



Social and Racial Justice

The Nevada Association of School Psychologists (NVASP) stands united with all people, including our students, educators, community members, and valued stakeholders, who are affected by racist and violent acts in our country and in our local communities. We denounce the violence against men, women, and children of color, and we oppose all forms of bigotry, racism and violence. As school psychologists, our roles require us to foster the social, emotional, and academic well being of all students and to ensure that students are educated in schools that support equity, access, and respect for all. We know that our vision cannot be fully realized while Black, Indiginous, People of Color (BIPOC) suffer from continued inequity and racial trauma.

Social and Racial justice is both a process and a goal that requires action. School psychologists work to ensure the protection of the educational rights, opportunities, and well-being of all children, especially those whose voices have been muted, identities obscured, or needs ignored. Social justice requires promoting nondiscriminatory practices and the empowerment of families and communities. School psychologists enact social justice through culturally responsive professional practice and advocacy to create schools, communities, and systems that ensure equity and fairness for all children and youth. - (Adopted by the NASP Board of Directors, April 2017).

The Nevada Association of School Psychologists commits to address the issues of race, privilege, prejudice, and power in a meaningful way. To do this we will support values and practices that facilitate safe educational environments and equitable practices for both our students and adults in our communities. The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) has developed or identified these resources to help schools and families engage in constructive dialogue about these issues and the ways that all of us can work together to shift the conversation from hate and violence toward understanding and respect to ultimately bring about positive change and unity to our communities. They continue to add resources to their website. [NASP Social Justice](#)

Members of the NVASP board have endorsed the School Psychology Anti-Racism Statement and Call to Action. We encourage members to join us by signing on as individuals [here](#).