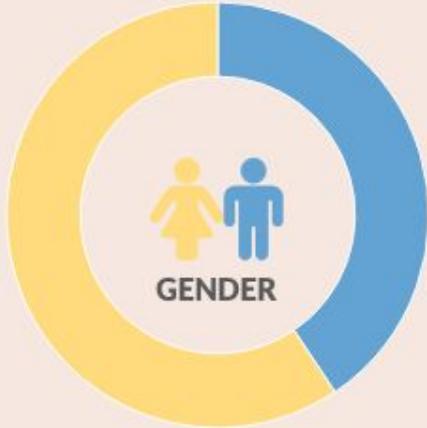




# Social Justice in Schools

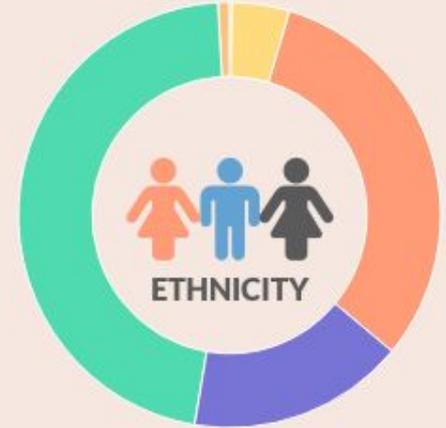
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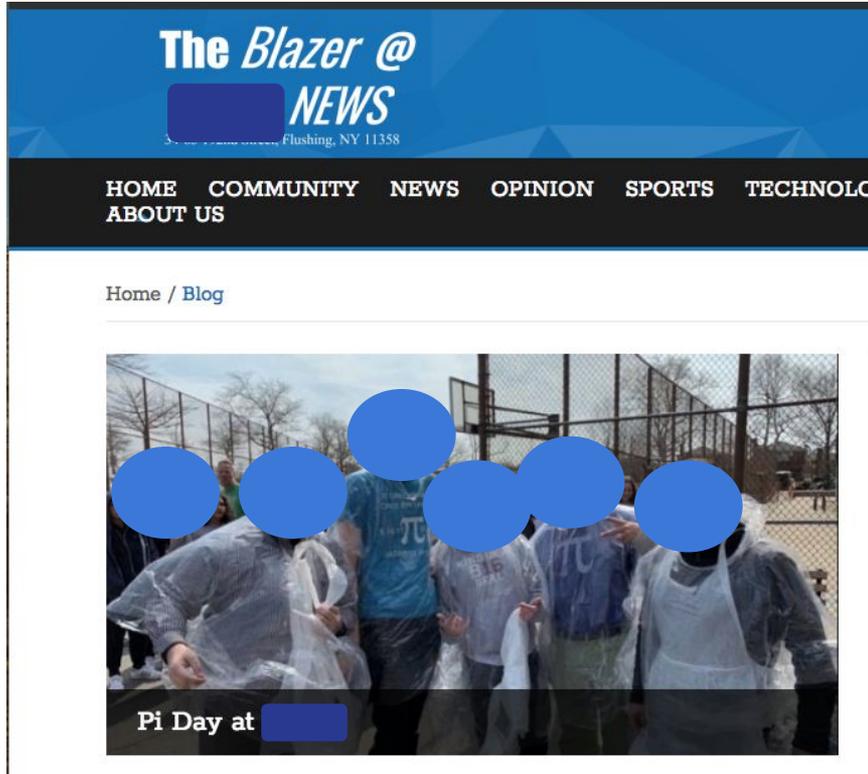
Total Students



My small school is majority female.

Approximately 46% of students are white, 36% are Hispanic or Latino, 16% are Asian or Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander, 4% are Black or African American and 1% are Multicultural.

# Snapshots



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Pi Day at [redacted]

A screenshot of a news article from 'The Blazer @ NEWS' in Flushing, NY. The article is titled 'Pi Day at [redacted]'. The main image shows a group of people at an outdoor basketball court. Several individuals are wearing clear plastic aprons over their clothing. The faces of these individuals are obscured by blue circular redaction marks. The background shows a basketball hoop and a chain-link fence.

