

# Creating a Culturally Responsive Classroom



As our classrooms welcome an increasingly diverse population of learners, educators need time to reflect on their practice as culturally responsive professionals to increase effectiveness across differences among their students and families.

Over the two nights, we will focus on:

- Integrating the cultural competency definition into educators' daily practice and classroom environment.
- Understanding the impact of resiliency in student growth by increasing relational strategies that focus on developing student resiliency as a primary factor in closing the opportunity / achievement gap.
- Using the cultural competency framework of awareness, understanding, skills, and advocacy to increase educator effectiveness with students from diverse populations including: socio-economic, language, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, gender, religion, age, and ability.
- Growing as a culturally responsive educator through reflective practice by increasing one's AWARENESS of self (biases, stereotypes, expectations) and KNOWLEDGE of other social group categories to which one does not belong.

Learn how to: build relationships, communicate in culturally responsive ways, cultivate a safe and inclusive environment, and engage with families and communities. Educators will receive resources and materials to support their classrooms.

**To register:** Send this form and a check to [Sheila Hagerman](#) (LWEA office). LWEA members should use district mail to register.

**Tuesday, March 7  
&  
Wednesday, March 8**

**4:30 – 7:30 PM**

**Details: \$30** for WEA members (\$60 for non-members based on space available). A light dinner and six (6) clock hours are included in the registration fee. Make check payable to LWEA.

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