



Leader Session 8
Session Redelivery Plan
Increasing Equity through Culturally Responsive Literacy Classrooms

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Session Focus:

This session introduces the core components of culturally responsive instruction and why it is directly tied to increasing student equity. Participants will explore the components.

- **Slides 1-4 - Session Focus, Defining a Culturally Responsive Approach, Principles for Culturally Responsive Teaching**
 - **Discussion Questions:** Based on the definition of a culturally responsive approach, what definition is used to support this approach to instruction in your school or district? If there is currently no definition used, how can you create and share one with your stakeholders?
- **Slides 5-13 - Characteristics of Culturally Responsive Classrooms**
 - **Discussion Question:** Review each of the characteristics of culturally responsive classrooms. Identify strategies that your school or district currently use. Brainstorm with your team how these characteristics can be enhanced to ensure that literacy instruction is available to *all* learners.
- **Slides 14-18 - Family Literacy Engagement Plan**
 - **Discussion Question:** Using the Louisiana Family Literacy Engagement Plan as a resource, what structures will you add to support culturally responsive family literacy outreach?
- **Slides 19-21 - Spotlight on the Science of Reading, Culture's Connection to Literacy Instruction, More Connections to Brain Research**
 - **Discussion Questions:** Reflecting on the research about drawing from students' cultural schemas, what opportunities are present in your literacy curriculum to make cultural connections? How will you support making connections to students' cultural experiences a part of your literacy instructional planning?
- **Side 22 - Reflection**
 - **Discussion Questions:** How will your staff utilize culturally responsive practices to support diverse learners? How will you model culturally responsive practices as a school or district leader? What resources will you make available to support teachers with culturally responsive classroom instruction?