

Accomplished teachers help students learn to respect and appreciate individual and group differences.

Accomplished teachers nurture the development of sound civic values in their students as they seek to develop them academically and socially. They teach and model concern for the rights of all students, including those with physical and intellectual challenges, those with learning disabilities, and those with abilities to speak a variety of languages or dialects at home. They work toward these ends by helping students understand and use democratic principles of freedom, justice, and equity and by helping them recognize discrimination, prejudice, and stereotypes when

they occur in their classroom and elsewhere. These teachers design activities and raise questions that require students to think about ethical issues and conflicts from a variety of perspectives. They foster civic and personal responsibility in their students by providing opportunities for joint decision making and rule making and by encouraging students to address actively the social, economic, and environmental issues in their community. Teachers make use of available community resources in meeting their learning goals for students.

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