My school's specialty is journalism. I felt that the best way to illustrate evidence of Social Justice Standards would be to take screen grabs of our online publication, *The Blazer*. The following media is 100% student created and shows evidence of *identity, justice, diversity* and *action* in my their learning environment.

# Identity

The Identity Social Justice Standard instructs students to value their individuality while accepting and embracing their peers' personal identity. High school is a significant time where students develop their personal identity.

The photo to the left comes from a news story on our school's new *Gender and Sexualities Alliance Club*. The club is an example of my school's work to embrace students' individualities and uniqueness. The club provides a space for students in and out of the LGBTQ+ community to find support and advice on how to navigate the world.



Gender and Sexualities Alliance Club welcomes LGBTQ+ community in the

# Justice

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## Another February

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The Justice Social Justice Standard instructs students to identify and address social and institutional discrimination and injustice. The Justice Standard is in line with the other standards in that students are encouraged to view their peers as individuals and not stereotypes.

This photo comes from a 2016 poem written and published by a junior at my school. The article discusses the frustration behind Black History Month. In *Another February*, the student wrote that people use BHM to justify societal oppression of African Americans the other 11 months of the year. Our school encouraged this student to write about an injustice she experienced.

# Diversity



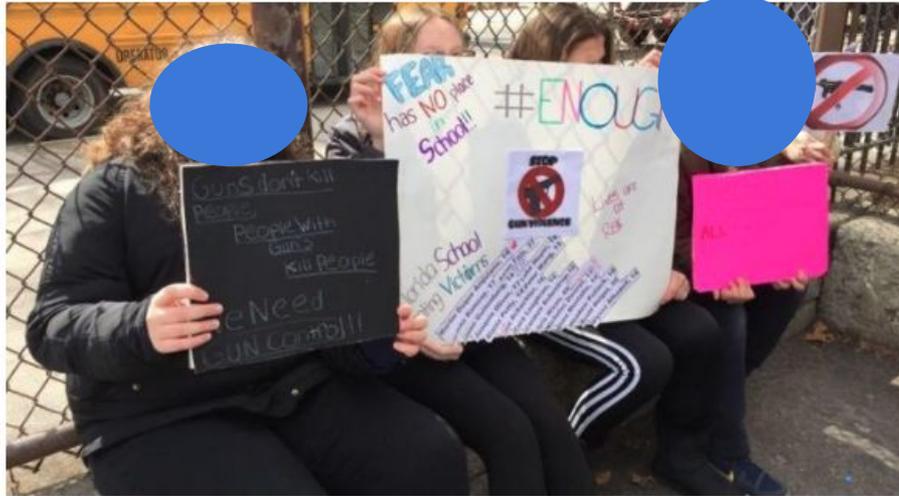
The Diversity Social Justice Standard instructs students to value the differences between their peers. Students are taught to embrace and be comfortable around people from a background different from their own.

This photo shows a table of food from the school's annual *International Feast*. Every Thanksgiving, the school encourages students to bring in homemade dishes that represent their family background and culture. Recent graduates often visit the school during the event to create a sense of community. This community-building event occurs while highlighting and honoring the diverse backgrounds of the students.

held their annual Thanksgiving feast on November 26th, 2014 in the schools auditorium. Students were able to bring in foods from different countries and eating utensils. This is one of WJPS' most important events showing the diversity of our school. Photo taken by [redacted]

# Action

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## Student Walkout on Home Front

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The Action standard encourages students to stand up against injustice. They are instructed to play an active role in defending those vulnerable to persecution and exclusion.

This photo is from a student walk out in 2016. The walk out was done in opposition to gun violence in schools. This photo shows my students standing up for what they believe in and taking action against what they feel is unjust.



# What is the purpose of Social Justice Standards?

Social Justice Standards are important because the environment in which students develop plays a role in how they interact with the world. The standards help ensure that students grow up with empathy, compassion, and understanding towards people and cultures that are different from their own. The standards encourages tolerance and discourages bigotry.

The standards exist so our students enter the world with an open mind to diversity and difference and understand that, although they are young, they can enact change in their community.



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