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How Talent Development Fosters Culturally Respectful, High Caliber Learning Environments

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Context, culture, and capital matter.

In this course, presenter April Wells will address how to capitalize on student skill sets using a strength-based approach.

Topics will include:

- Characteristics for students from diverse populations celebrating strengths and growth, including anti-racism and anti-bias education
- What does becoming a talent scout mean? Overview of talent development and talent scouting
- Student assessment through curriculum – strengths-based approach
- Fostering relationships with family as a way to engage families from diverse backgrounds



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