

LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTRUCTION

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Instruction

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 include, at appropriate grade levels, instruction in American and world history, geography, economics, political science, anthropology, psychology, and sociology.

The 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 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.

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 by using biographies, original documents, diaries, letters, legends, speeches, other narrative artifacts, and literature from and about the period being studied.

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.

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

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