

MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION

The Board of Trustees desires to offer a rigorous mathematics program that progressively develops the knowledge and skills students will need to succeed in college and career. The district's mathematics program shall be designed to teach mathematical concepts in the context of real-world situations and to help students gain a strong conceptual understanding, a high degree of procedural skill and fluency, and ability to apply mathematics to solve problems.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

For each grade level, the Board shall adopt academic standards for mathematics that meet or exceed the Common Core State Standards. The Superintendent or designee shall develop or select curricula that are aligned with these standards and the state curriculum framework.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

The district's mathematics program shall address the following standards for mathematical practices which are the basis for mathematics instruction and learning:

1. Overarching habits of mind of a productive mathematical thinker: Making sense of problems and persevering in solving them; attending to precision
2. Reasoning and explaining: Reasoning abstractly and quantitatively; constructing viable arguments and critiquing the reasoning of others
3. Modeling and using tools: Modeling with mathematics; using appropriate tools strategically
4. Seeing structure and generalizing: Looking for and making use of structure; looking for and expressing regularity in repeated reasoning

In addition, the program shall be aligned with grade-level standards for mathematics content.

For grades K-8, content shall address, at appropriate grade levels, counting and cardinality, operations and algebraic thinking, number and operations in base ten, fractions, measurement and data, geometry, ratios and proportional relationships, functions, expression and equations, the number system, and statistics and probability. Students shall learn the concepts and skills that prepare them for the rigor of higher mathematics.

For higher mathematics, the district shall offer a pathway of courses through which students shall be taught concepts that address number and quantity, algebra, functions, modeling, geometry, and statistics and probability.

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The Superintendent or designee shall develop protocols to ensure that students are appropriately placed in mathematics courses and are not unnecessarily required to repeat a course that they have successfully completed in an earlier grade level.

(cf. 6152.1 - Placement in Mathematics Courses)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students are appropriately placed in mathematics courses and are not required to repeat a course that they have successfully completed in an earlier grade level. Placement decisions shall be based on consistent protocols and multiple objective academic measures.

(cf. 6152.1 - Placement in Mathematics Courses)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that certificated staff have opportunities to participate in professional development activities designed to increase their knowledge and skills in effective mathematics teaching practices.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students have access to sufficient instructional materials, including manipulatives and technology, to support a balanced, standards-aligned mathematics program.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(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 the Board with data from state and district mathematics assessments and program evaluations to enable the Board to monitor program effectiveness.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51210 Areas of study, grades 1-6

51220 Areas of study, grades 7-12

51224.5 Algebra in course of study for grades 7-12

51224.7 California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015

51225.3 High school graduation requirements

51284 Financial literacy

60605 State-adopted content and performance standards in core curricular areas

60605.8 Common Core standards

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Governing to the Core, Governance Briefs

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Mathematics Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2013

California Common Core State Standards: Mathematics, rev. January 2013

COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE PUBLICATIONS

Appendix A: Designing High School Mathematics Courses Based on the Common Core State Standards

WEB SITES

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

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

Common Core State Standards Initiative: <http://www.corestandards.org/math>

SCIENCE INSTRUCTION

The Board of Trustees believes that science education should focus on giving students an understanding of the biological and physical aspects of science, key scientific concepts, and methods of scientific inquiry and investigation. Students should become familiar with the natural world and the interrelationship of science, mathematics, technology, and engineering. As part of science instruction, students should learn how to apply scientific knowledge and reasoning.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 5145.8 - Refusal to Harm or Destroy Animals)
(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

Philosophical and religious theories that are based, at least in part, on faith and are not subject to scientific test and refutation shall not be discussed during science instruction.

(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)

The district's academic standards for science instruction shall meet or exceed the California Next Generation Science Standards (CA-NGSS). The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that curricula used in district schools are aligned with these standards and the state curriculum framework.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students have access to and are enrolled in a broad course of study including science courses.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide certificated staff with opportunities to participate in professional development activities designed to enhance their knowledge of district-adopted academic standards, instructional strategies for teaching science, and changes in scientific theories.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement appropriate safety measures for science laboratory classes, including, but not limited to, staff and student safety training, use of eye safety devices, hearing protection, first aid procedures, regular equipment maintenance, safe use of heat sources, safe use and disposal of hazardous chemicals, proper ventilation, prevention of exposure to bloodborne pathogens from sharp instruments, fire

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prevention and control, an emergency response plan, and evacuation procedures. Parents/guardians shall be informed of the types of science laboratory activities that will be conducted and encouraged to sign consent forms for their child's participation.

