

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Department



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SUMMER INSTITUTE '22

WOW! The first ever, D.E.I. Summer Institute brought in 100 staff members from all over the district who were interested in equity-based school practices. Through this professional development opportunity, participants learned how to increase momentum in advancing equity work, gained a deeper understanding and new perspectives about social justice, and how to be an advocate for all EPS students. To read more about the Summer Institute visit our webpage using the QR code below!

DIVERSE LIBRARIES IS LIVE!

After a year of vetting, processing, and categorizing, we have distributed over 1,400 books to reflect the diverse backgrounds of our students. Every book purchased for our Diverse Libraries was fulfilled by our community partner Edwin Lindo, owner of Estelita's Library, a local BIPOC-owned Justice Focused Community Bookstore & Library. Each school received books as well as all of the ECEAP classroom programs. As a continuum of the Diverse Libraries, and students seeing themselves represented in their schoolwork, our department sent out "Colors of the World" crayons to all high school and middle school art classrooms and libraries in our district as well as all pre-school classes rooms including ECEAP and SPED, as well as all kindergarten and first grade classrooms at each elementary school in addition to all elementary libraries.

NATURAL LEADERS AT EPS

We are so thrilled to announce that our Natural Leaders now have an office space at the district office in the Anrium. This allows families to have a space to come and learn about the program as well as to continue the partnership with the Natural Leaders and the PTSA.

The Natural Leaders program grew exponentially in the 2021-22 school year and we intend to have 100% participation in this new school year. If your school buildings need a NL program started, please reach out to Director Joi Grant at x4137 or JGrant@everettsd.org

