



Civil Discourse Resource List for Educators

General Resources

All resources are free but may require becoming a member or having a login address

General Resources for Teaching Civil Discourse				
RESOURCE	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION	AUDIENCE	SOURCE
Strategies for Teaching Civil Discourse	Website with teaching strategies	Suggestions for teachers on how to create classrooms that foster civil discourse, Teaching Kids to Respectfully Disagree and How to talk about Issues that Matter	Grades 6-12	Facing History and Ourselves (FHAO)
Civil Discourse: Classroom Conversations for Stronger Communities	Book with many ideas for classroom instruction on civil discourse	Builds on values of courage, understanding, belonging, empathy, and mutual respect based on authors' classroom experience	6-12. Especially for social studies, ELA, civics, humanities	Author: Schmidt, J., & Pinkney, N. (2022) Corwin Press
Teaching with Civil Discourse	Online lesson plans with links that align with Common Core State Standards	Online resources for lesson plans, articles, and informational sites. They provide lesson plans for Teaching about Fake News and Teaching About Media Literacy and topical guides (e.g., teaching about historical events, racism, disorders/disabilities, climate, politics, gender, etc.)	Grades 6-12	Educators 4 Social Change

<u>Teaching Students to Disagree Productively</u>	Materials, lessons, videos	<u>How to Set the Stage for Challenging Class Discussions</u> and activities for <u>Civics in the Elementary Classroom</u> .	Grades 6-12 Grades K-5	<u>Edutopia</u>
<u>Teaching Democracy in Polarizing Times</u>	PDFs	Discusses how educators can use case dilemmas with colleagues to better prepare to address political and civic challenges in schools	Adults	<u>ASCD</u>
<u>Curriculum Ideas at Share My Lesson</u>	Online lessons and webinars	Lessons specifically on <u>Civil Discourse in the Classroom</u> . They have collections of lesson plans for social justice and <u>How to Foster Civil Discourse about Contemporary Issues</u> and lesson plans on how to teach about <u>Threats to Democracy</u>	Grades 6-8 Grades 6-12 Grades 4-12	<u>American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and Facing History and Ourselves</u>
<u>Teaching with Civil Discourse</u>	Online lesson plans with links that align with Common Core State Standards	Online resources for lesson plans, articles, and informational sites. They provide lesson plans for <u>Teaching about Fake News</u> and <u>Teaching About Media Literacy</u> and topical guides (e.g, teaching about historical events, racism, disorders/disabilities, climate, politics, gender, etc.)	Grades 6-12	<u>Educators 4 Social Change</u>
<u>SEL from the Start</u>	Book with teaching strategies	Experiential lesson plan ideas for teaching Civil Discourse from the perspective of Social and Emotional Learning.	K-5th grade students	Sara E. Rimm-Kaufman, Norton Professional Books
<u>National Institute Civil Discourse Research Network</u>	Website with links to resources.	Research articles and experts on civil discourse, sample syllabi	College students, adults	<u>National Institute for Civil Discourse Network</u>

Learning for Justice	Website teaching and learning resources	Online articles, guides, lessons, films, webinars, frameworks, professional development	K-Adult	Southern Poverty Law Center
How to Have a Better Argument in School	Website with documents and videos	Framework or better arguments. Curriculum for better arguments	Middle School and High School	The Better Arguments Project

Honest Perspective Taking

RESOURCE	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION	AUDIENCE	SOURCE
Perspective Taking: Teachers Pay Teachers	Workbooks, games, activities, and other interaction teaching methods	A large variety of interactive activities for teaching Perspective Taking and Social and Emotional Learning, broken down by age group.	K-12 broken down by segments.	Teachers Pay Teachers Website
Perspective Taking: The Social Skill You Want to be Teaching Kids	Website with games, videos, video games, lists of books, and additional resources	Several interactive options for teaching Perspective Taking for a younger audience.	PreK-5 (it doesn't state age groups, but based on activities)	Whole Child Counseling Website
15 Perspective Taking Activities for Middle School	Blog with teaching strategies	Blog article with simple and practical teaching methods on Perspective Taking.	Middle school-aged students	Teaching Expertise
How to Teach Perspective Taking to Elementary Students in 2023	Website with activities, suggested books, and games	Clear and simple explanations and rationalizations for teaching Perspective Taking, as well as interactive activities and other suggested materials.	Elementary school-aged students	Clutter Free Classroom

Caring, Compassion, Kindness

RESOURCE	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION	AUDIENCE	SOURCE
Teaching Caring in Schools	Website: Five tangible steps to foster a climate of mutual respect and caring in the classroom	Provides ideas for classroom activities to cultivate caring. Also includes a link to the Making Caring Common educators tool kit: Resources for Educators Making Caring Common — Making Caring Common (harvard.edu) with more ideas and resources for classroom teachers.	K-12	How Teachers Can Make Caring More Common Harvard Graduate School of Education

