

EPIC/Growing Up Together Project

Grades 4-6



- *Coordinated teacher and school staff program that infuses EPIC activities into the classroom curriculum.*

Results



- *Richer and more meaningful relationships among parents, teachers, and administrators are created.*

The Program

The EPIC Growing Up Together program helps teachers and support staff educate the whole child.

Teacher guides provide continuing activities and support as the child matures. However, beyond the classroom, EPIC recognizes the important role parents play in their children's education.

By infusing the EPIC activities into the regular curriculum, teachers can help students:

- improve their self-esteem,
- build problem-solving and decision-making skills, and
- increase respect for rules, rights, and responsibilities.

Professional Development

Prior to implementation of the program, teachers receive a one-day in-service training course. The maximum number of participants in a training group is 25.

Costs & Funding Options

Costs include \$1,050 for the one-day training course and \$525 for a half day of follow-up training. Additional trainings are available at an additional cost to implement the home program parenting workshops and school support staff training (bus drivers, cafeteria aides, etc.). Possible funding sources for replication include ESEA Title I, Title VI, Title VIII, Youth-At-Risk, Safe and Drug Free Schools, and McKinney funds. Curriculum materials must be purchased from EPIC and include the following (certain manuals are available in English and Spanish):

- Resource Guide (\$40-45) - for grades pre-K-3, 4-6, and 7-12
- Parent's Manual (\$15) - for parents of infants and toddlers, parents of young children, and adolescents
- Facilitator's Manual (\$40) - set includes Facilitators Manual and Parent Manual
- Procedures Manual for Home (\$25)
- Procedures Manual for School Programs (\$60)
- Student evaluations pre- and posttest (approximately \$2 per student).

Discounts are available on orders of 30 or more Teacher Resource Guides.

Learning Standards

Health, Physical Education & Home Economics: 2) acquire the knowledge and ability necessary to create and maintain a safe and healthy environment.

Social Studies: 5) use a variety of intellectual skills to demonstrate their understanding of the necessity for establishing governments; the governmental system of the U.S. and other nations; the U.S. Constitution; the basic civic values of American constitutional democracy; and the roles, rights, and responsibilities of citizenship, including avenues of participation.

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