

Educational Equity Defined
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The educational policies, practices, and programs necessary to:

- (a) eliminate educational barriers based on gender, race/ethnicity, national origin, color, disability, age, or other protected group status; and
- (b) provide equal educational opportunities and ensure that historically underserved or underrepresented populations meet the same rigorous standards for academic performance expected of all children and youth.

Educational equity knowledge and practices in public schools have evolved over time and require a comprehensive approach.

Equity strategies are planned, systemic and focus on the core of the teaching and learning process (curriculum, instruction and school environment/culture).

Educational equity activities promote the real possibility of equality of educational **results** for each student and between diverse groups of students.