

**HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTRUCTION**

Note: The following **optional** policy may be revised to reflect district practice. Education Code 51210 and 51220 require that social studies be included in the course of study offered in grades 1-12, including age-appropriate instruction drawing upon the disciplines of anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology. For specific topics that must be included in the history-social science curriculum, see BP 6143 - Courses of Study.

In addition, Education Code 51225.3 requires completion of three courses of social studies **for to meet** high school graduation **requirements**; see BP 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements.

The Governing Board believes that the study of history and other social sciences is essential to prepare students to engage in responsible citizenship, comprehend complex global interrelationships, and understand the vital connections among the past, present, and future. The district's history-social science education program **shall be designed to develop students' knowledge of historical events within a chronological and geographic context and** shall include, at appropriate grade levels, instruction in American and world history, geography, economics, political science, anthropology, psychology, and sociology.

(cf. 6115 - Ceremonies and Observances)  
(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)  
(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)  
(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)  
(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)  
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)  
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

Note: The State Board of Education (SBE) has adopted **History-Social Science Content Standards for California Public Schools** **state content standards for history-social science** which covers grades K-12, with the exception of grade 9 which, in current California practice, is traditionally the year in which students choose a history-social science elective. In addition to core content knowledge, the standards describe intellectual, reasoning, reflection, and research skills that should be learned through the content standards for grade ranges K-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

The Board shall adopt academic standards for history-social science which meet or exceed state content standards and describe the knowledge and skills **that** students **shall be** **are** expected to **achieve-possess** at each grade level.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

Note: The **History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools**, adopted by the SBE on July 14, 2016, reflects the state content standards as well as the **California Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects** and the **California English Language Development Standards**. The updated framework includes greater emphasis on literacy skills (i.e., reading, writing, speaking, listening, and other language skills) required for college and career readiness.

## HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTRUCTION (continued)

Pursuant to Education Code 33540, 51008, 51226.3, and 51284, the SBE added specified topics to the updated curriculum framework, including, but not limited to, financial literacy, voter education, genocide, and the contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans and the disabled. Education Code 51226.7, as added by AB 2016 (Ch. 327, Statutes of 2016), requires the SBE to adopt a model curriculum in ethnic studies by March 31, 2020 and encourages districts to offer an elective course in ethnic studies based on that model curriculum, when available, in at least one grade level during grades 9-12.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and submit to the Board for approval a comprehensive, sequential curriculum aligned with the district standards and consistent with the state's curriculum framework for history-social science. The curriculum shall be designed to develop students' core knowledge in history and social science and their skills in chronological and spatial thinking, research, and historical interpretation. History-social science instruction shall also include an explicit focus on developing students' literacy in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and other language skills.

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

Note: The SBE's History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, updated in 2005, reflects the state content standards and is organized into three broad categories of curricular goals, each with several "basic learnings" or curriculum strands, as provided in items #1-3 below.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a comprehensive, sequential curriculum that is aligned with the district standards and is consistent with the state's curriculum framework. At each grade level, the curriculum shall integrate age-appropriate instruction designed to develop student achievement in the following areas:

1. Knowledge and cultural understanding, including historical, ethical, cultural, geographic, economic, and sociopolitical literacy
2. Democratic understanding and civic values, including an understanding of national identity; constitutional heritage; and an individual's civic values, rights, and responsibilities
3. Skills attainment and social participation, including basic study skills, critical thinking skills, and participation skills that are essential for effective citizenship

The district's history-social science curriculum shall include a multicultural education component which is designed to teach students to respect and appreciate cultural diversity and different points of view while also developing their understanding of commonalities and collective experiences. The curriculum shall reflect the experiences of men and women and of various cultural, ethnic, racial, religious, and social groups and their contributions to the history, life, and culture of the local community, California, the United States, and other nations.

## HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTRUCTION (continued)

Note: Instructional materials that will be used by the district must be adopted by the Governing Board in accordance with Education Code 60200-60206 for grades K-8 and Education Code 60400-60411 for grades 9-12.

Education Code 60119 requires the Board to hold a public hearing on the sufficiency of standards-aligned instructional materials in certain subjects, including history-social science; see BP 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials.

