

# 3 Steps To Take In Becoming A

# Culturally Responsive Teacher



## Recognize Student Differences



### We're more alike than different. But...

...we are different. And those differences matter. We don't have to pretend to be colorblind and look past differences. Instead, our students want to be known for who they are, for their backgrounds, and their family's beliefs. When we pretend to not notice these differences in an attempt to treat everyone equally, we ignore these important parts of students.



## Respect Student Differences



### We have a choice.

Students will enter our classrooms with a variety of backgrounds that may differ from our own. Their cultures, income levels, religions, and family makeups. Culturally Responsive Teachers choose to respect those differences, even if they vary from the educators' backgrounds.

# Incorporate Student Differences Throughout Curriculum

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## More Than Just A Month.

If we emphasize different cultures just during one month, whose culture is being emphasized the rest of the year? A culturally responsive teacher strives to incorporate a year-round curriculum that represents individuals from various backgrounds and provides students with different perspectives. See the below resources for ideas.

[tolerance.org](http://tolerance.org) - [edchange.org](http://edchange.org) - [glsen.org](http://glsen.org)  
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