing intersectionality of topics. Full index [here](#).

[\*\*Participate: A Civics Course for Chicago's Youth\*\*](#) Engaging and updated curriculum for high school and 8th grade; includes opportunities for professional development and ongoing mentor support.

[\*\*Confronting Chicago's History of Racial Violence: A Conversation with Dr. Eve Ewing\*\*](#) One-hour video for teachers, accompanied by additional resources to support teaching about Chicago's Red Summer. Find a full archive of resources from Learning for Justice [here](#).

[\*\*Reparations Won\*\*](#) Units and additional supporting materials to teach the Reparations Won curriculum with middle and high school students. Includes resources in Spanish.

[\*\*The 1619 Project Curriculum\*\*](#) Vast range of materials, lessons, resources, and activities toward teaching a more complete history of how slavery shaped America. Includes options for all grade levels, and the site is equipped with Google Translate for 133 languages.

[\*\*Zinn Education Project Archive\*\*](#) Collection of hundreds of suggested texts, standalone lessons, and complete unit plans for a broad range of subject areas, topics, and grade levels.

[\*\*Black Panther Party & Coalitions Learning Campaign: Curriculum Folder\*\*](#) Pre-K through 12th grade vertically aligned curriculum to teach this history across disciplines. Developed in collaboration with students, families, teachers, nonprofit partners, and community members in the CPS Sustainable Community Schools program. Start exploring the folder [here](#).

[\*\*D.C. Area Educators for Social Justice BLM at School Resources\*\*](#) Extensive interdisciplinary resources for middle school and high school, as well as learning opportunities for educators; includes materials in Spanish and Arabic.

[\*\*AFT Share My Lesson: Black History Lesson Plans and Resources\*\*](#) Learning resources for teachers, as well as lesson plans for Social Science and ELA, grades 6-12.

[\*\*NY Times Resources for Teaching About Race and Racism\*\*](#) A curated collection of over 75 lesson plans, writing prompts, short films and graphs relating to racism and racial justice.

## **Spotlight: Resources from the National Museum of African American History and Culture**

### **[Early Childhood Education | National Museum of African American History and Culture](#)**

The museum offers free downloadable *Joyful ABC* booklets for children age 3-5, along with a range of activities about poetry, history, and more, available in both English and Spanish.

### **[Dr. Drew, Density, & Diffusion: Dr. Charles Richard Drew Giving Life Through Blood](#)**

**[Research](#)** Designed for students in 3rd-8th grades, this sequence of activities introduces the story, discoveries, and life-saving legacy of Dr. Charles Drew while teaching students the key STEM principles behind his work.

### **[Through the Window and into the Mirror: Narratives of African American STEM](#)**

**[Professionals](#)** This compelling collection of interviews with Black STEM professionals will introduce students of all ages to astronauts, robotics engineers, climate scientists, doctors, and science communicators.

**[Moving Through History: Education through Body and Mind](#)** Created for students to learn about history through movement and exercise, this collection can be used in physical education classes or as an enriching break in the classroom, adaptable for students of all ages.

**[Reading Resources](#)** Created for 3rd-12th-grade students and educators, the fiction and nonfiction book selections provide enrichment about African American history and culture based on the permanent and temporary exhibitions within the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

**[NMAAHC Learning Labs](#)** Find *many* more resources for fine arts, ELA, STEM, and more, for all grade levels.

## **From PBS**

**[Forgotten Genius | NOVA | PBS](#)** Learn about Dr. Percy Julian – “a man of genius, devotion, and determination,” for whom a high school in Chicago was named. “The grandson of enslaved people from Alabama, Dr. Percy Julian met with every possible barrier in a deeply racist and segregated America. As one of the first Black chemists, he fought to make a place for himself in a profession and country divided by bigotry. At the height of his career, Dr. Julian had reached unparalleled levels of scientific and personal achievement, overcoming countless obstacles to become a world-class scientist, a self-made millionaire, and a civil rights pioneer.” Find the PBS teachers guide [here](#) and a set of lessons developed in collaboration with CPS teachers [here](#).

**[Civil Rights | PBS LearningMedia](#)** PBS has assembled some of their award-winning documentary work here, along with several lesson plan collections for a wide range of grade levels, about aspects of civil rights struggles including voting rights, educational segregation, organizing strategies, and the role of white resistance.

## Upcoming Events:

[2024 D.C. Area Black Lives Matter at School Virtual Curriculum Fair](#) – Keynotes, panels, workshops, and discussions; \$10 registration fee; Saturday, January 20th from 10:30-1:30 CDT.

[Panel for Sickle Cell Anemia and Maternal Health](#) – CTU will host a blood drive from 2-7PM, with a panel discussion from 5-6.

[National Black Book Fair](#) – Featuring over three dozen Black children's authors from across the country, book and resource tables, storytime, and more; Friday, February 2nd and Saturday, February 3rd; 10AM-4PM at Malcolm X College.

[Watch for additional events to be added in the coming days!]