

INSTRUCTION

History-Social Science Instruction

The Superintendent 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. EDCOE's history-social science education program shall include, at appropriate grade levels, instruction in American and world history, geography, economics, political science, anthropology, psychology, and sociology.

The El Dorado County Board of Education (Board) shall adopt academic standards for history-social science which meet or exceed state content standards and describe the knowledge and skills students are expected to possess at each grade level.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and submit to the Board for approval a comprehensive, sequential curriculum aligned with the EDCOE 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.

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.

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.

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.

Legal References on following page.

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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