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

(cf. 4157/4257/4357- Employee Safety)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the implementation and effectiveness of the science curriculum at each grade level. At a minimum, each report shall address the extent to which the program is aligned with the CA-NGSS, 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:

EDUCATION CODE

8774 Residential outdoor science program

32030-32034 Eye safety

32255-32255.6 Student's right to refrain from harmful or destructive use of animals

33475-33475.5 Model curriculum on stem cell science

49340-49341 Hazardous substances education

51210 Areas of study, grades 1 through 6

51210.3 Elementary science coach

51220 Areas of study, grades 7 through 12

51225.3 High school graduation

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

CODE OF REGULATION, TITLE 5

14030 Science laboratories, design specifications

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

5191 Occupational exposure to hazardous chemicals in laboratories; chemical hygiene plan

Management Resources: (see next page)

SCIENCE INSTRUCTION (continued)

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Supporting Implementation of the California Next Generation Science Standards (CA-NGSS),
Governance Brief, November 2016

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Science Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2016

Next Generation Science Standards Systems Implementation Plan for California, 2014

California Next Generation Science Standards, 2013

Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2012

WEB SITES

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

California Alliance for Next Generation Science Standards: <http://cdefoundation.org/stem/ca4ngss>

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

California Science Teachers Association: <http://www.cascience.org>

U.S. Department of Education, STEM Education: <http://www.ed.gov/stem>

HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTRUCTION

The Board of Trustees 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.

(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)

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.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

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)

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.

(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)

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)

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, 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 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>

COURSES OF STUDY

The Board of Trustees recognizes that a well-aligned sequence of courses fosters academic progress and provides for the best possible use of instructional time. The district's course of study shall provide students with opportunities to attain the skills, knowledge, and abilities they need to be successful in school, college, and the workplace.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall establish processes for ensuring the articulation of courses across grade levels within the district. As necessary, he/she also shall work with representatives of appropriate area districts and postsecondary institutions to ensure articulation of courses with other institutions to which district students may matriculate. The sequence of courses shall be designed to ensure that each course provides adequate preparation for the next course in the sequence, avoids significant duplication of content, and allows for reinforcement and progression in the subject matter.

Elementary Grades

The Board shall adopt a course of study for elementary grades that sufficiently prepares students for the secondary course of study.

(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33319.3 *Driver education; CDE materials on road rage*

33540 *Government and civics instruction in interaction with government agencies*

48980 *Parental notifications*

51202 *Instruction in personal and public health and safety*

51203 *Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and restricted dangerous drugs*

51204 *Course of study designed for student's needs*

51204.5 *Social science instruction; history of California; contributions of various groups*

51210-51212 *Course of study for grades 1-6*

51220-51229 *Course of study for grades 7-12*

51241 *Exemption from physical education*

51911-51921 *Comprehensive health education*

51930-51939 *Comprehensive sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention instruction*

51940 *Curriculum for brain and spinal cord injury prevention*

60040-60052 *Requirements for instructional materials*

66204 *Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

11032 *Definition of dangerous drugs*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

10020-10049 *Automobile driver education and training*

10060 *Physical education program*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6101-6251 *School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

California Career Resource Network: <http://www.californiacareers.info>

California Colleges.edu: <http://www.californiacolleges.edu>

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

California State University, Admission Requirements: http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/high_school

University of California, a-g Course Submissions: http://www.ucop.edu/a-gGuide/ag/course_submissions

University of California, List of Approved a-g

Courses: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/requirements>

COURSES OF STUDY

Grades 1-6

Courses of study for grades 1-6 shall include the following:

(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements)

1. English: knowledge and appreciation of language and literature, and the skills of speaking, reading, listening, spelling, handwriting, and composition (Education Code 51210)

