



Traditions



Diagnose Your Culture

Traditions provide a useful tool to diagnose the culture in your classroom or school. Complete the chart below to help you align current traditions with your mission, vision, and commitments.

Tradition	Type of Tradition (circle one)	Purpose or Focus	Connection to mission, vision, commitments, guiding statements	Community Engagement and/or Visibility
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Key Terms

- **Rituals** – regular, consistent, planned activities including meetings
- **Practices** – events or activities that happen a few times a year
- **Celebrations** – events designed to recognize achievement or goal completion
- **Behaviors** – accepted behavioral acts or norms. The do's and don'ts
- **Guiding statements** – mission statements, vision statements, collective commitments, philosophies, etc.

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