

Regulation 6143: Courses Of Study

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Grades 1-6

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

1. English: knowledge and appreciation of language and literature, and the skills of speaking, reading, listening, spelling, handwriting, and composition (Education Code 51210)
2. Mathematics: concepts, operational skills, and problem solving (Education Code 51210)
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 people of all genders, Native Americans, African Americans, Latino Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, LGBTQ+ Americans, persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic, cultural, religious, and socioeconomic status 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)

- 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
4. Science: biological and physical aspects, with emphasis on experimental inquiry and the place of humans in ecological systems (Education Code 51210)
5. Visual and performing arts: instruction in dance, music, theatre, and visual arts aimed at developing aesthetic appreciation and creative expression (Education Code 51210)
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 (CPR) when appropriate equipment is available
- 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
- f. Violence as a public health issue
- g. Mental Health, that provides for reasonably designed instruction on the overarching themes and core principles of mental health, which includes: (Education Code 51925)
 - i. Defining the signs and symptoms of common mental health challenges
 - ii. Explaining evidence-based services and supports that effectively help individuals manage mental health challenges
 - iii. Promoting mental health wellness and protective factors, including positive development, social and cultural connectedness and supportive relationships, resiliency, problem solving skills, coping skills, self-esteem, and a positive school and home environment in which students feel comfortable
 - iv. Identifying warning signs of common mental health problems in order to promote awareness and early intervention so that students know to take action before a situation turns into a crisis, including how to obtain assistance from the district or the community for themselves or others and evidence-based and culturally responsive practices that are proven to help overcome mental health challenges
 - v. Connecting the importance of mental health to overall health and academic success and to co-occurring conditions, such as chronic physical conditions, chemical dependence, and substance abuse
 - vi. Conveying an awareness and appreciation about the prevalence of mental health challenges across all populations, races, ethnicities, and socioeconomic statuses, including the impact of race, ethnicity, and culture on the experience and treatment of mental health challenges
 - vii. Understanding the stigma surrounding mental health challenges and what can be done to overcome stigma, increase awareness, and promote acceptance, including, to the extent possible, classroom presentations of narratives by trained peers and other individuals who have experienced mental health challenges and how they coped with their situations, including how they sought help and acceptance

Mental health instruction offered by the district shall: (Education Code

51926)

1. Be appropriate for use with students of all races, genders, sexual orientations, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, students with disabilities, and English learners
2. Be accessible to students with disabilities, including, but not limited to, providing a modified curriculum, materials, and instruction in alternative formats, and auxiliary aids
3. Not reflect or promote bias against any person on the basis of any category protected by Education Code 220
4. Be coordinated with any existing on-campus mental health providers including, but not limited to, providers with a pupil personnel services credential, who may be immediately called upon by students for assistance

Students receiving mental health instruction shall not be required to disclose their confidential health or mental health information at any time in the course of receiving the instruction. (Education Code 51927)

7. Physical education: with emphasis on physical activities conducive to health and vigor of body and mind
8. Violence awareness and prevention
9. Career awareness exploration

Grades 7-12

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

1. English: knowledge and appreciation of literature, language, and composition, and the skills of reading, listening, and speaking (Education Code 51220)
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:
 - i. The early history of California and a study of the role and contributions of people of all genders, Native Americans, African Americans, Latino Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, LGBTQ+ Americans, persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic, cultural, religious, and socioeconomic status 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)

- ii. World War II, including the role of Americans and Filipino Americans who served in the United States Army during that time
 - iii. The Vietnam War, including the "Secret War" in Laos and role of Southeast Asians in that war
 - iv. 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

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

- 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)
 - 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
- 3. World 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)
- 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)
- 6. Mathematics: mathematical understandings, operational skills, and problem-solving procedures; algebra (Education Code 51220, 51224.5)
- 7. Visual and performing arts: dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, with emphasis upon development of aesthetic appreciation and creative expression (Education Code 51220)
- 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)

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

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 CPR when appropriate equipment is available

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
- e. The effects of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, and tobacco upon the human body
- f. Prenatal care for pregnant individuals
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12. Violence awareness and prevention

13. Ethnic studies

Commencing in the 2025-26 school year, the district shall offer a one-semester course in ethnic studies

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)

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

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 UC for "A-G" designation.