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

2. Mathematics: concepts, operational skills, and problem solving (Education Code 51210)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

3. Social sciences: age-appropriate instruction drawing upon the disciplines of anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology, including instruction in: (Education Code 51210)

- a. The history, resources, development, and government of California and the United States

Instruction shall include the early history of California and a study of the role and contributions of men and women, Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic and cultural groups to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of these groups in contemporary society. (Education Code 51204.5, 60040)

(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)

- b. The development of the American economic system, including the role of the entrepreneur and labor
- c. The relations of persons to their human and natural environments
- d. Eastern and western cultures and civilizations
- e. Contemporary issues

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)

- f. The wise use of natural resources
(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)
- 4. Science: biological and physical aspects, with emphasis on experimental inquiry and the place of humans in ecological systems (Education Code 51210)
(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)
- 5. Visual and performing arts: instruction in dance, music, theatre, and visual arts aimed at developing aesthetic appreciation and creative expression (Education Code 51210)
(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)
- 6. Health: principles and practices of individual, family, and community health, including instruction at the appropriate grade levels and subject areas in: (Education Code 51202, 51210)
 - a. Personal and public safety and accident prevention, including instruction in emergency first aid, hemorrhage control, treatment for poisoning, resuscitation techniques, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation when appropriate equipment is available
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)
 - b. Fire prevention
 - c. The protection and conservation of resources, including the necessity for the protection of the environment
 - d. Venereal disease
(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)
 - e. The effects of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, and tobacco upon the human body
(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
- 7. Physical education, with emphasis on physical activities conducive to health and vigor of body and mind (Education Code 51210)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)

8. Career awareness exploration

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

Grades 7-8

Courses of study for grades 7-8 shall include the following:

(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements)

1. English: knowledge and appreciation of literature, language, and composition, and the skills of reading, listening, and speaking (Education Code 51220)

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

2. Social sciences: age-appropriate instruction drawing upon the disciplines of anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology, with instruction in: (Education Code 51220)

- a. The history, resources, development, and government of California and the United States, including instruction in:

- (1) The early history of California and a study of the role and contributions of both men and women, Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic and cultural groups to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of these groups in contemporary society (Education Code 51204.5)
- (2) World War II, including the role of Americans and Filipino Americans who served in the United States Army during that time
- (3) The Vietnam War, including the "Secret War" in Laos and role of Southeast Asians in that war
- (4) The Bracero program, under which temporary contract laborers were imported pursuant to a 1942 agreement between the United States and Mexico

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)

- b. The American legal system, the operation of the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems, and the rights and duties of citizens under the criminal and civil law and the state and federal constitutions
- c. The development of the American economic system, including the role of the entrepreneur and labor
- d. The relations of persons to their human and natural environments, including the wise use of natural resources (Education Code 51221)

(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)

- e. Eastern and western cultures and civilizations
- f. Human rights issues, with particular attention to the study of the inhumanity of genocide (which may include, but is not limited to, the Armenian, Cambodian, Darfur, and Rwandan genocides), slavery, and the Holocaust
- g. Contemporary issues

(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)

- 3. Physical education: with emphasis on physical activities conducive to health and vigor of body and mind, as required by Education Code 51222 (Education Code 51220)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

- 4. Science: physical and biological aspects; emphasis on basic concepts, theories, and processes of scientific investigation and on the place of humans in ecological systems; appropriate applications of the interrelation and interdependence of the sciences (Education Code 51220)

(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

- 5. Mathematics: mathematical understandings, operational skills, and problem-solving procedures; algebra (Education Code 51220, 51224.5)

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

- 6. Visual and performing arts: dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, with emphasis upon development of aesthetic appreciation and creative expression (Education Code 51220)

COURSES OF STUDY (continued)

(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)

7. Comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention (Education Code 51225.36, 51934)

(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)

8. Personal and public safety, accident prevention and health, including instruction in: (Education Code 51202, 51203)

- a. Emergency first aid, hemorrhage control, treatment for poisoning, resuscitation techniques, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) when appropriate equipment is available

Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, instruction shall be provided in compression-only CPR. Such instruction shall be based on national evidence-based guidelines and shall include hands-on practice in compression-only CPR. (Education Code 51225.6)

- b. Fire prevention
- c. The protection and conservation of resources, including the necessity for the protection of the environment
- d. Venereal disease
- e. The effects of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, and tobacco upon the human body and upon prenatal development

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the district's educational program may sometimes include instruction related to controversial issues that may arouse strong reactions based on personal values and beliefs, political philosophy, culture, religion, or other influences. Instruction concerning such topics shall be relevant to the adopted course of study and curricular goals and should be designed to develop students' critical thinking skills, ability to discriminate between fact and opinion, respect for others, and understanding and tolerance of diverse points of view.

