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The objectives of this research were to study awareness of appropriate Thai behavior of students in bilingual schools which examined from students' and teachers' opinions in bilingual schools. Moreover, we also studied the opinion of school directors and teachers about the creation activities for promoting the students to follow appropriate Thai culture behaviors. The information was obtained from 9 bilingual schools under the Jurisdiction of the Basic Education Commission. It was collected by students and teachers with Stratified Random Sampling. The samples consisted of 1161 students, 218 teachers and 9 school directors. The information was collected by interviewing the school directors, using questionnaires for students and also teachers who were involved in English program. The data were analyzed by using frequencies, percentages, content analysis and independent t-test.

The results showed that awareness of appropriate Thai behavior of the majority of students in bilingual schools were moderate except the respect of the nation, religion and king, it was in high level. Moreover, the students' and teachers' opinions were similar. In term of the creation the activity of appropriate Thai behavior for students, all the school directors were agreed with the project which should allow all academic staffs to get involve. The ideas of activities or projects have to support the students to be proud of and love in their own culture. Thus, activities and projects were arranged in their dairy life to get them familiar with and practice in their routine. In particular, the teachers have to demonstrate the right behavior in Thai culture to students. The teachers should integrate the proper Thai culture in the suitable lessons in the subject area to promote Thai culture behaviors. The resulting activities have to be demonstrated in the classrooms.

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