

# Key Principles for Working with Immigrant Students from Re-Imagining Migration

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## **Foster Cultures of Belonging**

Educational settings are uniquely poised to facilitate belongingness and social inclusion, enhance intergroup conversations and interactions to counteract bias, racism and xenophobia.

## **Cultivate Understanding**

Fostering understanding of immigrant origin students by their teachers, others who serve them, AND their peers is essential for them to flourish and for greater inter-group understanding.

## **Promote Unifying Migration Narratives**

Stories of migration offer a lens into our past, present, and future and is a shared human experience upon which to foster empathic and perspective taking capacities.

## **Take a Holistic Approach to Wellbeing**

Cognitive, emotional, physical, and social wellbeing are fundamentally interrelated and interconnected.

## **Balance Both a Trauma-Informed AND Strength-Based Perspective**

While many immigrant-origin youth have experienced an array of traumas and stresses, they are resilient and will flourish if provided opportunities to develop a sense of belonging and competency with nurturing supports.

## **Incorporate Culturally Responsive Practices**

Practices are continually informed by and incorporate recognition, inclusiveness, assets, and respect which serve to engage and empower students.

## **Empower Educators**

To: 1-better serve their immigrant students and 2-foster intergroup communication in order to reduce xenophobia and racism.

## **Empower Students**

To: 1-be prepared for a world on the move and 2-to become civic agents.

## **Schools Don't Exist in Isolation**

Collaborate with communities, high-impact educational and cultural institutions, and research is essential to our work and centers on listening, responding, and adapting to needs and context.

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## Re-Imagining Migration Champions immigrant youth

To do that we provide services to develop supportive educators, create and implement inclusive curriculum, and promote unifying narratives of migration.

