

PARENTAL RESOURCE FORM

TERMS TO BE AWARE OF

Action Civics: A model of teaching civics that downplays America's founding principles and governmental structures and pushes students to become political activists. Some projects might include participating in political demonstrations or making posters for a certain "political" organization.

Anti-Racism: A theory that explains and exposes multiple forms of racism: overt and covert, interpersonal and institutional, historical and present day. A process of dismantling a system marked by white supremacy and anti-Black racism through deliberate action.

Culturally Responsive Teaching: A pedagogy that emphasizes including students' cultural reference in all curriculum. Related to Action Civics and Critical Race Theory.

Critical Race Theory (CRT): A theory that examines and critiques the appearance of race and racism across dominant cultural modes of expression. Critical race theorists believe that the law and legal institutions of the United States are inherently racist and they function to create and maintain social, economic, and political inequalities between whites and nonwhites.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI): A series of buzzwords that promote the same tenets as Critical Race Theory. Focus is to teach equating disparities with oppression.

English Language Arts (ELA): Under Common Core, a way to bring social and cultural issues, including "social justice," climate activism, and other biased curriculum, into English class.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL): The opposite of learning academic content (English, history, math science, etc.), Pseudo-therapy that conditions students to exhibit the "correct" values, attitudes, mindsets, and behaviors. Now openly focused on indoctrinating them with biased political and cultural attitudes. Synonym: Whole Child Education

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