

**City of Little Rock Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission
Youth Diversity Council Advisory Committee
2006-2007**

Curriculum

Purpose of the Organization

A. Purpose of the Advisory Committee and Youth Diversity Councils

1. To promote open, honest dialogue about diversity issues among students, faculty, and administration of high schools in Pulaski County, both public and private.
2. To promote interracial closeness, trust, and positive attitudes toward others of different cultural and /or ethnic backgrounds.
3. To provide opportunities for personal development and leadership skills enhancement.
4. To provide opportunities for making decisions and assuming responsibilities.

B. Purpose of the Advisory Committee

1. To assist area schools in the formation and sustainability of Youth Diversity Councils that network with the City of Little Rock Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission Youth Advisory Committee.
2. The YAC is an arm of the RCDC Education Committee that advises and encourages central Arkansas educators, students, and others to play a leadership role in addressing the issues of diversity and education.

Meeting Dates

Monday, August 14, 2006
Monday, September 11, 2006
Monday, October 9, 2006
Monday, November 13, 2006
Monday, December 11, 2006
Monday, February 12, 2007
Monday, March 12, 2007
Monday, April 9, 2007
Monday, May 14, 2007
June, July, August -TBA

Keepin' It Real Date

December 5, 2007

WorldFest 2007 Date

Friday and Saturday, September 21-22, 2007
Held at McArthur Park

Youth Advisory Committee Meetings and Event Dates

Monday, August 14, 2006

Held in the Testing Room, 500 West Markham Street, City Hall at 5:30pm

- Orientation
 - RCDC Video
- Discussion and Worksheets
 - *WorldFest 2006*
 - *Keepin' It Real*
- Volunteers
 - Dedicated students will volunteer to attend bi-weekly meetings to plan activities for *WorldFest* and *Keepin' it Real*. These dedicated students will be the members of the YDC Planning Committee.
 - Recite the *YDC Pledge*

Monday, August 28, 2006 – YDC Planning Committee

Held in the Testing Room, 500 West Markham Street, City Hall at 5:30pm

- Outline leadership and diversity workshops for *Keepin' it Real*
- Confirm YDC *WorldFest* activity and begin planning
Recite the *YDC Pledge*:

VALUING DIVERSITY AS A COMMUNITY ASSET THE PLEDGE

I GIVE my personal pledge that I will work to actively demonstrate and enhance my understanding of the value of diversity among people.

I PLEDGE that I will publicly support the value of diversity in our school and work toward racial unity in our community.

I PLEDGE that I will not by my actions or my silence indicate a tolerance of any word or deed that degrades or mocks the diversity of any person.

As part of this pledge,

- **I WILL** respond to any follow-up requests for information regarding what I accomplished or had influence in accomplishing to support my pledge for valuing diversity.

Monday, September 11, 2006

Held in the Testing Room, 500 West Markham Street, City Hall at 5:30pm

- Introductory Activity
- Election of President, Vice President, and Secretary
 - Position requirements are in the manual. Additionally, they will be required to meet with the RCDC Education Coordinator, between all YAC meetings.
- Discussion
 - Diversity Council Requirements
- YAC Student Binders
- Reminder of Purpose and Recruitment
- Complete all *WorldFest* planning

- Continue planning for *Keepin' it Real*
- Recite the *YDC Pledge*

Friday, September 15, 2006

- *WorldFest* at MacArthur Park from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Saturday, September 16, 2006

- *WorldFest* at MacArthur Park from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Monday, September 25, 2006 – YDC Planning Committee

Held in the Testing Room, 500 West Markham Street, City Hall at 5:30pm

- Continue planning and organizing diversity and leadership workshops for *Keepin' It Real*

Monday, October 9, 2006

Held in the Testing Room, 500 West Markham Street, City Hall at 5:30pm

- *People Search* Activity
- Continue planning for *Keepin' It Real*

Monday November 13, 2006

Held in the Testing Room, 500 West Markham Street, City Hall at 5:30pm

- *First Letter of Name* Activity
- Discussion
 - *Ground Rules for Activities and Discussion* - Worksheet
- *Value Statements* Exercise
- Complete all planning for *Keeping' It Real*
- Volunteer
 - One school will volunteer to conduct a 45 – 60 minute *Diversity* exercise or activity at the next YAC meeting.

Monday December 6, 2006

- *Keepin' It Real* Conference 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Monday, December 11, 2006

Held in the Testing Room, 500 West Markham Street, City Hall at 5:30pm

- Evaluation of *Keepin' It Real*
- Follow up of *Keepin' It Real*
- Discussion and Worksheets
 - What is your school's Youth Diversity Council accomplishing?
 - What would you like to see different at *Keepin' It Real*?
- Students will conduct their 45 – 60 minute exercise or activity.

Monday, January 8, 2007

Held in the Testing Room, 500 West Markham Street, City Hall at 5:30pm

Monday, February 12, 2007

Held in the Testing Room, 500 West Markham Street, City Hall at 5:30pm

- Discussion
 - Attendance Requirements
- *Cultural Awareness Indicator*
- *Prejudice Continuum* Activity (1-10)
- Volunteer
 - A second school will volunteer to conduct a 45 – 60 minute *leadership* activity or exercise at the next YAC meeting.

Monday, March 12, 2007

Held in the Testing Room, 500 West Markham Street, City Hall at 5:30pm

- *Diversity To-Do-List* Worksheet
- School will conduct their 45 – 60 minute activity or exercise.
- Begin planning for *WorldFest* and *Keepin' It Real*

Monday, April 9, 2007

Held in the Testing Room, 500 West Markham Street, City Hall at 5:30pm

- YDC Radio Public Service Announcement

Monday, May 14, 2007

Held in the Testing Room, 500 West Markham Street, City Hall at 5:30pm

- Discussion and Worksheet
 - How has my Diversity Council benefited my school and me?

June – August, Summer Meeting Dates TBA

“Diversity is our Strength and Unity is our Goal”

