

# February 2021 REL Corner: Implementing Inclusive Education through Culturally Responsive Practices

[Learn about REL Appalachia and its work](#), and dive into these resources from across the REL program to consider how educators and school leaders can build greater understanding of cultural responsiveness to create more inclusive experiences for students and families.

## Building cultural and linguistic responsiveness

- [Culturally Responsive Instruction: Best Practices and Supports](#). This blog post from REL Midwest shares five research-based practices to support students of all cultures. The post underscores the importance of collaboration and communication within the school and building relationships with families to support students from all cultural backgrounds.
- [Culturally Responsive Leading and Learning: Addressing Equity Through Student and Family Voice](#). This blog post from REL Pacific includes strategies educators can implement to support culturally responsive education during the transition to online learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The strategies and recommendations focus on addressing equity by developing opportunities to amplify student and family voice, building collaborative relationships with students and families, and exploring social justice and community issues.
- [Resource Roundup: Culturally Responsive Practices](#). This blog post from REL Midwest provides an overview of REL resources, such as webinar recordings and blog posts, to promote culturally responsive practices. The resources are organized topically, including topics such as data use to inform culturally responsive education, culturally responsive pedagogy and teacher preparation, and Ask A REL responses.
- [Culturally Inclusive Practices and Student Outcomes](#). This Ask A REL response from REL West includes research studies and descriptive articles that highlight the effects of culturally inclusive practices on student outcomes as well as considerations for educators as they develop culturally responsive practices in their schools and districts.

- [A Framework for Educational Equity and Culturally Responsive Pedagogy](#). This webinar recording from REL Mid-Atlantic is the first in a series of four webinars that focuses on improving educational equity through cultural responsiveness in schools and educator preparation programs. The webinar defines educational inequity and discusses its implications.
- [Guide Supports Native Voice in Ed-Decision Making](#). This blog post from REL Central introduces a culturally responsive guide to conducting a needs assessment for American Indian students, developed by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (ND DPI) and REL Central. The guide includes a step-by-step process for schools and districts to survey the needs of Native students and begin implementing supports.
- [Inclusive and Culturally Responsive School Events for Families](#). This Ask A REL response from REL Appalachia features research studies that address collaborative family engagement as well as training resources for educators such as toolkits to implement inclusive family engagement practices.