

# **Key Message: CRITICAL RACE THEORY (CRT)**

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## Questions that may be asked

Does your school teach Critical Race Theory?

How are you approaching CRT in the district?

Are you using or part of the 1619 project?

## Talking Points and Tips

### **Talking Points:**

- We do not have a curriculum that explicitly teaches Critical Race Theory.
- We teach history from multiple perspectives using diverse materials and instructional strategies.
- The intent of our curriculum is not to divide; rather, through accurate sharing of historical events from the multiple cultures that create the United States, we hope students will become critical thinkers and citizens who will unite our community.

### **Statement:**

“We do not have a curriculum that explicitly teaches “Critical Race Theory”, and our instructional materials in our Social Studies courses include adopted materials (our textbooks, primary and secondary sources, etc.) that offer our students history from multiple perspectives. Our teachers are using these diverse materials and instructional strategies to promote inquiry, critical thinking skills, and discourse to advance their knowledge and understanding of a wide variety of historical events that shape the people and cultures that make up the United States. It is our goal to provide accurate historical events in our content areas to help build student understanding of these events; the accurate accounting of the American story helps our students to understand the implications of these events on society today.”

### **Tips:**

- Don't engage via email, call the parent or community member back.
- Don't try and engage in details of curriculum, stick with high-level
- If they refer to the 1619 project, say we are not using that here at this time

### **Expert for referral and resource for more information:**

- Kallee Spear
- Shelley Boten
- Adopted Social Studies curriculum and resources in [the curriculum portal](#).

