

**Cultural Standards for
COMMUNITIES**

A A culturally supportive community incorporates the practice of local cultural traditions in its everyday affairs

A community that meets this cultural standard:	(1) No evidence	(2) In Progress	(3) Proficient	(4) Exemplary	What does it look like when it's happening well? Give an example
1. Provides respected Elders with a place of honor in community functions					
2. Models culturally-appropriate behavior in the day-to-day life of the community					
3. Utilizes traditional child-rearing and parenting practices that reinforce a sense of identity and belonging					
4. Organizes and encourages participation of members from all ages in regular community-wide, family-oriented events					
5. Incorporates and reinforces traditional cultural values and beliefs in all formal and informal community functions					

Cultural Standards for COMMUNITIES	B A culturally supportive community nurtures the use of the local heritage language				
A community that meets this cultural standard:	(1) No evidence	(2) In Progress	(3) Proficient	(4) Exemplary	What does it look like when it's happening well? Give an example
1. Recognizes the role that language plays in conveying the deeper aspects of cultural knowledge and traditions					
2. Sponsors local heritage language immersion opportunities for young children when they are at the critical age for language learning					
3. Encourages the use of the local heritage language whenever possible in the everyday affairs of the community, including meetings, cultural events, print materials and broadcast media					
4. Assists in the preparation of curriculum resource material in the local heritage language for use in the school					
5. Provides simultaneous translation services for public meetings where persons unfamiliar with the local heritage language are participants					

Cultural Standards for COMMUNITIES	C A culturally supportive community takes an active role in the education of all its members				
A community that meets this cultural standard:	(1) No eviden ce	(2) In Progress	(3) Proficient	(4) Exemplary	What does it look like when it's happening well? Give an example
1. Encourages broad-based participation of parents in all aspects of their children's education, both in and out of school					
2. Insures active participation by community members in reviewing all local regional and state initiatives that have bearing on the education of their children					
3. Encourages and supports members of the local community who wish to pursue further education to assume teaching and administrative roles in the school					
4. Engages in subsistence activities, sponsors cultural camps and hosts community events that provide an opportunity for children to actively participate in and learn appropriate cultural values and behavior					
5. Provides opportunities for all community members to acquire and practice the appropriate knowledge and skills associated with local cultural traditions					

Cultural Standards for COMMUNITIES	D A culturally supportive community nurtures family responsibility, sense of belonging and cultural identity				
A community that meets this cultural standard:	(1) No evidence	(2) In Progress	(3) Proficient	(4) Exemplary	What does it look like when it's happening well? Give an example
1. Fosters cross-generational sharing of parenting and child rearing practices					
2. Creates a supportive environment for youth to participate in local affairs and acquire the skills to be contributing members of the community					
3. Adopts the adage, "It takes the whole village to raise a child"					

Cultural Standards for COMMUNITIES	E A culturally supportive community assists teachers in learning and utilizing local cultural traditions and practices				
A community that meets this cultural standard:	(1) No evidence	(2) In Progress	(3) Proficient	(4) Exemplary	What does it look like when it's happening well? Give an example
1. Sponsors a cultural orientation camp and community mentoring program for new teachers to learn about and adjust to the cultural expectations and practices of the community					
2. Encourages teachers to make use of facilities and expertise in the community to demonstrate that education is a community-wide process involving everyone as teachers					
3. Sponsors regular community/school potlucks to celebrate the work of students and teachers and to promote on-going interaction and communication between teachers and parents					
4. Attempts to articulate the cultural knowledge, values and beliefs that it wishes teacher to incorporate into the school curriculum					
5. Establishes a program to insure the availability of Elders' expertise in all aspects of the educational program in the school					

Cultural Standards for COMMUNITIES	F A culturally supportive community contributes to all aspects of curriculum design and implementation in the local school				
A community that meets this cultural standard:	(1) No evidence	(2) In Progress	(3) Proficient	(4) Exemplary	What does it look like when it's happening well? Give an example
1. Takes an active part in the development of the mission, goals and content of the local educational program					
2. Promotes the active involvement of students with Elders in the documentation and preservation of traditional knowledge through a variety of print and multimedia formats					
3. Facilitates teacher involvement in community activities and encourages the use of the local environment as a curricular resource					
4. Promotes parental involvement in all aspects of their children's educational experience					