

THE INFLUENCE OF CULTURE ON EDUCATION: INSTRUCTION BEYOND TRADITIONAL TEXTS

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Learning does not occur in isolation. Each student entering a school carries their culture, influenced by family, language, values, beliefs, and experiences. Culture shapes pupils' perceptions of the world, their information processing, and their reactions to commendation or criticism. Recognizing the significance of culture in education is acknowledging that learning transcends just information delivery, it involves establishing connections with individuals.

When educators take cultural origins into account in their instruction, they facilitate more significant and inclusive learning experiences. Utilizing narratives or illustrations that embody students' local customs or traditions might enhance the relatability of teachings. Cruz and Malonzo (2021) assert that culturally responsive education enhances student engagement, fosters self-confidence, and cultivates stronger teacher-student interactions.

Culture influences communication styles. Certain pupils may be nurtured in settings that promote vocal expression, whilst others may originate from households where silent attentiveness is regarded as a mark of respect. Recognizing these distinctions aids educators in preventing misperception and fostering trust.

Furthermore, when educational institutions prioritize ethnic variety, students perceive themselves as acknowledged and esteemed. This fosters a learning environment conducive to the flourishing of all individuals, encompassing academic, social, and

emotional dimensions. It instructs pupils on the significance of their identities and their sense of belonging.

Culture and education are intrinsically linked. When instructors adopt this approach, they transcend the mere act of "delivering lessons." They commence constructing bridges that link knowledge to identity and learning to life itself.

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