

Sense of self & success is defined by one's individual goals or defined by collective wellbeing & belonging

Individualism	Collectivism
Focused on independence and individual achievement	Focuses on interdependence and group success
Emphasizes self-reliance and the belief that one is supposed to take care of themselves to get ahead	Emphasizes reliance on the collective wisdom or resources of the group and the belief that group members take care of each other to get ahead
Learning happens through individual study and reading	Learning happens through group interaction and dialogue
Individual contributions and status are important	Group dynamics and harmony are important
Competitive	Collaborative
Technical/Analytical	Relational

Many *BIPOC* students come from collectivist cultural backgrounds

Research shows that promoting collaboration over competition helps create a culture of thinking because it shows students that everyone can achieve. (Carr & Walton, 2011)

Hammond, Zaretta. Culturally Responsive Teaching & The Brain. Thousand Oaks, CA, Corwin, 2015.