

English Language Learners in Schools

Cultural Norms

Life Activities

Areas of influence:

- Education
- Employment
- Family roles
- Gender roles
- Perception of time
- Religion and/or spiritual beliefs
- The value of Western medical treatment, including use of alternative medicines
- Views of disability
- Views of wellness



Child-Rearing Practices

Areas of influence:

- Feeding
- Dressing
- Self-help skills
- Discipline
- Expectations for the future



Communication

Areas of influence:

- Asking and responding to questions
- Comfort with silence
- Directness
- Eye contact
- Greetings
- Interpersonal space
- Interrupting
- Topic of conversation
- Touch
- Turn-taking
- Use of gestures
- Use of humor



Classroom Behavior

Areas of influence:

- Competitive learning style vs. cooperative learning style
- Importance of the success of the collective group vs. a selected individual
- Level of acculturation
- Level, type and style of participation
- Saving face and losing face
- Tangible vs. intangible forms of recognition

