

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

The IEC powers and duties require development of an education plan that has a variety of educational activities designed to meet the specialized and unique educational needs of Indian children. The following are just a sample of approaches. The essential task is to identify cultural skills and concepts to be acquired and develop specific activities for learning each concept. The educational plan should describe a continuous effort integrating multicultural education into the total curriculum.

1. Cultural presentations by guest speakers, tribal elders and Indians of other tribes.
2. Each classroom develops monthly displays of Indian student educational activities.
3. Field trips to local historical Indian sites: old villages; battlefields; travel routes, etc.
4. Employ classroom aides of Indian descent to provide a positive identify model.
5. Artifact Day put on by Indian students, parents and community.
6. Cultural Foods Day
7. Murals, posters, signs, sculptures and Indian artwork to enhance atmosphere of school.
8. Family tree project
9. Student generated poetry, stories, film, and songs of cultural heritage.
10. Cultural clothing projects where students would create works to be displayed in a final day.
11. Historic photo project where students use photo copies and research the background information of specific photos, i.e., location, individual name, year, photographer, other information.
12. Community/school newsletter-where students assume responsibility of gathering information, interviewing individuals, taking photographs, laying the prototype out and printing for distribution.
13. Research and compile a publication of games and recreational activities of the local tribe(s).
14. Cultural Dance and performance group/by grade or by school.
15. Cultural Language activities-publication/program on local radio station.
16. Cultural jewelry activities
17. Cultural social activity clubs
18. Field trip project-visits to other schools/grades.
19. College-bound field trips for upper grades.
20. In school Cultural Showcase-each class or club is responsible for rotating displays.
21. School museum/gift shop-where students are responsible for development and oversight.