(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)
(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)
(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)
(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

The Board expects administrators and teachers to exercise professional judgment when deciding whether or not a particular issue is suitable for study or discussion. They shall consult with the Superintendent or designee as necessary to determine the appropriateness of the subject matter, guest speakers, and/or related instructional materials or resources.

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

When providing instruction related to a controversial issue, the following guidelines shall apply:

1. The topic shall be suitable to the age and maturity of the students.
2. Instruction shall be presented in a balanced manner, addressing all sides of the issue without bias or prejudice and without promoting any particular point of view.
3. In the classroom, teachers act on behalf of the district and are expected to follow the adopted curriculum. In leading or guiding class discussions about issues that may be controversial, a teacher may not advocate his/her personal opinion or viewpoint. When necessary, the Superintendent or designee may instruct teachers to refrain from sharing personal views in the classroom on controversial topics.
4. Students shall be assured of their right to form and express an opinion without jeopardizing their grades or being subject to discrimination, retaliation, or discipline, provided the viewpoint does not constitute harassment, threats, intimidation, or bullying or is otherwise unlawful.

(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)
(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)
(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)

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5. Students shall be informed of conduct expected during such instruction and the importance of being courteous and respectful of the opinions of others.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

6. Adequate factual information shall be provided to help students objectively analyze and evaluate the issue and draw their own conclusions.

7. The instruction shall not reflect adversely upon persons because of their race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, religion, or any other basis prohibited by law.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

8. The subject matter of the instruction shall not otherwise be prohibited by state or federal law.

When a guest speaker is invited to make a presentation related to a controversial issue, the Superintendent or designee shall notify him/her of this policy and the expectations and goals regarding the instruction. If the guest speaker is presenting only one point of view on an issue, the teacher shall be responsible for ensuring that students also receive information on opposing viewpoints.

(cf. 6145.8 - Assemblies and Special Events)

When required by law, such as in regards to comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education, parents/guardians shall be notified prior to instruction that they may request in writing that their child be excused from the instruction. Students whose parents/guardians decline such instruction may be offered an alternative activity of similar educational value.

A student or parent/guardian with concerns regarding instruction about controversial issues may communicate directly with the teacher or principal and/or use appropriate district complaint procedures.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

220 *Prohibition of discrimination*

48950 *Freedom of speech*

51240 *Excuse from health instruction due to religious beliefs*

51500 *Prohibited instruction or activity*

51510 *Prohibited study or supplemental materials*

51511 *Religious matters properly included in courses of study*

51513 *Materials containing questions about beliefs or practices*

51530 *Prohibition and definition regarding advocating or teaching communism with intent to indoctrinate*

51930-51939 *California Healthy Youth Act; comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education*

60040 *Portrayal of cultural and racial diversity*

60044 *Prohibited instructional materials*

60045 *Criteria for instructional materials*

COURT DECISIONS

Johnson v. Poway Unified School District, (2011) 658 F.3d 954 (9th Cir.)

Mayer v. Monroe County Community School Corporation, (2007) 474 F.3d 477 (7th Cir.)

Garcetti v. Ceballos, (2006) 547 U.S. 410

EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Board of Trustees recognizes that extracurricular and cocurricular activities enrich the educational and social development of students and enhance students' feelings of connectedness with the schools. The district shall encourage and support student participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the educational program.

