HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTRUCTION

The Yolo County 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 Yolo County Office of Education’s history-social science education program shall include, at appropriate grade levels, instruction in American and world history, geography, economics, political science, civic education and engagement, 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 County 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 Yolo County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall develop and submit to the County Board for approval a comprehensive, sequential curriculum aligned with the County Office 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 County Board shall adopt standards-aligned instructional materials for history-social science in accordance with applicable law, County 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)
HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTRUCTION (continued)

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. (Education Code 51221.3, 51221.4)

The County 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 County Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate and report to the County 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 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
HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTRUCTION (continued)

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
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

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