

Palos Verdes Peninsula USD

Board Policy

World/Foreign Language Instruction

BP 6142.2

Instruction

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

(cf. 6141.6 - Multicultural Education)

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend world languages to be taught in the district's educational program based on student interest, community needs, and available resources. He/she shall also consider providing English learners the opportunity to study their heritage language, when such a course is available, in order to continue developing skills in that language. American Sign Language courses shall be open to all students regardless of hearing status.

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

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 may be offered to secondary school students beginning no later than grade 6 and shall be designed to develop students' skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing the language. (Education Code 51220)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

Students shall obtain credit toward high school graduation requirements for completion of a one-year course during grades 9-12 in a world language or American Sign Language.

(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

Credit for Correspondence Courses

1. Authority is granted the high school principal to approve courses for high school credit taken by distance learning study from approved ~~collegiate~~ institutions in cases where such approval is felt to be in the best educational interests of the student involved. Courses taken in lieu of required courses for graduation must be UC/CSU approved courses.

2. Approved institutions are defined as ~~those colleges and universities~~ accredited schools offering high school courses for credit through their extension divisions.

3. Approval of the quantity and quality of the programs of studies to be taken through correspondence course work is to be obtained in advance by the student's parents/guardians in conference with the principals.

4. The cost for such instruction is to be borne by the student and/or his/her parents/guardians.

In order to encourage higher levels of language proficiency throughout a student's education, the district may offer age-appropriate language programs in elementary schools. Beginning in the primary grades, the district may deliver language studies through a two-way immersion program in which instruction is delivered in both English and another language to both English-only students and 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 also 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)

(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.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

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, 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 languages to be taught in the district.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

300-311 Education for English learners

44256-44257 Credential requirements, including teachers of foreign language

51212 Legislative intent to encourage foreign 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 foreign language instruction in private school

60117-60119 Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Program Act

60605.3 Content standards for foreign language instruction

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1632 Alternative credits toward graduation for foreign language instruction in private school

11309 English immersion programs, parental exception waivers

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

World Language Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, adopted January 7, 2009

Foreign Language Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2003

CENTER FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS PUBLICATIONS

Guiding Principles for Dual Language Education, Second Edition, 2007

COLLEGE BOARD PUBLICATIONS

A Challenge to Change: The Language Learning Continuum, 1999

WEB SITES

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

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages: <http://www.actfl.org>

California Association of Bilingual Education: <http://www.bilingualeducation.org>

California Department of Education, Foreign Language: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/fl>

California Foreign Language Project: <http://www.stanford.edu/group/CFLP>

California Language Teachers' Association: <http://www.clta.net>

Center for Applied Linguistics: <http://www.cal.org>

College Board: <http://www.collegeboard.co>

University of California, a-g Course Approval: <http://www.ucop.edu/a-gGuide/ag>

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