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)
(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

Prerequisites for student participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be limited to those that have been demonstrated to be essential to the success of the activity. No extracurricular or cocurricular program or activity shall be provided or conducted separately on the basis of any actual or perceived characteristic listed as a prohibited category of discrimination in state or federal law, nor shall any student's participation in an extracurricular or cocurricular activity be required or refused on those bases. (5 CCR 4925)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)

Any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination in the district's extracurricular or cocurricular programs or activities shall be filed in accordance with BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Unless specifically authorized by law, no student shall be charged a fee for his/her participation in educational activities, including extracurricular and cocurricular activities and materials or equipment related to such activities. (Education Code 49010, 49011)

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)
(cf. 3452 - Student Activity Funds)

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities, students in grades 7-8 must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in the previous grading period, including, but not limited to maintenance of a minimum of 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in all enrolled classes (Education Code 35160.5)

EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (continued)

The Superintendent or designee may grant ineligible students a probationary period not to exceed one semester. Students granted probationary eligibility must meet the required standards by the end of the probationary period in order to remain eligible for participation. (Education Code 35160.5)

Any decision regarding the eligibility of a homeless student, foster youth, or child of an active duty military family for extracurricular or cocurricular activities shall be made by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with Education Code 48850 and 49701.

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

The Superintendent or designee may revoke a student's eligibility for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities when the student's poor citizenship is serious enough to warrant loss of this privilege.

Student Conduct at Extracurricular/Cocurricular Events

When attending or participating in extracurricular and cocurricular activities on or off campus, district students are subject to district policies and regulations relating to student conduct. Students who violate district policies and regulations may be subject to discipline including, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion, transfer to alternative programs, or denial of participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. When appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

Annual Policy Review

The Board shall annually review this policy and implementing regulations. (Education Code 35160.5)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35145 *Public meetings*

35160.5 *District policy rules and regulations; requirements; matters subject to regulation*

35179 *Interscholastic athletics; associations or consortia*

35181 *Students' responsibilities*

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48930-48938 *Student organizations*

49010-49013 *Student fees*

49024 *Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate*

49700-49704 *Education of children of military families*

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

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5531 *Supervision of extracurricular activities of pupils*

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Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Definitions

For purposes of applying eligibility criteria for student participation, extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be defined as follows: (Education Code 35160.5)

1. *Extracurricular activities* are not part of the regular school curriculum, are not graded, do not offer credit, do not take place during classroom time, and have all of the following characteristics:
 - a. The program is supervised or financed by the school district.
 - b. Students participating in the program represent the school district.
 - c. Students exercise some degree of freedom in the selection, planning, or control of the program.
 - d. The program includes both preparation for performance and performance before an audience or spectators.
2. *Cocurricular activities* are programs that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom.

An activity is not an extracurricular or cocurricular activity if either of the following conditions applies: (Education Code 35160.5)

1. It is a teacher-graded or required program or activity for a course which satisfies the entrance requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

2. It is a program that has as its primary goal the improvement of academic or educational achievement of students.

Eligibility Requirements

The grade point average (GPA) used to determine eligibility for extracurricular and cocurricular activities shall be based on grades of the last previous grading period during which the student attended class at least a majority of the time. If a student was not in attendance for all, or a majority of, the grading period due to absences excused by the school for reasons such as serious illness or injury, approved travel, or work, the GPA used to determine eligibility shall be the grading period immediately prior to the excluded grading period(s). (Education Code 35160.5)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

EXTRACURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (continued)

When a student becomes ineligible to participate in extracurricular or cocurricular activities in the upcoming grading period, or when he/she is subject to probation, the principal or designee shall provide written notice to the student and his/her parent/guardian.

Supervision

All extracurricular activities conducted under the name or auspices of a district school or any class or organization of the school, regardless of where the activities are held, shall be under the direct supervision of certificated employees. (5 CCR 5531)

Any noncertificated person working with students in a district-sponsored extracurricular student activity program shall possess an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing or shall have cleared a Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background check prior to beginning his/her duties, in accordance with BP 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches. (Education Code 49024)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)

(cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)

ATHLETIC COMPETITION

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the district's athletic program constitutes an integral component of the educational program and helps to build a positive school climate. The athletic program also promotes the physical, social, and emotional well-being and character development of participating students. The district's athletic program shall be designed to meet students' interests and abilities and shall be varied in scope to attract wide participation.