<u>Creating a Kindness Curriculum</u> <u>U of Wisconsin Center for Healthy Minds.</u>	Link in website to access free curriculum	12-week on-line curriculum, evidence-based practices with lesson plans for two 20-minute sessions/ week.	Pre-K-2	<u>Lessons from Creating a Kindness Curriculum Center for Healthy Minds University of WI.</u>
<u>What a Culture of Caring Looks Like in Early Childhood Classrooms Edutopia</u>	Website	Accessible materials to support teaching caring in early childhood classroom	PreK-2	<u>Edutopia</u>
<u>Strategies for teaching caring</u>	Online Reports	Research on caring and resources for families and educators	K-12	<u>Harvard Making Caring Common Initiative</u>
<u>7 Tips for Raising Caring Kids</u>	Online research based reports	Suggestions for developing care in children and youth	K-12	<u>Harvard Making Caring Common Initiative</u>
<u>Ekman's Taxonomy of Compassion</u>	Research paper and video	Additional behaviors related to compassion	K-12	<u>Greater Good Magazine</u>
<u>Academic Caring of Adolescents.</u>	Web based video	Strategies include: (1) demonstrating value; (2) supporting autonomy; (3) providing structure; and (4) communicating with parents	9-12	<u>The American Psychological Association's Coalition for Psychology in Schools and Education</u>
<u>Three Simple Ways for Kids to Grow Their Self-Compassion</u>	Web based article	Suggested strategies	K-12	<u>The Greater Good Magazine</u>

Humility

RESOURCE	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION	AUDIENCE	SOURCE
<u>Why Is It Important to Stay Humble</u>	Website	Definition of humility and reasons to practice being humble	6-12	<u>https://www.verywellmind.com/why-is-it-important-to-be-humble-5223266</u>
<u>25 Humility Examples (2023)</u>	Website	List of specific examples of ways to show humility	6-12	<u>https://helpful-professor.com/humility-examples/</u>

<u>Top 10 Ways to Teach Your Child Humility</u>	Website	Guidance for parents	K-12	<u>https://parenting.firstcry.com/articles/top-10-ways-to-teach-your-child-humility/</u>
<u>How Educators Can Get Comfortable With Intellectual Humility</u>	Website	Resource for educators to encourage humility	6-12	<u>https://greater-good.berkeley.edu/article/item/how_educators_can_get_comfortable_with_intellectual_humility</u>

Mutual Respect

RESOURCE	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION	AUDIENCE	SOURCE
<u>Promoting Respect in the Classroom</u>	Website	List of specific examples of ways to show and promote mutual respect	College students	<u>U Mass Amherst Office of Equity and Inclusion</u>
<u>Fostering a Respectful and Engaging Classroom Environment</u>	Research report	How to build respect in the classroom	High school	<u>Digital Commons @ IWU</u>
<u>Culture of RESPECT - Montgomery County Public Schools</u>	Website	Creating culture of respect with students and educators	K-12	<u>Montgomery County Public Schools</u>
<u>What Middle Schoolers Can Teach Us About Respect</u>	Research report	Cultivating respect in the classroom	Middle school	<u>Greater Good Magazine</u>
<u>The Development of Respect in Children and Adolescents</u>	Research report and video	Developing respect in children and adolescents	K-12	<u>SRCD Monograph Matters</u>
<u>How do we ensure that students of color feel respected?</u>	Website	Making sure that educators are showing respect to every student, especially students of color	Middle school	<u>Greater Good Magazine</u>

Integrity

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<u>Four Ways to Help Students Develop Integrity</u>	Website	Strategies to support students' development of integrity	K-12	<u>Greater Good Magazine</u>

Self Check-In Journal	Website	Reflective strategy for educators to help them clarify and live by their values	K-12	Greater Good Magazine
Essay for Adult Conversation to Work with Black Youth with integrity	Essay	Essay that offers guidance to educators to not oversimplify use of social and emotional learning practices in their work with African American youth	K-12	Human Development
Lesson Based on the book, Esperanza Rising	Lessons	Lesson that cultivates integrity by raising awareness of human rights	Grades 3-5	The EL Education
Lessons that Cultivate Integrity Across Content Areas	Lessons	Social and emotional learning lessons that cultivate integrity	K-12	www.common-sense.org
Academic Integrity in the Presence of Generative AI	Research report	Challenges and opportunities for exercising and developing integrity in the presence of AI	Higher Education	Innovations in Education and Teaching International
Five Steps Toward Academic Integrity	Website	Recommendations for creating classroom conditions that support academic integrity	K-12	Edutopia