



TEACHING TOLERANCE

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Equity Literacy Survey

Answer honestly about the degree to which you agree with each of the following statements. If you have mixed feelings, you can respond that you are “divided.”

1. The right to equitable educational opportunity is universal.

FIRST THOUGHTS Strongly agree agree divided disagree strongly disagree

WHY I FEEL THIS WAY _____

2. Poverty and economic class are intersectional (connected experiences that are difficult to examine separately) in nature.

FIRST THOUGHTS Strongly agree agree divided disagree strongly disagree

WHY I FEEL THIS WAY _____

3. People in poverty are diverse.

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WHY I FEEL THIS WAY _____

4. What we believe about people in poverty, including our biases and prejudices, informs how we teach and relate to people in poverty.

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WHY I FEEL THIS WAY _____

5. We cannot understand the relationship between poverty and education without understanding biases and inequities experienced by people in poverty.

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WHY I FEEL THIS WAY _____

6. Test scores are inadequate measures of equity in schools.

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WHY I FEEL THIS WAY _____

7. Economic class disparities in education are the result of structural inequities, not the result of cultures.

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WHY I FEEL THIS WAY _____

8. Equitable educators adopt a structural rather than a deficit view of educational disparities.

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WHY I FEEL THIS WAY _____

9. Strategies for bolstering school engagement and learning must be based on evidence for what works.

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WHY I FEEL THIS WAY _____

10. The inalienable right to equitable educational opportunity includes the right to high expectations, higher-order pedagogies and engaging curricula.

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WHY I FEEL THIS WAY _____