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

All athletic teams shall be supervised by qualified coaches to ensure that student athletes receive appropriate instruction and guidance related to safety, health, sports skills, and sportsmanship. Athletic events shall be officiated by qualified personnel.

(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)

The Board encourages business and community support for district athletic programs, subject to applicable district policies and regulations governing advertisements and donations.

(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)
(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)
(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)
(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)
(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

Nondiscrimination and Equivalent Opportunities in the Athletic Program

The district's athletic program shall be free from discrimination and discriminatory practices prohibited by state and federal law, including, but not limited to, the use of any racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that equivalent athletic opportunities are provided for males and females, and that students are permitted to participate in athletic activities consistent with their gender identity.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Any complaint regarding the district's athletic program shall be filed in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

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Health and Safety

In the event of an injury or a perceived imminent risk to a student's health, such as a concussion or passing out, fainting, or other sign of sudden cardiac arrest, during or immediately after an athletic activity, the coach or any other district employee who is present shall remove the student athlete from the activity, observe universal precautions in handling blood or other bodily fluid, and/or seek medical treatment for the student as appropriate.

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

Whenever an injury is suffered by a student, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian of the date, time, and extent of any injury suffered by the student and any actions taken to treat the student.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

ATHLETIC COMPETITION (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

17578 Cleaning and sterilizing of football equipment

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32220-32224 Insurance for athletic teams, especially:

32221.5 Required insurance for athletic activities

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33354 California Department of Education authority over interscholastic athletics

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35160.5 District policies; rules and regulations

35179 Interscholastic athletics

35179.1 California High School Coaching Education and Training Program

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48900 Grounds for suspension and expulsion

48930-48938 Student organizations

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49475 Health and safety, concussions and head injuries

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51242 Exemption from physical education for high school students in interscholastic athletic program

PENAL CODE

245.6 Hazing

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs, especially:

4920-4922 Nondiscrimination in intramural, interscholastic, and club activities

5531 Supervision of extracurricular activities of students

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California Interscholastic Federation: <http://www.cifstate.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Concussion Resources: <http://www.cdc.gov/concussion>

National Federation of State High School Associations: <http://www.nfhs.org>

National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment: <http://www.nocsae.org>

U.S. Anti-Doping Agency: <http://www.usada.org>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www2.ed.gov/ocr>

ATHLETIC COMPETITION

Nondiscrimination and Equivalent Opportunities in the Athletic Program

No student shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be denied equivalent opportunity in, or otherwise be discriminated against in interscholastic, intramural, or club athletics on the basis of actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, mental or physical disability, or any other basis specified in law. (Education Code 220, 221.5, 230; 5 CCR 4920; 34 CFR 106.41)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

The Superintendent or designee may provide single-sex teams when selection for the teams is based on competitive skills. (5 CCR 4921; 34 CFR 106.41)

Each student shall be allowed to participate in any single-sex athletic program or activity consistent with his/her gender identity and for which he/she is otherwise eligible to participate, irrespective of the gender listed on the student's records. (Education Code 221.5)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

When a school provides only one team in a particular sport for members of one sex, but provides no team in the same sport for members of the other sex, and athletic opportunities in the total program for that sex have been previously limited, members of the excluded sex shall be allowed to try out and compete with the team. The same standards for eligibility shall be applied to every student trying out for the team, regardless of sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or other protected group status. (5 CCR 4921; 34 CFR 106.41)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that equivalent opportunities are available to both sexes in athletic programs by considering, among other factors: (5 CCR 4922; 34 CFR 106.41)

1. Whether the offered selection of sports and levels of competition effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of both sexes

The athletic program may be found to effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of both sexes using any one of the following tests: (Education Code 230)

- a. Whether the interscholastic-level participation opportunities for male and female students are provided in numbers substantially proportionate to their respective enrollments

