

Regional Update

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Department



Diverse Literature

"There will be times when you walk into a room and no one there is quite like you until the day you begin to share your stories."

– Jacqueline Woodson, *The Day You Begin*

Our department is excited to announce the extension of our diverse literature initiative from the 2021-2022 school year! This extension will provide our EPS students and staff access to a variety of literature which authentically represents the diversity of our students with the intent of raising intellectual openness, analysis, personal enjoyment, and cultural awareness of others.

The books selected compliments the national observances identified in our *Cultural and Religious Observances Calendar*.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

Equity Cohorts

Equity Teams

Schools have identified an Equity Team Contact and secondary contact who is charged with attending three full-day professional development with our department. At our first meeting, Equity Team Contacts were given the first book set in honor of the various national observances, Hispanic Heritage Month, LGBTQIA+ History Month, and Filipino American Heritage Month to share with their staff and then donate to their school library!

Equity Champions

Schools have identified two staff members to serve as the Equity Champions. This cohort has not yet begun, so stay tuned for the work we will dive into together!



Equity Resource Kit

Last spring, our department deployed an equity resource kit with pre-selected books to offer resources to our staff and administration to increase their own personal equity journey and to help those working for racial and social justice at every level – in systems, organizations, communities, and the culture at large.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

