

~~***Note: Education Code requirements for courses of study are generally classified into requirements for grades 1-6 and 7-12. Therefore, K-8 districts and high school districts need to collaborate with appropriate area districts to ensure that all required courses are offered sometime during grades 7-12.***~~

~~***Note: The district should select the sections below ("Grades 1-6" and/or "Grades 7-12") that correspond with the grade levels it offers.***~~

~~Grades 1-6~~

~~***Note: Items #1-7 below are areas of study required by law for grades 1-6. The Governing Board may add other studies to this list.***~~

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
- 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)

~~***Note: Education Code 51202 requires that certain health-related topics be addressed at "the appropriate elementary and secondary grade levels" during grades K-12. Districts may revise #6a-e below to indicate topics that will be addressed in grades K-6.***~~

~~***Note: Education Code 51203 requires the Board to adopt regulations specifying the grade(s) and course(s) in which drug and alcohol education will be given. For language fulfilling this mandate, see AR 5131.6—Alcohol and Other Drugs.***~~

- 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)

~~***Note: The following item is optional pursuant to Education Code 51202.***~~

- f. 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 and Activity)

~~***Note: Item #8 below is optional. Education Code 51210.5 authorizes age appropriate instruction on violence awareness and prevention within any area of study listed in items #1-7 above. Pursuant to Education Code 51210.5, such instruction may include personal testimony in the form of oral or video histories that illustrate the economic and cultural effects of violence within a city, the state, and the country. See BP 6142.94—History Social Science Instruction.***~~

- 8. Violence awareness and prevention

~~***Note: Optional item #9 below is not required by state law but is a highly recommended component of school to career instruction.***~~

- 9. Career awareness exploration

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

Grades 7-12

~~***Note: Items #1-11 below are areas of study required by law for grades 7-12. The Board may add other studies to this list.***~~

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

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(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)

~~***Note: Education Code 51221.3 and 51221.4 encourage, but do not require, instruction on the topics described in optional subitems #(2) (4) below. These items may be modified or deleted to reflect district practice.***~~

~~***Note: For districts that choose to offer such instruction, Education Code 51221.3 and 51221.4 encourage that a component be drawn from personal testimony, especially in the form of oral or video history. If oral histories are used, they must conform to the requirements of Education Code 51221.3 and 51221.4. See BP 6142.94—History Social Science Instruction.***~~

- (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, in which there was a 1942 agreement between the United States and Mexico authorizing the temporary migration of laborers to the United States

- 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

~~***Note: The following optional paragraph is for use by districts that offer a teen court or peer court program.***~~

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

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

- 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

~~***Note: Pursuant to Education Code 51220, instruction related to human rights issues, as provided in item #2f below, may include the study of the Armenian genocide. Education Code 51226.3 encourages the incorporation of oral testimony into instruction in human rights, including the Armenian, Cambodian, Darfur, and Rwandan genocides.***~~

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

(cf. 6142.2 - World Language Instruction)

- 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 and Activity)

- 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)

~~***Note: The reference to "homemaking" within Education Code 51220, as amended by AB 1595 (Ch. 543, Statutes of 2019), has been changed to "family and consumer sciences."***~~

8. Applied arts: consumer education, family and consumer sciences 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. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

~~***Note: Education Code 51934 requires that students be provided comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention instruction at least once in middle school or junior high school and at least once in high school. See BP/AR 6142.1 – Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction for required components of such instruction.***~~

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

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

~~***Note: Education Code 51202 requires that certain health related topics be addressed at "the appropriate elementary and secondary grade levels" during grades K-12. Districts may revise item #11 below to indicate topics that will be addressed in grades 7-12.***~~

~~***Note: Education Code 51203 requires the Board to adopt regulations specifying the grade(s) and course(s) in which drug and alcohol education will be given. For language fulfilling this mandate, see AR 5131.6 – Alcohol and Other Drugs.***~~

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 (CPR) when appropriate equipment is available

~~***Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that require a course in health education~~

~~for high school graduation; see BP 6146.1—High School Graduation Requirements. Pursuant to Education Code 51225.6, such districts are required to include instruction in performing compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), as described below. Such instruction must be based on national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for the performance of compression-only CPR, such as those developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross, and must include hands-on practice in compression-only CPR. On its web site, CDE provides guidance on how to implement this requirement.***~~

