

OVERVIEW OF CRITICAL RACE THEORY & HB 1775

What is Critical Race Theory?

"Critical race theory is a way of thinking about America's history through the lens of racism. Scholars developed it during the 1970's and 1980's in response to what they viewed as a lack of racial progress following the civil rights legislation of the 1096's."- AP News

Turkey Ford Schools does **NOT** teach Critical Race Theory. Rather, the teaching is consistent with the <u>Oklahoma Academic Standards</u>.

The Law:

<u>House Bill 1775</u> prohibits public school and universities from teaching the "one race or sex is inherently superior to another," and that "an individual, by virtue of this or her race or sex, in inherently racist, sexist or oppressive."

Nothing will change for Turkey Ford teachers or students. The district will and has always followed Oklahoma State Academic Standards by providing multiple perspectives to historical events through primary sources. The district's teachers are dedicated to teaching difficult history in a way that helps students understand the past without inserting personal opinions or beliefs. Alternative assignments remain available for parental choice.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the classroom teacher for clarification or Mrs. Holloway, Superintendent. If resolution is not met, utilize our complaint resolution process.

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