Notification and Information to Students in 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 CSU
2. A list of the current UC and CSU websites 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 CDE's website 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

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 California Dream Act Application (CADAA) at least once before grade 12. (Education Code 51225.8)

Financial Aid Requirements for Students in Grade 12

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each student in grade 12 completes and submits a FAFSA to the U.S. Department of Education or, if a student is exempt from paying nonresident tuition, a CADAA to the Student Aid Commission (CSAC), unless either: (Education Code 51225.7)

1. The student's parent/guardian, emancipated minor, or student age 18 years or older submits an opt-out form to the district
2. If the district determines that a student is unable to complete a requirement of Education Code 51225.7, the district shall exempt the student or the student's parent/guardian from completing the FAFSA, CADAA, or opt-out form and shall complete and submit an opt-out form on the student's behalf

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each high school student in grade 12, and if applicable, the student's parent/guardian, be directed to any support and assistance necessary to complete the FAFSA and/or CADAA that may be available through outreach programs, including, but not limited to, programs operated by CSAC, postsecondary immigration resource centers, college readiness organizations, community-based organizations, and/or legal resource organizations. (Education Code 51225.7)

Information shared by students and parents/guardians in completing and submitting the FAFSA and/or CADAA shall be handled in compliance with the federal Family Rights and Privacy Act and applicable state law, regardless of any person's immigration status or other personal information. (Education Code 51225.7)

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
5 CCR 10020	<u>Automobile driver education</u>
5 CCR 10040-10043	<u>Automobile driver training</u>
5 CCR 10060	<u>Criteria for high school physical education programs</u>
5 CCR 430-438	<u>Individual student records</u>
5 CCR 4940	<u>Nondiscrimination; course access</u>
Ed. Code 200	<u>Equal rights and opportunities in state educational institutions</u>
Ed. Code 220	<u>Prohibition of discrimination</u>
Ed. Code 234.1	<u>Student protections relating to discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying</u>
Ed. Code 234.7	<u>Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status</u>

Ed. Code 242	<u>Access to information about educational laws and policies regarding right to accurate and inclusive curriculum</u>
Ed. Code 33319.3	<u>Driver education; CDE materials on road rage</u>
Ed. Code 33540	<u>Standards for government and civics instruction</u>
Ed. Code 48980	<u>Parent/Guardian notifications</u>
Ed. Code 49060-49079	<u>Student records</u>
Ed. Code 51202	<u>Instruction in personal and public health and safety</u>
Ed. Code 51203	<u>Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and dangerous drugs</u>
Ed. Code 51204	<u>Course of study designed for student's needs</u>
Ed. Code 51204.5	<u>History of California; contributions of specified groups</u>
Ed. Code 51210	<u>Course of study for grades 1-6</u>
Ed. Code 51220	<u>Course of study for grades 7-12</u>
Ed. Code 51225.3	<u>High school graduation requirements</u>
Ed. Code 51226.7	<u>Model curriculum in ethnic studies</u>
Ed. Code 51241	<u>Temporary two-year or permanent exemption from physical education</u>
Ed. Code 51501	<u>Nondiscriminatory subject matter</u>
Ed. Code 51911-51921	<u>Comprehensive health education</u>
Ed. Code 51925-51929	<u>Mandatory mental health education and in-service training</u>
Ed. Code 51930-51939	<u>California Healthy Youth Act</u>
Ed. Code 51940	<u>Curriculum for brain and spinal cord injury prevention</u>
Ed. Code 60040-60052	<u>Requirements for instructional materials</u>
Ed. Code 66204	<u>Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria</u>
Gov. Code 11135	<u>Prohibition of discrimination</u>
Gov. Code 7282-7282.5	<u>Standards for responding to U.S. Immigration and Customs enforcement holds</u>
Gov. Code 7283-7283.2	<u>Standards for participation in U.S. Immigration and Customs enforcement programs</u>
Gov. Code 7284-7284.12	<u>Cooperation with immigration authorities</u>

H&S Code 11032

Pen. Code 422.55

Federal

20 USC 1232g

34 CFR 99.1-99.67

Management Resources

U.S. DOE, Office for Civil Rights
Publication

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[Definition of dangerous drugs](#)

[Definition of hate crime](#)

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[Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\) of 1974](#)

[Family Educational Rights and Privacy](#)

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[Dear Colleague Letter: Race and School Programming, August 2023](#)

[Instructional Quality Commission](#)

[American Red Cross, Hands-Only CPR Training](#)

[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

[Federal Student Aid](#)

[American Heart Association](#)

[California Student Aid Commission](#)

[University of California, A-G Course Submissions](#)

[University of California, List of Approved A-G Courses](#)

[California State University, Admission Requirements](#)

[California Career Resource Network](#)

[Department of Justice](#)

[California Colleges.edu](#)

[California Department of Education](#)

[CSBA](#)

[U.S. Department of Education](#)

Cross References

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