Shared Experience

Describe how your collective uses these curricular practices and strategies to fortify the learning community.

PRACTICES	STRATEGIES	CULTURALLY FORTIFYING ORGANIZATION PRACTICES AND STRATEGIES
Assessment	 Gather and use information on students' learning to identify progress, gaps, and where to go next. Use multiple strategies for students to demonstrate knowledge and skills in the learning process, such as compiling a self-directed portfolio of selected artifacts to show what they know. Incorporate universal assessment strategies that allow you modify and adjust instruction for all learners. Optimize information on student interests, prior knowledge, and feedback from the student to the teacher to design assessments anchored in culturally fortifying pedagogy. 	
Data Analysis	 Choose artifacts and keep conversations about equity and bias at the heart of the analysis process. Personalize every data point with the realization that each source is connected to a student's story, lived experience, and internal brilliance that may be overlooked through traditional methods of assessment. Observe, listen to, gather, and analyze artifacts from their lived experiences to discern information about students' academic experiences (Safir & Dugan, 2021). Cultivate an asset-based process to strengthen the quality of the collaborative conversations that result in dismantling systemic stereotypes and barriers to learning. 	
Standard Analysis	 Establish what all students need to know and be able to do and the depth of thinking required to create culturally responsive experiences. Design the instructional flow to consider the current knowledge of all students and determine how the skills and concepts align to students' cultures and are relevant to their personal experiences. Leverage the interdependence of the learning expectations and the ways in which they show up for learners. 	
Cultural Representations	 Find relevance to the students' personal interests, personalities, backgrounds, and dimensions of identity so they can connect to themselves, the learning community, the world around them, and the content. Provide a variety of cultural perspectives and viewpoints in materials, examples, and experiences. Build on students' individual cultures to enhance behavioral, cognitive, and emotional engagement. 	

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