

WORLD LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

In order to prepare students for global citizenship and to broaden their intercultural understanding and career opportunities, the Governing Board shall provide students with opportunities to develop communicative and cultural proficiency and literacy in one or more world languages.

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend a variety of world languages to be taught in the district's educational program based on student interest, community needs, and available resources.

For any program designed to provide students with instruction in a language other than English to a degree sufficient to produce proficiency in that language, the Superintendent or designee shall establish a process for schools to receive and respond to input from parents/guardians and other stakeholders regarding the non-English language in which instruction will be provided. (5 CCR 11300, 11312)

If American Sign Language courses are offered, they shall be open to all students regardless of hearing status.

The district shall offer a sequential curriculum aligned with the state content standards, state curriculum framework, and, as applicable, California university admission requirements for languages other than English.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

Instruction in world languages shall be offered to secondary school students beginning no later than grade 7 and shall be designed to develop students' skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing the language. (Education Code 51220)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

The district may establish a dual-language immersion program that provides integrated language learning and academic instruction for native speakers of English and native speakers of another language, with the goals of high academic achievement, first and second language proficiency, and cross-cultural understanding. (Education Code 305-306)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

The Board shall ensure that students have access to high-quality instructional materials in world languages. In accordance with Board policy, teachers shall be encouraged to identify and use supplemental resources, such as literature, technology, newspapers and other media, dictionaries, and volunteers from the community to enhance the world language instructional program.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

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(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

(cf. 6163.1- Library Media Centers)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as necessary to ensure that teachers of world languages have the knowledge and skills they need to implement an effective instructional program that helps students attain academic standards, including communicative and cultural proficiency and understanding.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Students shall obtain credit toward high school graduation requirements for successful completion of one year of a world language or American Sign Language course during grades the 8-12.

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

The district shall determine appropriate measures to assess student proficiency in world languages offered by district schools. Students who have attained a high level of proficiency may receive recognition for their achievement, including the State Seal of Biliteracy for students graduating from high school.

(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide periodic reports to the Board regarding the effectiveness of the district's world language program which may include, but not be limited to, whether the district's world language program is serving the grade levels required by law, a description of the district's curriculum and the extent to which it is aligned with the state's content standards and curriculum framework, student achievement of district standards for world language instruction, and student participation rates in each language course. Program evaluation shall be used to identify needed improvements and may be considered in determining the world languages to be taught in the district.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

300-310 Education for English learners

42238.02 Local control funding formula; class size requirements

44253.1-44253.11 Qualifications of teachers of English learners

44256-44257 Credential requirements, including teachers of world language

48980 Parental notifications

51212 Legislative intent to encourage world language instruction in grades 1-6

51220 Courses of study, grades 7-12

51225.3 High school graduation requirements

51243-51245 Alternative credits toward graduation for world language instruction in private school

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60119 Public hearings, instructional materials
60605.3 Content standards for world language instruction
60605.5 Revision of state standards for world language instruction
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
1632 Alternative credits toward graduation for foreign language instruction in private school
11300-11316 Multilingual and English learner education

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Proposition 58 Regulations, Fact Sheet, August 2018
English Learners in Focus: The English Learner Roadmap: Providing Direction for English Learner Success, Governance Brief, February 2018
English Learners in Focus, Issue 2: The Promise of Two-Way Immersion Programs, Governance Brief, September 2014

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Multilingual FAQ
World Languages Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve
California Spanish Assessment Fact Sheet, March 2019
World Languages Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, January 2019
California English Learner Roadmap: Strengthening Comprehensive Educational Policies, Programs and Practices for English Learners, 2017

CENTER FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS PUBLICATIONS

Guiding Principles for Dual Language Education, Second Edition, 2007

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS

CL-622 Serving English Learners

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

21st Century Skills Map: World Languages, January 2011

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PUBLICATIONS

A-G Policy Resource Guide

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages: <http://www.actfl.org>
California Association for Bilingual Education: <http://www.gocabe.org>
California Department of Education, World Languages: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/fl>
California Language Teachers' Association: <http://www.clta.net>
California World Language Project: <http://www.stanford.edu/group/CFLP>
Center for Applied Linguistics: <http://www.cal.org>
National Education Association, Partnership for 21st Century Skills: <http://www.nea.org/home/34888.htm>
University of California, A-G Policy Resource Guide: <http://www.ucop.edu/agguide>