Social Literacy: Getting Along in the World

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This report is about social literacy, which is basically how good we are at interacting with others. It's not just about being polite, but understanding how to behave in different situations and with different people.

DEFINITION/SCOPE OF SOCIAL LITERACY

What does it mean to be socially literate?

• Social Literacy, from the perspective of the social- cultural theory is more than the ability to read and write, and more than mastering literacy skills. Children can learn literacy through social interactions between themselves and children and/or adults in or outside school.

• An individual’s ability to successfully and deliberately mediate their world as family members, workers, citizens and lifelong learners.

• it is the knowledge of how to behave and treat other people in a way that is morally upright, just and equitable with the view of promoting positive and productive relations that are free from unfair, prejudices, hate and discrimination.

ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Being socially responsible:

• Morally Upright : thoughts, speech, action and motivation that adhere to a standard of right and wrong.

• Just : refers to speech, actions and behaviors that are in line with a fixed standard of justice.

- Justice : a systems that promotes and rewards good and the same time punishment wrong doing.

• Equitable : are the speech, actions, behaviors and decisions that treat others fairly, regardless of background or circumstances.

THE FUTURE TRENDS

What's next for social literacy?

• Digital world: We're increasingly communicating online, so it's important to learn how to interact effectively in digital spaces, like video calls and social media.

• Being inclusive: We need to make sure everyone feels welcome and respected, regardless of their background. This means using inclusive language and practices.

• Technology and ethics: We need to use technology responsibly, making sure it doesn't spread misinformation or create unfair advantages.

EDUCATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

What can we do?

• Learn at school: Schools should teach social literacy skills so students are prepared for the real world.

• Train teachers: Teachers need to be equipped to teach and model good social skills.

• Keep learning: Social literacy is a lifelong skill. We need to stay up-to-date on changing social norms and technologies.

By developing our social literacy, we can create a more understanding and respectful world for everyone.