

Resolution No. 20/21-22
Modesto Virtual Academy Eighth Grade U.S. Constitution Test Waiver, 2021
Modesto City Schools

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic created the need for parents to choose a long-term distance learning program for students K-12.

WHEREAS, Modesto Virtual Academy was restructured and expanded to all grade levels K-12.

WHEREAS, in the restructure of MVA, multiple teachers were selected to oversee students' independent learning, using Florida Virtual Academy curriculum.

WHEREAS, according to the State of California, teachers with either a multiple subject or single subject credential can supervise any grade level in the program.

WHEREAS, the teachers supervising 8th grade students were not aware of the current Board Policies (BP 5128 ad BP 6146.5) outlining the requirement to take and pass the 8th grade U.S. Constitution Test to promote from 8th grade to 9th grade.

WHEREAS, not all teachers shared the requirements to take and pass the 8th grade U.S. Constitution Test with students and parents at the beginning of the year.

WHEREAS, timely notification was not given to 8th grade students and parents regarding the mandated 8th grade examination.

WHEREAS, the Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development department has convened a California State Seal of Civic Engagement committee, for the purpose of providing recommendations to the Board of Education on an aligned Civic learning and engagement program for all grade levels, that will be considered at a Board meeting in the Spring of 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Modesto City Schools Board of Education recognizes the need that current 2020-2021 MVA 8th grade students will not be required to take and pass the 8th grade U.S. Constitution test to promote from 8th grade.

Adopted this 9th day of February, 2021.

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