**Cultural Competence**

*Cultural competence is a mindset and accompanying behaviors that reflect a critical consciousness of and regard for the assets, insights, funds of knowledge, experiences, and perspectives of diverse people. Cultural competence involves the ability to engage in effective cross-cultural interactions, in various contexts, for the mutual benefit of all.*

**Cultural Responsiveness**

*Cultural responsiveness is the intentional and consistent implementation of policies and practices that facilitate and ensure equity of access, decision-making, and outcomes for culturally diverse people within an organization or system.*

**Culturally Responsive Instruction**

*Culturally responsive instruction is the art of deliberately, strategically incorporating the assets, interests, strengths and lived experiences of diverse learners into curriculum, instruction and assessment practices. Culturally responsive instruction reflects a pedagogical disposition that transcends the classroom to engage families and the community so that all students meet high standards for learning and achievement.*