Record Nr. UNINA9910786706803321 Autore Warikoo Natasha Kumar <1973-> Titolo Balancing acts [[electronic resource]]: youth culture in the global city / / Natasha Kumar Warikoo Berkeley, : University of California Press, 2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-283-27736-0 9786613277367 0-520-94779-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (244 p.) 305.235086/91209421 Disciplina Soggetti Youth - Social life and customs Children of immigrants High school students - Social life and customs Assimilation (Sociology) Academic achievement Group identity Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Understanding cultural incorporation -- Music and style: Americanization or globalization? -- Racial authenticity, "acting black," and cultural consumption -- Two types of racial discrimination: adult exclusion and peer bullying -- Positive attitudes and (some) negative behaviors -- Balancing acts: peer status and academic orientations --Ethnic and racial boundaries -- Explaining youth cultures, improving academic achievement. Sommario/riassunto In this timely examination of children of immigrants in New York and London, Natasha Kumar Warikoo asks, Is there a link between rap/hiphop-influenced youth culture and motivation to succeed in school? Warikoo challenges teachers, administrators, and parents to look beneath the outward manifestations of youth culture -- the clothing, music, and tough talk -- to better understand the internal struggle faced by many minority students as they try to fit in with peers while

working to lay the groundwork for successful lives. Using ethnographic, survey, and interview data in two racially diverse, low-achieving high

schools, Warikoo analyzes seemingly oppositional styles, tastes in music, and school behaviors and finds that most teens try to find a balance between success with peers and success in school.