

# Youth Culture

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# Young Adulthood

- Is defined as ages 18-25
- A time when we develop our hopes and dreams
- The target group for K-12 educators because they are the closest to entering the “real world”
- A time of important decision making

# Generation Y and Generation Z

- Baby boomers children, born between 1978 and 2000
- Most technologically advanced generation educators have seen
- Described as the most challenging group to enter the work force because of pride issues
- Generation Z, younger part of generation Y, between 1991 and 2000
- Known as the Google “generation”
- Social networking is an extremely popular form of communication

# Childhood Challenges

- Critical stage in youth culture
- Educational influence
- Social class and poverty
- Abuse
- Obesity

# Childhood Characteristics

- Socialization
- Teacher and parent influence
- Abuse and neglect can cause depression
  - potentially cause high-risk behaviors
- Nutrition affects development

# Adolescence Characteristics

- Adolescent form stronger bonds with friends not parents.
- Difference between at risk and high risk youth behavior.
- Substance abuse can affect all adolescents
- Adolescents that have to deal with blossoming sexuality.
- Adolescents are faced with thoughts of suicide and depression.

# Adolescence Characteristics

- Self-injury is done in private with young adolescents.
- Bullying affects all young adolescents.
- Youth violence is a large problem for young adolescents.
- Gangs are everywhere and anyone can belong to a gang.
- Hip-hop culture: The music that adolescents listen to.
- Cell phones have become a major part of an adolescent's life.