



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN 2024/2025

Cultural Awareness

Broward Schools serves students and families from various countries and cultures. Identify school practices that demonstrate how the values and traditions of the diverse community are incorporated in your school's culture. (ex. serving dishes from a particular culture during school events; acknowledging traditions and holidays; communications and signage in different languages, etc.)

Culture:

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School currently has 3139 students. Our racial make up is 77.2% white, 28.3% Hispanic, 11.7% Black, 10% Asian, .7% Pacific Islander and .5% Native American. Our ESOL program has a total of 103 students.

How is the school acknowledging this culture?

There are many clubs and organizations that are embedded within the fabric of our school that highlight the cultural identity of various groups within MSD and our community. Our club and organization offerings help to illustrate the diverse cultures we have at MSD. We encourage students to join and become a part of the same culture or a different culture. Learning about one another's culture is key to the understanding of one another. Our cultural clubs and organizations consist of the following, Asian Student Association, Black Student Union, Brazilian Student Association, Caribbean Student Association, French Club, Henna Club, Indian Student Association, Jewish Student Union, Ladies of Destiny, Latinos in Action, Muslim Student Association, and Spanish Club. Each year our cultural clubs come together to present the Multicultural Assembly. Students show case their cultures through song, dance, dress, and literature. Two performances are given: one during the day to the student body and one at night to the community. During the month of February our Black History Assembly presentation always gets rave reviews. History, literature, music, and dance are woven into the story of African American culture. Each year, the French club celebrates by presenting each morning on the announcements a trivia question about the French culture and a brief story read in French. Our Ladies of Destiny perform at pep rallies. Throughout the school year, we often have events during lunch that highlight the cultural uniqueness of our school and community.

Comments:

Teachers should be commended for supporting students' cultures by sponsoring clubs, assisting with cultural assemblies, and supporting student performances by bringing their classes to the presentations. Our administration encourages our clubs and organizations to celebrate our various cultures and is always supportive of cultural events.