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Equity Center: PREL/NWREL Collaborative

BACKGROUND

Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) and the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory (NWREL) partner to enhance equity-related training and technical assistance in the Pacific jurisdictions of American Samoa, the CNMI, Guam, Hawaii, and Republic of Palau.

The Equity Center provides training and technical assistance on issues related to equity in education to ensure that all children, regardless of race, gender, or national origin, have equal access to quality education and the opportunity to develop high academic standards in reading, math, language arts, and other core subject areas.

The Equity Center helps public schools and communities incorporate educational equity into policies, procedures, and classroom practices to ensure that each student receives what he or she needs to succeed academically.

KEY EQUITY ISSUES

Key equity issues addressed by the Center include the following:

- Implementation of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB)
- Disparities in achievement outcomes based on race, sex, or national origin
- Recruitment, training, and retention of highly qualified teachers
- Limited expectations for minority and female students
- Increasing violence and racial and sexual harassment in schools
- Renewed physical segregation among and within school buildings
- Ability grouping or tracking that isolates students based on race, sex, or national origin
- Persistence of stereotyping and bias
- Cultural bias in instructional methods and assessment tools
- Inadequate bilingual English language learner (ELL) programs and services
- Charter schools and magnet schools

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The unique and beautiful Mortlock masks originally served to protect breadfruit trees from damage due to storms or other causes. The Mortlocks are an island group southeast of Chuuk lagoon in Chuuk State, Federated States of Micronesia.