The state content standards for history-social science encourage schools to use supplementary materials as provided in the following paragraph.

The Board shall adopt standards-aligned instructional materials for history-social science in accordance with applicable law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. In addition, teachers are encouraged to supplement the curriculum ~~through the use of~~ **by using** biographies, original documents, diaries, letters, legends, speeches, other narrative artifacts, and literature from and about the period being studied.

*(cf. 0400 - District Technology Plan)*

*(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)*

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

*(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)*

*(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)*

*(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)*

**Note: The following paragraph is optional. Education Code 51221.3, 51221.4, and 51226.3 encourage the use of personal testimony (i.e., oral histories, videos, or other multimedia formats) during instruction on certain topics, including World War II, the Vietnam War, the Korean War, the Bracero program, human rights, the Holocaust, genocide, and violence awareness and prevention. Oral history related to World War II and the Vietnam War is required to meet certain standards specified below. Pursuant to Education Code 51221.3 and 51226.3, oral history presented on other topics is encouraged, but not required, to meet similar standards.**

**Personal testimony from persons who can provide first-hand accounts of significant historical events is encouraged and may be provided through oral histories, videos, or other multimedia formats. If oral history is used for instruction related to the role of Americans in World War II or the Vietnam War, such testimony shall exemplify the personal sacrifice and courage of the wide range of ordinary citizens who were called upon to participate in the war, provide views and comments concerning reasons for participating in the war, and provide commentary on the aftermath of the war in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. (Education Code 51221.3, 51221.4)**

Note: Education Code 99200-99206 establish the California History-Social Science Project, a statewide professional development project designed to develop and enhance teachers' knowledge and instructional strategies to improve student achievement in history-social science. Professional development resources also may be located through state and national professional associations, such as the California Council for the Social Studies or the National Council for History Education.

## HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTRUCTION (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide a standards-based professional development program designed to increase teachers' knowledge of adopted instructional materials and instructional strategies for teaching history-social science.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

Note: The following **optional** paragraph should be revised to reflect indicators that will be used to evaluate program effectiveness as agreed upon by the Board and Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate and report to the Board regarding the implementation and effectiveness of the history-social science curriculum at each grade level, including, but not limited to, the extent to which the program is aligned with state standards, any applicable student assessment results, and feedback from students, parents/guardians, and staff regarding the program.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

*(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

## HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTRUCTION (continued)

### Legal Reference:

#### EDUCATION CODE

33540 History-social science curriculum framework

**51008-51009 Instruction on farm labor movement**

51204 Course of study designed for student's needs

51204.5 History of California; contributions of men, women, and ethnic groups

51210 Course of study, grades 1-6

51220 Course of study, grades 7-12

51220.2 Instruction in legal system; teen or peer court programs

51221 Social science course of study, inclusion of instruction in use of natural resources

51221.3-51221.4 Instruction on World War II and Vietnam War; use of oral histories

51225.3 High school graduation requirements

**51226.3 Instruction on civil rights, genocide, slavery, Holocaust, and deportation to Mexico**

**51226.7 Ethnic studies**

60040-60051 Criteria for instructional materials

60119 Public hearing on the sufficiency of instructional materials

60200-60206 Instructional materials, grades K-8

60400-60411 Instructional materials, grades 9-12

60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

99200-99206 Subject matter projects

### Management Resources:

#### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

*History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, rev. 2005 2016*

***Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History-Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects, 2013***

***California English Language Development Standards, 2012***

*Model Curriculum for Human Rights and Genocide, 2000*

*History-Social Science Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, October 1998*

#### **NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES PUBLICATIONS**

***College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies State Standards: Guidance for Enhancing the Rigor of K-12 Civics, Economics, Geography, and History, 2013***

#### WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

**California Council for History Education: <http://www.csus.edu/al/cche>**

California Council for the Humanities: <http://www.calhum.org>

California Council for the Social Studies: <http://www.ccss.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California History-Social Science Course Models: <http://www.history.ctaponline.org>

California Subject Matter Project: <http://csmp.ucop.edu/chssp>

National Association for Multicultural Education: <http://www.nameorg.org>

National Council for History Education: <http://www.nche.net>

**National Council for the Social Studies: <http://www.socialstudies.org>**