~~***Note: Education Code 51225.6 also encourages districts to provide students with general information on the use and importance of an automated external defibrillator.***~~

Instruction shall be provided in compression-only CPR based on national guidelines and shall include hands-on practice. (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

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- e. The effects of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, and tobacco upon the human body

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

~~***Note: The following two items are optional pursuant to Education Code 51202.***~~

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

~~***Note: Item #12 is optional. Education Code 51220.3 authorizes age appropriate instruction on violence awareness and prevention within any area of study listed above for grades 7-12.***~~

12. Violence awareness and prevention

~~***Note: Item #13 is optional. Education Code 51226.7, as amended by AB 114 (Ch. 413, Statutes of 2019), requires the State Board of Education to adopt a model curriculum in ethnic studies by March 31, 2021 and encourages districts to offer a course in ethnic studies based on that model curriculum as an elective course in social sciences or English language arts in at least one grade level during grades 9-12. At their discretion, districts may choose to offer a course in~~

~~ethnic studies prior to the availability of the model curriculum.***~~

13. Ethnic studies

~~***Note: Education Code 51220.5 requires the equivalent content of a one-semester course in parenting skills and education in grade 7 and/or 8, subject to funding which was not subsequently appropriated; thus the following paragraph is currently optional.***~~

In addition, the course of study for grade 7 and/or 8 may include parenting skills and education, including, but not limited to, child growth and development, parental responsibilities, household budgeting, child abuse and neglect issues, personal hygiene, maintenance of healthy relationships, teen parenting issues, and self-esteem. (Education Code 51220.5)

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

~~***Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that maintain high schools.***~~

High schools shall offer automobile driver education that includes instruction in: (Education Code 51220, 51220.1, 51220.4)

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

Certification of College Preparatory Courses

~~***Note: The following optional section is for use by districts that maintain grades 9-12 and may be revised to reflect district practice. Among the criteria for admission to the University of California (UC) or California State University system is a requirement that students satisfactorily complete 15 units of specified courses ("a-g" courses). In order to qualify as an "a-g" course, the course must first be submitted to and approved by UC. The district or school should develop course descriptions using the templates provided by UC and submit them through UC's online system.***~~

~~***Note: Education Code 51225.37 encourages districts that offer world language courses specifically designed for native speakers to submit those courses to UC for certification and~~

~~addition to the school's "a-g" course list.***~~

~~***Note: The following paragraph may be revised to reflect the position in the district or school(s) that is responsible for submitting and updating "a-g" courses.***~~

The Superintendent or designee shall identify district courses that may qualify for designation as "a-g" college preparatory courses, including courses in history-social science,

English, mathematics, laboratory science, languages other than English, visual and performing arts, career technical education, and college preparatory electives. The Superintendent or designee shall submit any necessary information regarding each identified course to the University of California (UC) for "a-g" designation.

Notification and Information to Students in Grades 9-12

~~***Note: The following section is for use by districts that maintain grades 9-12.***~~

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall provide written notice to parents/guardians of students in grades 9-12 that, to the extent possible, shall not exceed one page in length and that includes all of the following: (Education Code 51229)

1. A brief explanation of the course requirements for admission to UC and the California State University (CSU)

~~***Note: The UC maintains a searchable web site that lists certified "a-g" courses for all regular California public high schools; see the management resources in the accompanying Board policy.***~~

2. A list of the current UC and CSU web sites that help students and their families learn about college admission requirements and that list high school courses that have been certified by UC as satisfying the requirements for admission to UC and CSU
3. A brief description of what career technical education is, as defined by the California Department of Education (CDE)
4. The Internet address for the portion of the CDE web site where students can learn more about career technical education
5. Information about how students may meet with school counselors to help them choose courses that will meet college admission requirements and/or enroll in career technical education courses

~~***Note: Education Code 51225.8 requires districts, beginning with the 2020-21 school year, to provide specified information on how to properly complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Dream Act application, as appropriate, at least once before grade 12. At the district's discretion, the information provided may be disseminated through in-~~

~~class instruction, an existing program, family information sessions, group or individual sessions with school counselors, or other appropriate means.***~~

The Superintendent or designee shall provide information to students and parents/guardians regarding the completion and submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and/or the Dream Act application at least once before grade 12. (Education Code 51225.8)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

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