



## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN 2025/2026

### 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:** Providing facts on cultures, exposure and promotion of music, fashion, and food, people, etc.

**How is the school acknowledging this culture?**

STHS takes the time to acknowledge all district celebrated cultures as well as students, teachers, and staff cultures. In September/October we recognize Hispanic Heritage month. During this time, our Spanish Club educates and provides important facts and people that have impacted our society. Flags from various Hispanic countries are hung around the school. Daily facts are given with a prize to those who respond. Weekly themes are celebrated every Friday to promote Hispanic pride. In addition, we recognize that the Holocaust was an event that impacted our world in numerous ways. We have had assemblies with survivors come out and speak with our students, provide students with information on the museum, as well as scholarship opportunities. The Equity Liaison provides various suggestions and lessons that can be implemented within class instruction. During Spirit Week in the fall and spring, students select a Heritage Day where they can proudly display their heritage or a heritage that they are interested in learning more about. In February, students spearhead Black History month. They create a month-long celebration where each week has a specific theme that is focused on. For example, week 1 will focus on music in Black History. A

culminating assembly takes place where students perform poetry, dance, songs, and acting pieces. In March, we pride ourselves with uplifting women through our academics. Our teachers showcase women as authors, scientists, leaders, mathematicians, athletes, and more within their curriculum. To culminate the year, our school has a Festival of Culture's Week. Each club and class are to select a country from around the world to represent throughout the week. As such, each club/class is assigned a table in the main hallway for the week to present their daily displays and allow students, faculty and staff to tour the various cultures. On day 1 clubs offer small portions of typical foods from their country varying from main courses to desserts. The recipes provided by the clubs will be entered into a cookbook and were shown to students should they be allergic to any of the ingredients. Day 2: clubs play their country's pop or folk music. Day 3: provide cultural history where fun facts of their country are included on a tri-fold board. Day 4: showing of special holidays of their country. Day 5: all students and staff wear a traditional outfit, shirt, or color to represent their personal cultures.

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