



INCLUSIVE CURRICULUM FOR ILLINOIS

INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

The Inclusive Curriculum Law (Public Act 101-0227) was signed on August 9, 2019 by Governor J. B. Pritzker and will go into effect July 2020. Spearheaded by Equality Illinois, Illinois Safe Schools Alliance, a program of Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago (PHIMC), and the Legacy Project, this law amends the Illinois School Code to include the contributions of the LGBT community in the history of Illinois and the United States and ensures instructional materials include.

VISION

The Inclusive Curriculum Law offers public school students a more accurate, complete, and equitable picture of American society and provides LGBTQ+ students the opportunity to see themselves represented in history.

Parents, teachers, and administrators will...

- Identify and comprehend age-appropriate content
- Be provided with quality resources, such as professional development, content, and other educational tools as means to feel comfortable and confident in implementing inclusive curricula
- Support educators to implement inclusive curriculum with fidelity; this can include bringing professional development to the district, knowing when and how resources can be accessed, and other strategies to lay the groundwork for an inclusive classroom and school.

IMPACT ON STUDENTS

Inclusion of LGBTQ+ history in curriculum...

- Instills in students the intrinsic worth of all individuals and the value of a diverse society
- Encourages positive educational outcomes and successes of all students
- Provides LGBTQ+ students an opportunity to see themselves reflected in the classroom
- Promotes the creation of a safe and affirming school climate, including lowering rates of bullying, harassment, and intimidation.

Nationally, more than 75% of LGBTQ+ students in schools with an inclusive curriculum said their peers were accepting of LGBTQ+ people, compared to just 39.6% of those in schools without an inclusive curriculum. Additionally, LGBTQ+ students in schools with an inclusive curriculum are less likely to skip school and are less likely to say they might not graduate high school.

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