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- b. Where the members of one sex have been and are underrepresented among interscholastic athletes, whether the district can show a history and a continuing practice of program expansion that is demonstrably responsive to the developing interests and abilities of the members of that sex
 - c. Where the members of one sex are underrepresented among interscholastic athletes and the district cannot show a history and continuing practice of program expansion as required in item #1b above, whether the district can demonstrate that the interests and abilities of the members of that sex have been fully and effectively accommodated by the present program
2. The provision and maintenance of equipment and supplies
 3. Scheduling of games and practice times, selection of the season for a sport, and location of the games and practices
 4. Travel and per diem allowances
 5. Opportunities to receive coaching and academic tutoring
 6. Assignment and compensation of coaches and tutors
 7. Provision of locker rooms, practice facilities, and competitive facilities
 8. Provision of medical and training facilities and services
 9. Provision of housing and dining facilities and services
 10. Publicity
 11. Provision of necessary funds

Each school that offers competitive athletics shall, at the end of the school year, post on its school web site, or on the district web site if the school does not have a web site, the following information: (Education Code 221.9)

1. The total enrollment of the school, classified by gender
2. The number of students enrolled at the school who participate in competitive athletics, classified by gender
3. The number of boys' and girls' teams, classified by sport and by competition level

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

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The data reported for items #1-3 above shall reflect the total number of players on a team roster on the official first day of competition. The materials used to compile this information shall be retained by the school for at least three years after the information is posted on the web site. (Education Code 221.9)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

Concussions and Head Injuries

The Superintendent or designee shall annually distribute to student athletes and their parents/guardians an information sheet on concussions and head injuries. The student and parent/guardian shall sign and return the information sheet before the student's initiating practice or competition. (Education Code 49475)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to coaches and/or athletic trainers regarding concussion symptoms, prevention, and appropriate response. (Education Code 35179.1, 49032)

(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)

If a student athlete is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in an athletic activity, he/she shall be immediately removed from the activity for the remainder of the day. The student shall not be permitted to return to the activity until he/she is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the management of concussions and receives the health care provider's written clearance to return to the activity. If the health care provider determines that the athlete sustained a concussion or a head injury, the athlete shall also complete a graduated return-to-play protocol of no less than seven days in duration under the supervision of a licensed health care provider. (Education Code 49475)

A middle school or high school football team shall not hold a full-contact practice during the off-season and shall not conduct more than two full-contact practices per week during the preseason and regular season (from 30 days before the commencement of the regular season until the completion of the final interscholastic football game of that season). In addition, the full-contact portion of a practice shall not exceed 90 minutes in any single day. For these purposes, *full-contact practice* means a practice where drills or live action is conducted that involves collisions at game speed, where players execute tackles and other activity that is typical of an actual tackle football game. (Education Code 35179.5)

ATHLETIC COMPETITION (continued)**Sudden Cardiac Arrest**

The Superintendent or designee shall distribute the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) information sheet on sudden cardiac arrest to all student athletes who will be participating in a CIF-governed athletic activity and to their parents/guardians. The student and parent/guardian shall sign and return the information sheet prior to the student's participation in the athletic activity. If an athletic activity is not covered by the CIF, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall, prior to participating in the athletic activity, sign and return an acknowledgement that they have received and reviewed the sudden cardiac arrest information posted on the California Department of Education's web site. (Education Code 33479.2, 33479.3)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to coaches and/or athletic trainers regarding the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest. (Education Code 33479.6, 33479.7, 35179.1, 49032)

If a student athlete passes out or faints, or is known to have passed out or fainted, while participating in or immediately following his/her participation in an athletic activity, the student shall be removed from participation at that time. If a student exhibits any other symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest, including seizures during exercise, unexplained shortness of breath, chest pains, dizziness, racing heart rate, or extreme fatigue, he/she may be removed from participation by a coach or other employee who observes these symptoms. If any such symptoms are observed, notification shall be given to the student's parent/guardian so that the parent/guardian can determine the treatment, if any, the student should seek. A student who has been removed from participation shall not be permitted to return until he/she is evaluated and given written clearance to return to participation by a health care provider. (Education Code 33479.2, 33479.5)

Additional Parental Notifications

Before a student participates in interscholastic athletic activities, the Superintendent or designee shall, in addition to providing his/her parents/guardians with information on the signs and symptoms of concussions and sudden cardiac arrest as described above, send a notice to the student's parents/guardians which:

