

Why Is This Important?

As our district grows, we will continue to become home for a wider array of faith and cultural traditions. As a public institution, we are committed to the principles of equity and inclusiveness and to minimizing situations where families must choose between school events and religious holidays.



Religion in the Public Schools

Faith-based celebrations may be included in school curricula as opportunities to learn. Educators should make sure to teach children about the holiday celebrations of a number of different traditions rather than focus on a single holiday. For example, in any given year a number of holidays may occur in December and may lend them to a lesson highlighting similarities and differences of various celebrations held in the winter season.

Ethnic Groups:

White	77.5%
Asian	8.5%
African American	3.1%
Multiracial	5.6%
Hispanic	5.1%
American Indian	0.2%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	.0%

Language Groups in FHPS:

Afrikaans	Finnish	Malay	Somali
Albanian	French	Malayalam	Spanish
Amharic	German	Nepali	Sundanese
Arabic	Gujarati	Oromo	Swahili
Bengali	Hebrew	Polish	Tagalog
Bosnian	Hindi	Portuguese	Tamil
Burmese	Hmong	Punjabi	Telugu
Chinese	Japanese	Pushto	Tigrinya
Dinka	Konkani	Romania	Turkish
Dutch	Korean	Russian	Ukrainian
English	Kurdish	Serbo-Croatian	Urdu
Farsi	Latvian	Sidamo	Vietnamese

The policy of this district is to provide equal opportunities for all students to achieve their potential regardless of gender, religion, race, color, national origin or ancestry, age, disability, marital status, place of residence, social or economic status, and/or any other legally-protected characteristics.

Classroom Suggestions and Materials

September	Hispanic Heritage*
October	Filipino American History* Italian History* Polish American History*
November	Native American*
December	Human Rights*
January	Middle Eastern Heritage Awareness
February	Black/African-American History*
March	Women's History* Irish-American History*
April	Autism Awareness* European American Heritage*
May	Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage* Jewish American Heritage*
June	Caribbean American Heritage*

ADL:

<http://www.adl.org/education-outreach/anti-bias-education/c/calendar-of-observances.html>

Teachersfirst:

<http://www.teachersfirst.com/calendar/?m=0>

We Need Diverse Books:

<https://diversebooks.org>

Understanding Prejudice

<https://secure.understandingprejudice.org>

Learning for Justice (formally Teaching Tolerance)

<https://www.learningforjustice.org>

Tanenbaum – Combating Religious Prejudice

<https://tanenbaum.org>

Freedom Forum Institute - First Amendment Center,
Finding Common Ground

<https://www.freedomforuminstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/FCGcomplete.pdf>

ReadWriteThink Classroom Resources – Calendar
Activities:

http://www.readwritethink.org/search/?resource_type_filtering=6-16-18-20&resource_type=20