

Inclusive Curriculum Materials

The Regulations for the Massachusetts Student Rights Law (MGL Ch. 76, Sec. 5) state that “all public school systems shall, through their curricula, encourage respect for the human and civil rights of all individuals regardless of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin or sexual orientation.”

The Safe Schools Program is proud to offer newly-created curricula materials to help schools provide for LGBTQ-inclusive lessons. These resources range from hour-long discussions to multi-day lessons, and will help students value the contributions of LGBTQ people and understand their place in history, literature, and other fields.

Currently, one unit is available from DESE’s [Model Curriculum Unit website](#): “Defending Democracy at Home: Advancing Constitutional Rights,” which is a Language Arts or Social Studies unit for Grades 11-12.

Additionally, the following curriculum materials are available for educators by completing [this request form](#):

- From Shepard to Obergefell and Beyond: LGBTQ Issues in the Present Day
- Is Nick Carraway Gay? A Hidden Gay Voice in the American Classic
- The Experience of LGBTQ People in the Holocaust
- Jazz Poetry of Langston Hughes: A Reflection of African-American and Queer Identity During the Harlem Renaissance
- Leslea Newman: an Influential American Writer and an Authentic Voice of the LGBTQ Experience in Literature
- The Lavender Scare
- Policing ‘Normal’: Gender, Sexuality, and Foucault’s Panopticon
- Queering Willa Cather: Tommy the Unsentimental and Paul’s Case
- The LGBTQ Civil Rights Movement
- Why We Can’t Wait: Martin Luther King, Jr., Bayard Rustin, Sylvia Rivera, and the Voices of Equal Rights, 1963, 1986, 2002