

INSTRUCTION

World/Foreign Language Instruction

In order to prepare students for global citizenship and to broaden their intercultural understanding and career opportunities, the Governing Board shall provide students with opportunities to develop linguistic proficiency and cultural literacy in one or more world languages in addition to English.

(cf. 6141.6 - Multicultural Education)

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend world languages to be taught in the district's educational program based on student interest, community needs, and available resources. The Superintendent or designee shall also consider providing English learners the opportunity to study their heritage language, when such a course is available, in order to continue developing skills in that language. American Sign Language courses shall be open to all students regardless of hearing status.

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

The district shall offer a sequential curriculum aligned with the state content standards, state curriculum framework, and, as applicable, California university admission requirements for languages other than English.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

Instruction in world languages shall be offered to secondary school students beginning no later than grade 7 and shall be designed to develop students' skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing the language. (Education Code 51220)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

Students shall obtain credit toward high school graduation requirements for completion of a one-year course during grades 9-12 in a world language or American Sign Language.

(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

The Board shall ensure that students have access to high-quality instructional materials in world languages. In accordance with Board policy, teachers shall also be encouraged to identify and use supplemental resources, such as literature, technology, newspapers and other media, dictionaries, and volunteers from the community to enhance the world language instructional program.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(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 professional development as necessary to ensure that teachers of world languages have the knowledge and skills they need to implement an effective instructional program that helps students attain academic standards.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

300-310 Education for English learners

42238.02 Local control funding formula; class size requirements

44253.1-44253.11 Qualifications of teachers of English learners

44256-44257 Credential requirements, including teachers of world language

48980 Parental notifications

51212 Legislative intent to encourage world language instruction in grades 1-6

51220 Courses of study, grades 7-12

51225.3 High school graduation requirements

51243-51245 Alternative credits toward graduation for world language instruction in private school

60119 Public hearings, instructional materials

60605.3 Content standards for world language instruction

60605.5 Revision of state standards for world language instruction

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1632 Alternative credits toward graduation for foreign language instruction in private school

11300-11316 Multilingual and English learner education

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Proposition 58 Regulations, Fact Sheet, August 2018

English Learners in Focus: The English Learner Roadmap: Providing Direction for English Learner Success, Governance Brief, February 2018

English Learners in Focus, Issue 2: The Promise of Two-Way Immersion Programs, Governance Brief, September 2014

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Multilingual FAQ

World Languages Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve

California Spanish Assessment Fact Sheet, March 2019

World Languages Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, January 2019

California English Learner Roadmap: Strengthening Comprehensive Educational Policies, Programs and Practices for English Learners, 2017

CENTER FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS PUBLICATIONS

Guiding Principles for Dual Language Education, Second Edition, 2007

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS

CL-622 Serving English Learners

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

21st Century Skills Map: World Languages, January 2011

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PUBLICATIONS

A-G Policy Resource Guide

WEB SITES

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

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages: <http://www.actfl.org>

California Association for Bilingual Education: <http://www.gocabe.org>

California Department of Education, World Languages: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/fl>

California Language Teachers' Association: <http://www.clta.net>

California World Language Project: <http://www.stanford.edu/group/CFLP>

Center for Applied Linguistics: <http://www.cal.org>

National Education Association, Partnership for 21st Century Skills: <http://www.nea.org/home/34888.htm>

University of California, A-G Policy Resource Guide: <http://www.ucop.edu/agguide>

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