

TEACHING ABOUT THE ASIAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

*Teaching Equitable Asian American Community History Act
Professional Development Session*



About the TEAACH Act

The **Teaching Equitable Asian American History Act or TEAACH Act (HB 376)**, requires that a unit of Asian American history be taught in K-12 public schools in Illinois. The **TEAACH Act was signed into law in July 2021**, making Illinois the first state in the country to pass a law of its kind. **The mandate will go into effect in the 2022-23 school year.**

Advancing Justice | Chicago and our **TEAACH coalition partners** are providing **resources for educators and school districts** to **support the implementation** of this historic bill.

About the Workshop

To prepare educators to include **Asian American history, stories, and voices** into the curriculum, this **professional development workshop will model a lesson excerpt** to K-12 educators that **centers Asian American themes and teaching resources**. In addition, **attendees will learn about:**

- Why teaching about the **Asian American experience is important**
- **Diversity of the Asian American community** nationally and in Illinois
- **Anti-Asian stereotypes** throughout history and today
- **Asian Americans fighting for racial justice** with other communities of color
- **Asian American Education Resource Database**, a lesson and resource database

Bring Free Workshops to Your Educator Community

Partner with us for professional development that better prepares your educators to **teach about the Asian American experience!**

Contact **Advancing Justice | Chicago** at TEAACH@advancingjustice-chicago.org to schedule a **free workshop** or to **sign up for** our publicly available workshops.

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I didn't learn about the contributions of Asian Americans. [Because of the TEAACH Act] high school students, middle school and elementary school students are going to learn about the contributions of Asian Americans...that makes me so excited and proud and grateful to be in such a welcoming Illinois State.

~ Michelle, Asian American Community Member and Graduate Student