

## INCORPORATING INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND CULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

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Incorporating Indigenous Knowledge and Culture into the classroom is a critical step toward encouraging cultural sensitivity, diversity, and inclusion in the classroom and society as a whole. It can improve students educational experiences, promote social justice, and aid in the preservation of Indigenous peoples cultural legacy.

Incorporating indigenous knowledge and culture in the classroom can be accomplished in a variety of ways through the Department of Education (DepEd). This may be accomplished by creating educational materials that include indigenous knowledge and culture. The Department of Education (DepEd) can work with indigenous groups and professionals to create instructional materials that include indigenous knowledge and culture. These resources may be utilized in a variety of topics, including social studies, science, and even arithmetic.

Indigenous culture and customs can also be incorporated into the curriculum and learning standards by the department. This may be accomplished by including pertinent subjects into lesson plans and connecting them with the K-12 curricular structure. Organizing cultural sensitivity training for teachers can also help to enhance their knowledge and comprehension of indigenous culture. This will allow them to teach kids about indigenous culture and traditions while also promoting cultural diversity in the classroom.

The Department of Education (DepEd) can arrange cultural events and activities that highlight indigenous culture, such as folk-dance performances, cuisine festivals, and

cultural immersion tours. These activities can also provide a platform for kids to learn about indigenous culture and traditions. It is also feasible to collaborate with indigenous tribes and organizations to enhance cultural exchange and understanding. This may be accomplished through a variety of programs, including student exchange programs, cultural immersion tours, and cultural festivals.

The DepEd can assist students realize and respect their cultural heritage and identity by adding indigenous knowledge and culture into the curriculum. This will encourage cultural sensitivity, diversity, and tolerance in the classroom, as well as help to the development of a more culturally conscious and tolerant community.

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