

# Santa Barbara Unified School District

## Board Policy

BP 6142.94

### Instruction

#### HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE 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 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. 6143 - Courses of Study)*  
*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*

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 expected to achieve at each grade level.

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*

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

*(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)*  
*(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)*  
*(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)*

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.

*(cf. 6115 - Ceremonies and Observances)*  
*(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)*

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 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 - Equipment, Books and 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)

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)

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, test results from the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program at applicable grade levels, and feedback from students, parents/guardians, and staff regarding the program.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)  
(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

33540	History-social science curriculum framework
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
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
60420-60424	Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program
60640-60649	Standardized Testing and Reporting Program
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  
Model Curriculum for Human Rights and Genocide, 2000  
History-Social Science Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, October 1998

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>  
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://csmf.ucop.edu>  
National Association for Multicultural Education: <http://www.nameorg.org>  
National Council for History Education: <http://www.nche.net>

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