

Culturally Responsive Schools

Tipsheet For Schools and Districts

1

Reflect

Take a look at your current practices. Ask:

- Is our school welcoming to all families?
- Whose stories are told in our school curriculum?
- Are our messages to families simple and relatable?



2

Communicate

Make sure parents know school basics:

- transportation options
- school calendars
- when/why/how to call the school office
- how to register for FRPL
- positive ways to be involved

BONUS RESOURCE: [Insider's Guide to Schools for Families](#)



3

Learn

Learn about your families' traditions, cultural norms, and languages – and incorporate them into your school culture. School leaders can provide staff with professional development to help them observe and respect these norms in parent exchanges.



4

Listen

Create opportunities for families to meet with staff and share what their child needs. Questions to ask include:

- What helps your child learn and feel comfortable?
- What might make it harder for your child to learn?
- What ways might we be able to tell if your child is feeling worried or anxious?

