



# COUNSELORS'

## Corner

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## INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

Austin ISD's Inclusive Schools Week is an annual event, held in December, that promotes the inclusion of all students in the general education classroom and celebrates the role of special education staff. The event includes a variety of activities, with the 2025 theme being "Children First"

### "VOICES OF INCLUSION" PROJECT

This project invites students and families to celebrate and amplify the diverse voices within their school by creating powerful, creative stories that explore what it means to put Children First and feel a true sense of belonging. Through engaging, student-led storytelling, the project aims to build empathy, promote inclusion, and create opportunities for community-wide sharing.

Parents and students are invited to participate by submitting a short video (30 seconds to 1 minute) or submitting photos/ written testimonials. These submissions will be featured during Inclusive Schools Week on AISD Sped social media. To submit, email your submission and this form to [bree.rolfe@austinisd.org](mailto:bree.rolfe@austinisd.org). You will need to complete a [media release form](#) to be featured.



Choose one or two questions to answer:



- What does "belonging" mean in your family? How does our school reflect that sense of belonging?
- Can you think of a time when your child felt especially welcomed at school? What made that moment special?
- How do you, as a family, support kindness, inclusion, or friendship?
- What is something the school community could do to make all families feel included and valued?