

Instruction  

COURSES OF STUDY

The Board of Trustees recognizes that a well-articulated sequence of courses fosters academic progress and makes for the best possible use of instructional time.

(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.

Courses of study for secondary grades shall prepare students to meet the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities and/or attain entry-level employment skills in business or industry upon graduation from high school. (Education Code 51228)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)  
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)  
(cf. 6178 - Vocational Education)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all otherwise qualified students have a timely opportunity, within the four years before graduation, to enroll in each course necessary to fulfill the requirements and prerequisites for admission to California public colleges and universities. (Education Code 51228)

In addition, the course of study for high school students shall include instructions in skills and knowledge for adult life and career technical training. (Education Code 51224)

(cf. 6030 - Integrated Academic and Vocational Instruction)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a process by which courses are submitted to the University of California for review and certification in order to meet university admission criteria, and shall maintain an accurate list of all current high school courses that have been so certified.

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)  
(cf. 6141.5 - International Baccalaureate)

Guidance services shall be available to help students select courses relevant to their academic needs and future goals.

(cf. 6164.2 - Counseling/Guidance Services)

Legal Reference: (see next page)
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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
33319.3 Driver education; CDE materials on road rage
33540 Government and civics instruction in interaction with government agencies
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 History of California; contributions of men, women and ethnic groups to development of state and nations
51210-51212 Areas of study for grades 1-6
51220-51228 Course of study for grades 7-12
51241 Exemption from physical education
51911-51921 Comprehensive health educational plans
51934 Instruction on AIDS and AIDS prevention
51940 Curriculum for brain and spinal cord injury prevention
66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria

GOVERNMENT CODE
3543.2 Scope of representation

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
11032 Definition of dangerous drugs

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
10020 Driver education
10060 Physical education program

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6101-6251 School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994

Management Resources:

WEB SITES
CDE: http://www.cde.ca.gov
University of California, College Prep Online Courses and Services: http://www.uccp.org
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Grades 1-6

Courses of study for grades 1 through 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:

   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, black Americans, American Indians, Mexicans, Asians, Pacific Island people, and other ethnic 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)

   (cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)
   (cf. 6141.6 - Multicultural Education)

   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

   f. The wise use of natural resources

   (cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)
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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 (Education Code 51210)

The adopted course of study shall provide instruction at the appropriate grade levels and subject areas in: (Education Code 51202)

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

b. Fire prevention

c. The protection and conservation of resources, including the necessity for the protection of our 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)

f. Prenatal care

g. Violence as a public health issue

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)
COURSES OF STUDY  (continued)

8. Career awareness exploration

(cf. 6030 - Integrated Academic and Vocational Instruction)

Grades 7-12

Courses of study for grades 7 through 12 shall include the following:

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

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:

      (1) Early California history, and the role and contributions of both men and women, black Americans, American Indians, Mexicans, Asians, Pacific Island people and other ethnic groups to the economic, political and social development of California and the nation, with particular emphasis on the role of these groups in contemporary society (Education Code 51204.5)

      (2) World War II and the American role in that war and the Vietnam War, including the “Secret War” in Laos and role of Southeast Asians in that war

   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

      This course may include participation in a teen court or peer court program. (Education Code 51220.2)

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)
COURSES OF STUDY (continued)

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, slavery, and the Holocaust

g. Contemporary issues

(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)
(cf. 6141.6 - Multicultural Education)

3. Foreign language(s): understanding, speaking, reading, and writing, beginning not later than grade 7 (Education Code 51220)

4. 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)

5. 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)

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

(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

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

(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)
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8. Applied arts: consumer and homemaking education, industrial arts, general business education, or general agriculture (Education Code 51220)

9. Career technical/vocational-technical education: in the occupations and in the numbers appropriate to the personnel needs of the state and community served and relevant to the career desires and needs of students (Education Code 51220)

(cf. 6030 - Integrated Academic and Vocational Instruction)
(cf. 6178 - Vocational Education)

10. HIV/AIDS prevention (Education Code 51934)

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

11. 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 when appropriate equipment is available
   b. Fire prevention
   c. The protection and conservation of resources, including the necessity for the protection of our 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)

   f. Prenatal care
   g. Violence as a public health issue

In addition, the course of study for grade 7 and/or 8 may include parenting skills and education that address at least all of the following:  (Education Code 51220.5)

1. Child growth and development

2. Parental responsibilities
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3. Household budgeting
4. Child abuse and neglect issues
5. Personal hygiene
6. Maintenance of healthy relationships
7. Teen parenting issues
8. Self-esteem

(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)

High schools shall offer automobile driver education that includes instruction in:

1. Vehicle Code provisions and other relevant state laws (Education Code 51220)
2. Proper acceptance of personal responsibility in traffic (Education Code 51220)
3. Appreciation of the causes, seriousness and consequences of traffic accidents (Education Code 51220)
4. Knowledge and attitudes necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles (Education Code 51220)
5. The safe operation of motorcycles (Education Code 51220)
6. The dangers involved in consuming alcohol or drugs in connection with the operation of a motor vehicle (Education Code 51220.1)
7. The rights and duties of a motorist pertaining to pedestrians and the rights and duties of pedestrians pertaining to traffic laws and traffic safety (Education Code 51220.4)