1. Contains information about the procedures for filing a discrimination complaint that arises out of an interscholastic athletic activity, including the name of the district's Title IX Coordinator

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

2. Includes a copy of students' Title IX rights pursuant to Education Code 221.8

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3. Explains that there is an element of risk associated with all athletic competitions and that the district cannot guarantee that students will not be injured, despite a commitment to every participant's health and welfare

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

4. Provides information about insurance protection pursuant to Education Code 32221.5

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

5. Requests parental permission for the student to participate in the program and, if appropriate, be transported by the district to and from competitions

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)

6. States the district's expectation that students adhere strictly to all safety rules, regulations, and instructions, as well as rules and guidelines related to conduct and sportsmanship

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

7. Includes a copy of the local California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) league rules

8. Includes information about the CIF bylaw and district policy requiring any student athlete and his/her parent/guardian to sign a statement that the student will not use steroids, unless prescribed by a licensed health care practitioner, or prohibited dietary supplements that include substances banned by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency

(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

The Board of Trustees recognizes that personal contact between students of different countries and cultures promotes global awareness and international understanding. To that end, the Board welcomes the enrollment of international exchange students and further encourages district students to take any opportunities that they may have to participate in such programs and study in another country.

With Board approval, a district school may establish a sister-school relationship with a school in another country.

International Student Exchange Programs

The district shall not incur any financial obligations when sending and/or receiving international exchange students. Program sponsors shall provide assurance of their responsibility for health/accident/liability insurance, the student's home placement, and the resolution of any related personal difficulties which may arise.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish district criteria for issuing regular or honorary diplomas to international exchange students. The principal or designee shall refer to these criteria when assisting international exchange students in selecting classes and cocurricular activities based on the student's individual qualifications, needs and interests.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)

District staff shall provide relevant counseling to district students who wish to study in a foreign country. District credit for courses successfully completed in the foreign country shall be granted in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of Board of Trustees

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students

GOVERNMENT CODE

12620-12630 International Student Exchange Visitor Placement Organizations

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

62.25 Secondary school students, exchange visitor program

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Attorney General's Office: <http://www.caag.state.ca.us>

California Interscholastic Federation: <http://www.cifstate.org>

Council on Standards for International Educational Travel: <http://www.csiet.org>

U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs: <http://exchanges.state.gov>

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement: <http://www.ice.gov>

ASSEMBLIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

The Board of Trustees believes that assemblies and special events should promote a positive school climate and be related to the district's educational program. Assemblies may provide information that supplements the district's curriculum or may showcase student achievement in academics, athletics, music, art, drama, or other extracurricular or cocurricular activities.

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)
(cf. 6115 - Ceremonies and Observances)
(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

The principal shall ensure that speakers and community resources featured in school assemblies and special events are carefully selected and represent a balanced viewpoint. Prospective speakers shall agree to present material of educational relevance that is appropriate to the maturity of the audience, with no statements that are obscene, vulgar, or that incite violence.

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)
(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)
(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)
(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)

The principal shall schedule assemblies and special events so as to maximize the effectiveness of instructional time and to satisfy the requirements of law and negotiated agreements.

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)
(cf. 6112 - School Day)

During the assembly, students shall show respect to all performers and speakers. Students who disrupt the program shall lose the privilege of attending the assembly and may be subject to disciplinary action.

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

ASSEMBLIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

37200-37202 School calendar

37220-37223 Holidays

46010 Total days of attendance

46100 Length of schoolday

48980 Notice at beginning of term

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

51240 Excuse from instruction due to religious beliefs

51513 Materials containing questions about beliefs or practices

51930-51939 Comprehensive Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Act

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to recognize successful completion of elementary and middle school education, the Board of Trustees shall confer diplomas of promotion from elementary and middle schools and from special day classes of elementary and middle grades.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

Diplomas shall be awarded only to students who have completed the course of study prescribed by law and the district. (Education Code 51402)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

In addition, students shall meet district requirements for promotion based on grades, assessments or other indicators as specified in Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48070-48070.5 *Promotion and retention*

51400-51403 *Elementary school diplomas*

52507-52510 *Requirements for eighth grade graduation (adult school)*

60640-60649 *California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress*

60648 *Minimum performance levels*