

DID YOU KNOW?

VALUING CULTURE IS ESSENTIAL TO LEARNING

Maria and Felipe share the same culture.



Culture refers to the customs, values, beliefs, knowledge, art, and language of a group.

A person can identify with multiple cultures at the same time.



Influences from these multiple cultures, combined with their personal characteristics, shape how Maria and Felipe define themselves and their interests and values.

This is their cultural identity.

But environmental and societal factors influence how individuals express their cultural identity and may limit their ability to practice cultural customs in certain settings. Consequently, Maria and Felipe express their culture in different ways at school, even though they share the same underlying values and beliefs.



For example, while Maria and Felipe are motivated by role models who reflect their culture...

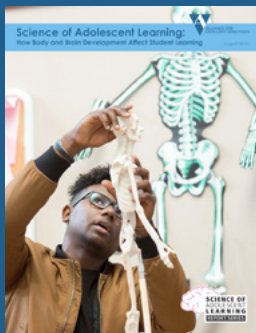
Felipe's school district has a strict curriculum that does not allow teachers to tailor lessons to students' culture.



Maria's school district supports instruction that encourages teachers to tailor lessons to students' culture.



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