

# CULTURAL DIVERSITY

ESLDO - Unit 3

# WHAT IS CULTURE?



- The values, beliefs, attitudes, languages, symbols, rituals, behaviors and customs unique to a particular group of people and that are down from generation to generation

That uniqueness is influenced by many things:

- Physical characteristics
- Family life
- Socioeconomic status
- Religious beliefs
- Geographical location
- Education
- Occupation
- Life experiences



## 4 Basic Characteristics of Culture

### Culture is learned

- *It is taught to others*
- Children learn patterns by imitating adults and developing attitudes accepted by others

### Culture is shared

- *Common practices and beliefs are shared with others in a cultural group*
- Circumcisions are common practice within the Caucasian culture



Culture is in social nature

*Individuals in the group understand appropriate behavior based on traditions that have been passed down from generation to generation*

Culture is dynamic & constantly changing

*New ideas may generate different standards for behavior*



**What is  
Cultural  
Diversity?**

The phrase '**Cultural Diversity**' means a range of different societies or peoples with different origins, religions and traditions all living and interacting together.

The food we eat, the music we listen to, and the clothes we wear have all been influenced by different cultures coming into one country. Even the language that we speak.



# Valuing our Cultural Diversity

**Diversity** is about learning from **others** who are not the same, about **dignity** and **respect** for all, and about creating environments that **encourage** learning from others



Diversity makes a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what color

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