SPARKS	UDL: Culturally responsive practices are inclusive of the individual strengths and needs of all students.			
	Goal: Create purposeful learning experiences and motivated learners	Goal: Create expert learners who are resourceful and knowledgeable	Goal: Create expert learners who a strategic and goal directed	
	Student-Centered Building on students' curiosity about issues and topics that matter to them. Fostering student voice/student-centeredness through dialog as part of the learning process. Pose open-ended questions to engage students in critical dialog and provide multiple opportunities for students to respond. Acknowledge and extent student responses. Dialog:T to S & S to S	Engagement Provide student-centered curriculum that is representative of students and their social and cultural understanding of the world and is accessible to them at their instructional levels. Draw on students' lived experiences in the context of family, community, and disability. It looks like - Student dialogue/voice/input - Structured inquiry learning - Prepping students for access schema	Representation Content is presented in various ways and adapting material based on student abilities. Students begin to understand what information is available and how to access it. Students are provided multiple options to demonstrate their understanding and mastery of the material. It looks like - Variety of reading materials at different instructional levels that teach the same concept - Physical objects (realia) - Text-to-speech	Expression Students become expert learners when they are taught to learn within their styles and abilities. Fostering student dialogue, opinions and idea is essential to the learning process. looks like Goal oriented/setting Use collaborative learning structures such as group presentation with different modes (I.e. power point, acting out, poster, etc.) Independent time Access to assistive tech to demonstrate understanding

	 Student choice on assignments that are relevant to individual student interest 	 Electronic translation tools Embed visuals to support vocabulary and hyperlinks or footnotes to define/explain 	
Build respectful relationships to create safe and positive learning communities where intellectual risk-taking is encouraged. Create the conditions in the classroom where respect for and by students is evident, respect of students' cultural differences is observable, and students' strengths/assets are included in the learning.	Engagement When students feel safe in a classroom, they gain the strength to interact in a more engaging fashion. Students learn to embrace differences and encourage each other in learning. Respectful relationships nurture a sense of belonging. Classroom displays that are representative of students' cultures create a welcoming community. It looks like - Conveying high behavioral expectations - Validating all students' questions and opinions - Social-emotional learning - Seeking student feedback regarding the effectiveness of instruction - Community building activities (Think/Pair/Share, Turn and Talk, Gallery Walk, Four Corners) - Collaborative Social Agreements	Representation When students recognize materials and the presentation of materials are designed for them as individuals, they feel recognized and respected. A positive learning atmosphere is created when students are encouraged to access their funds of knowledge. Bringing in cultural knowledge helps students to tap into the resources around them and effectively scaffolds learning and helps them learn through their strengths. It looks like - Pre-teach critical concepts - Highlight key elements/items - Interactive models - Checklists or item plates - Flexible groupings	Expression Assisting students in SEL practices and community-building activities conveys high academic and behavioral expectations. It looks like - A community of learners - Provide opportunities for collaboration and reciprocal teaching, to increase students' oral language usage, fluency, and comprehension - Students use metacognitive strategies to monitor and increase their understandings - Different modes of assessment

Academic and Ethnic Identity Development Through Cultural Content Integration

Purposefully seek resources that positively portray cultural and ethnic groups. Materials that serve as "mirrors" for students to make connections to their own experiences.

Engagement

Students who see themselves within the curriculum, are affirmed by content that is **relevant** to them. The learner seeks out more resources to help understand their identity. *It looks like...*

- Integration of cultural content
- Supportive academic environment
- Monitoring of student understanding
- Self-monitoring and assessment by students
- Validation of student responses and acceptance of various perspectives
- Use of counter-stories

Representation

Through relevant content integration of material that represents the cultural perspectives students make connections between home and school and thereby challenge biases and stereotypes. Provide opportunities for students to express individual identity through project-based learning. It looks like...

