EQUITABLE DISCOURSE

Productive science talk centered around a phenomenon where all students are actively sharing and clarifying their thoughts to deepen their understanding while fostering a collaborative learning environment where every voice is valued and heard.

Essential Components of Equitable Discourse

CLASSROOM ARRANGEMENT

Changes to the physical arrangement of the classroom is necessary to shift whose voice and ideas are valued and heard in the discussion.



INTERACTION

Helps students develop social skills and motivates them to learn by collaborating with others.

MULTIPLE MODALITIES

Supports students' sensemaking with multiple representations while encouraging participation of all learners to convey their science ideas through forms of action or expression.



COMMUNITY

Establishes an equitable, safe and supportive learning environment encourages students to be open to share their ideas and experiences with others.

PHENOMENA

Phenomena provides the opportunity to wonder, ask questions, and seek explanations about a phenomenon or problem.

Engages students in three-dimensional learning as students work together to communicate their ideas, gather feedback and refine their thinking.



REAL WORLD

Empowers students to learn science true to the field by engaging in argumentation using evidence from their investigations.

CULTURE

Bridges learning between school, community and the students' everyday lives to show students their individuality is valued.



COMMUNICATION

Reveals students' thinking
to the teacher and
classmates while capturing
them in a visual way.
Allowing students to see
ideas from more angles and
links to other concepts and
meanings they already
have.

GROWING IDEAS

Broadens participation within the room where all students share, clarify and develop their ideas.



