

**PARTNERSHIPS,
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AND THE
PURSUIT OF EQUITY: A LOOK
AT SCHOOLS' ACTIONS**

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Who's Here?

- Your name
- The school/district/organization you are associated with
- Your role
- Why did you come to this session?
- How did you get your name?/How did you decide on the names of your child/children?

Our Targets

Reflect on our own experiences and how they impact our relationships in the school setting

Walk away with tools that can help facilitate discussions and learning about culture that promote student achievement

Share effective models that develop partnerships between parents and schools



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Educational Approaches

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Culture

What is it?

Why focus on it?



Culturally Relevant Practices

WHO?

WHY?

WHAT?

- Professional
- Moral
- Ethical
- Legal

ENGLISH LEARNERS 2014-2015

- 57,158
- 2,282

- 43,719 K-5
- 6,376 K-5 SPED (14.6%)

- 7,780 6-8
- 2,680 6-8 SPED (34.5%)

- 5,668 9-12
- 1,553 9-12 SPED (27.4%)

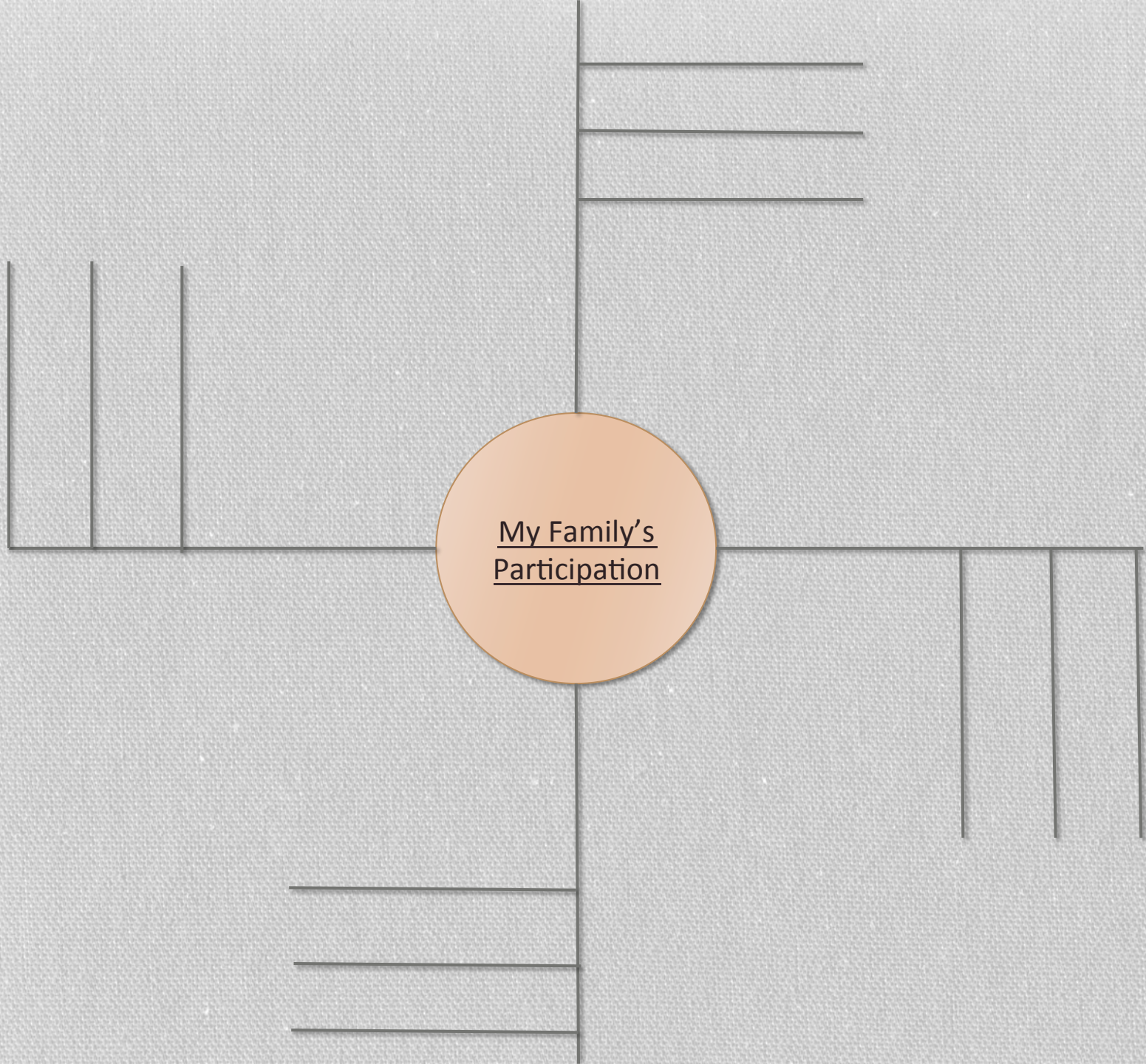
Byrom Elementary Students School Fall 2015

Grade Level	# of Students of Color	English Learners
KINDERGARTEN	16	7
1 st Grade	36	17
2 nd Grade	27	9
3 rd Grade	24	7
4 th Grade	24	2
5 th Grade	26	0
	153/567 (27%)	42/567 (7%)

Parent and Family Engagement

- Participation vs. Involvement
- Instilled through ways other than traditional school-related ones
- Level of participation or involvement in programs and services and there are specific outcomes as a result
- How parents feel about and understand services and relationships

**IT IS *NOT*
ONE SIZE FITS ALL**



Four Assurances from the Teacher

- He will respect and learn from families
- She will keep child's safety and well-being in mind at all times
- She will do everything she can to help the child become a responsible, caring and well-educated person
- He is a skillful educator

History influences us individually and as a whole

“if you really want to make a friend, go to someone’s house and eat with him...the people who give you their food give you their heart.”

-Cesar Chavez



District and School Structures

- Home visitor/home school connection
- Parent Education Center, Family University
 - Evening Classes
 - Child Care
 - Homework Support
- Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
 - Board Members/School Representatives
 - Annual Conference
- Welcome Center
 - Registration
 - Language Assessments

Tigard Tualatin School District's Equity Framework

- Courageous Conversations – Pacific Education Group
- District Equity Leadership Team
- Equity Teams
- Collaborative Action Research for Equity
- Partnerships for Academically Successful Students
- Student Leadership Teams



THANK YOU!!

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