- Highlight vocabulary that is culturally relevant
- Bring in background knowledge and experience(s)
- Representations with visuals
- Sequencing of events
- Local resources
- Student choice

Expression

Using student' beliefs, values, knowledge, language, and way of life fosters the development of students' gifts and talents to help them reach their full potential. Use of relevant materials furthers the cultural competence of all students and aids in both academic and ethnic identity development. It looks like...

- Allow students to share folktales, stories, messages that relate to cultural teaching opportunities
- Differentiation of experiential learning opportunities

Rigor Through Critical Thinking

Students are encouraged and challenged to think deeply, express depth of learning in a personalized format unique to them. Application and transfer of knowledge. Teachers are encouraged to scaffold material using cultural referents.

Focus on Meta-cognition and critical consciousness development. Encourage divergent thinking.

Engagement

Self-reflection promotes engagement and motivation for authentic learning in the classroom. Including self-reflection increases both an understanding of themselves and the material. It looks like...

- Scaffolding
- Goal setting
- Differentiation with levels of demands
- Provide positive and consistent feedback to encourage mastery
- Engaged in sustained thought with critical material

Representation

Providing cultural and historical relevancy promotes critical thinking and provides challenging opportunities for students to share and grow. Self-reflection helps students examine their learning. *It looks like...*

- Encourage students to identify the material(s) with interpretation
- Use of graphic organizers
- Support students' background knowledge by understanding their perspective of the material(s)

Expression

Critical thinking increases when a student reflects and shares in a manner most comfortable to them. Self-reflection helps the learner identify areas of need, helping to define direction and set goals. Lifelong learners honestly reflect on experiences. It looks like...

- Rubric for self-reflection of assignment and for successful task completion
- Peer editing and feedback options
- Presentation rubric

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	 Inquiry learning and/or 	- Information and resources	- Building in extensions and
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Knowledge Co-Creation Co-construction of knowledge by using the background experiences and knowledge of the student. Incorporating community experiences into curriculum. Learning with and teaching each other in student-to-teacher and student-to-student interactions promotes confidence and builds academic identity.	problem-based learning Engagement By using background knowledge to develop learning, the student experiences relevance and authenticity. The teacher is the guide and the facilitator and the students are able to direct their own learning and assist others via dialogue, example and probing questions. It looks like - Collaboration with peers and reciprocal teaching - Vary instructional grouping to encourage peer interaction/communication - Cooperative cross-cultural learning - Cross-age peer teaching/tutoring - Collaborative knowledge	management techniques Representation An inventory of students' assets is important to understanding the students as individuals and establishes a humanizing classroom. Differentiate ways for students to bring their cultural awareness/background into the creation of their experiences with the curriculum. It looks like Diagrams Posters Cultural presentations Parent relationship development Meet with parents to dialogue about their goals and aspirations for their child	modifications Expression Facilitate connections between hom and school by inviting caregivers and community members to tap into a family's Funds of Knowledge. Valuing cultural knowledge by providing opportunities for students to share that knowledge with others is both affirming and empowering to students. It looks like - Honoring different methods of students' sharing knowledge, such as storytelling, family histories and biographies, chronicles, and other narratives - Valuing experiential knowledge and traditions
Social Justice – Civic Engagement Implement historical and contemporary perspective by including examples of people who have and continue to work for a more just world. Examine issues with a connection between themselves, society, and institutions. Increased understanding of social justice issues affecting their cultural group should	creation - Inductive learning Engagement The purposeful learner can see how they are interconnected with local and global events. When the student examines the importance of social justice, community connections are created. Feeling connected to your community creates a sense of personal responsibility increasing civic engagement. It looks like Inquiry/service learning	Representation Examining local events regarding social justice creates a passion to help affect change. To affect change, one needs to know the historical/social development creating the current injustices. The learner is then able to seek out sources in the community to become engaged and thereby work toward solutions. Students can become	Expression Learners become goal directed when they can identify an issue directly connecting the self to the community. Interconnectedness increases civic/community involvement for change. Creating change requires strategic planning and goals. It looks like - Acknowledging both standard English and local