

Diverse Advanced Learners

Denver East High School

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The goal of Denver East High School's Diverse Advanced Learners program is to bridge the gap between best practices for gifted and talented (GT) learners, English Language Learners (ELL), and culturally responsive and diverse education. Diverse Advanced Learners began in 2016 with the purchase of the Depth and Complexity Curricular Framework. The purchase of this curriculum is beneficial to students identified as gifted and talented, but it also benefits students outside of gifted and talented classrooms via the "spill over effect."

Simultaneous year-long evening parent workshops and accountable teacher learning classes supported the school's decision to diversify its curricula. Additionally, a family liaison worked to assemble a Student Focus Group centered around the needs of gifted and talented, advanced, and diverse student needs.

Denver East High School's work to support Diverse Advanced Learners impacts student outcomes in a variety of ways. Predominantly, Diverse Advanced Learners programming provides support and resources in an intentional and focused way for gifted and talented students, their families, and the school community as a whole. Advanced Learning Plans (ALP), which outline the specific educational needs of gifted and talented learners, were carefully aligned to the unique needs of each student at Denver East High School.

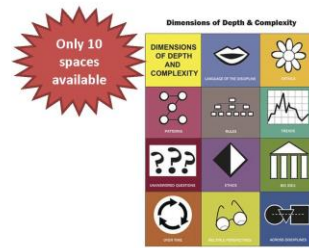
A series of information and support sessions were provided for families throughout the 2016-2017 academic year. These sessions focused on a variety of gifted and talented topics. A professional development brown-bag lunch series, "Diverse Advanced Learners," was provided for the school community to communicate the specific needs of gifted and talented high school students.

Diverse Advanced Learners works to support the whole student to ensure that each individual learner, family, and teacher understand gifted and talented learning and are empowered with the tools, strategies, and resources to support the highest level of course enrollment (e.g., Advanced Placement).

Denver East High School hopes to diversity enrollment in their gifted and talented and highly gifted and talented (GT/HGT) population through their work with the Diverse Advanced Learners programming.

Don't miss this new PDU only for East teachers !

Diverse Advanced Learners Series



Depth and Complexity is a curriculum that provides visual prompts to help students go deeper in their understanding of concepts and grow in critical thought.

This 6 session PDU will be held at East in the Social Room during lunch:
Thursday, November 3, 2016 Session 1: Nature and Needs of Diverse Advanced Learners
Thursday, January 5, 2017 Session 2: Introduction to Depth and Complexity: Why and How?
Thursday, February 23, 2017 Session 3: Unpacking the Nature and Needs of Diverse Advanced Learners
Thursday, March 2, 2017 Session 4: **Depth and Complexity as Instructional Practice**
Thursday, April 6, 2017 Session 5: Case Studies of Diverse Advanced Learners
Thursday, April 27, 2017 Session 6: Celebrating Instructional Practices that Nurture Intellectual Rigor

Participants will earn PDU credit and receive a set each of the Depth & Complexity icon cards and Content Imperative Cards valued at \$42.00!

PDU Deadline Registration: Tuesday, October 25, 2016

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