11 Ways to Go Back to School with Anti-Bias Education

Most years when teachers, students and families head back to school, there is a sense of excitement about fresh beginnings and new ideas. The 2020-21 school year, with the pandemic still front and center, will be unlike any other year with uncertainty, fear and a variety of ways that school will take place. Below are 11 ways to bring anti-bias practices into your physical and virtual classroom.

1. Consider how to use anti-bias teaching tools and strategies including What Do Safe, Respectful and Inclusive Virtual Classrooms Look Like?, Race Talk: Engaging in Conversations about Race and Racism, Moving From Safe Classrooms to Brave Classrooms and more.
2. Teach about current events using our recent lesson plans such as *Lonnie Chavis of 'This is Us' Writes about Racism, Masks, Identity and Bias* or *Coronavirus and Racial Disparities*. We have many other timely lessons.

3. Schedule Anti-Bias Workshops and Programs, including anti-bias training for educators and peer training for students.

4. Share with parents and family members one of our Table Talk discussion guides about current events. Recent topics include: *The Purpose and Power of Protest, George Floyd, Law Enforcement and Racism, Draw Me Safe: Coloring and Conversation about a Pandemic*, and more.

5. Visit our Early Childhood Question Corner to explore the roots of bias, how to address bullying among young children and ideas to initiate discussions about differences.

6. Use our Book of the Month discussion guides to explore bias, bullying and social justice through literature. Find other excellent books on Books Matter.

7. Learn about No Place for Hate and register your school for the upcoming school year.

8. Find ways to talk with young people about gun violence, extremism and other acts of hate with Empowering Young People in the Aftermath of Hate.

9. Listen or watch our webinars and podcasts on bullying, educational equity, children's literature and more.

10. Explore Hate Uncycled, a program that helps the whole college community address bias and hate on campus.

11. Learn about ADL's education programs and training including A World of Difference Institute, Bullying/Cyberbullying, Words To Action, Holocaust Education and No Place for Hate®.